



**70 trees planted in Windsor Great Park and dedicated to local schools in celebration of Platinum Jubilee**

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Ascot Racecourse and the Crown Estate today welcomed 70 local schools to Windsor Great Park to be involved in a ceremony which saw 70 new oak trees planted as part of The Queen's Green Canopy 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' project.

The trees have been planted adjacent to the Royal Procession route from Windsor Castle to Ascot Racecourse, along Duke's Lane, and are intertwined with existing, mature oak trees, some of which date back to 1751.

Each school was represented by a pupil, holding their school's crest or something that identified their school, and a group photograph was taken before a reception was held back at the racecourse.

A permanent plaque will also be placed among the trees to remind people of the initiative and celebrate the joint venture between Ascot Racecourse and the Crown Estate.

**Nick Smith, Director of Racing and Public Affairs at Ascot Racecourse, said:**

"We were thrilled to welcome all 70 schools to the ceremony in celebration of this project which will have a positive long-lasting impact on the Great Park and also act as a lasting reminder for generations to come of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Timothy Griffith, Headteacher, Ranelagh School, said:**

"Ranelagh School is delighted and honoured to be one of the schools lucky enough to be chosen to have a tree dedicated to us as part of the 70 new oak trees in Windsor Great Park.

"At the heart of our school's culture is our commitment to being a dynamic learning community that is rooted in Christianity. As such, I cannot think of a more appropriate project for us to be involved in. On behalf of Ranelagh School, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee."

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*Pupils from the 70 schools as well as representatives from Ascot Racecourse and the Crown Estate*

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**About Ascot Racecourse**

Ascot Racecourse was founded in 1711 by Queen Anne, who identified the land as being ideal for horseracing when riding out from Windsor Castle. The first four day meeting at Ascot took place in 1768 and at some point in time, the race programme started being referred to as Royal Ascot.

The two tracks, Flat and Jumps, now provide racing all year round and Ascot hosts 26 days of racing each year, including the five days of Royal Ascot. It is Europe's premier Flat racing meeting, featuring eight Group 1 races and 19 Group races in total. Typically, 300,000 racegoers attend across the five days while the event is broadcast in more than 200 territories with a reach of 650 million households.

As well as world-class racing, Ascot Racecourse is also used as a film and TV filming location and as a venue for conferences, banquets, exhibitions, product launches and weddings, with 300 non-racing events annually. The land on which Ascot Racecourse sits is leased from the Crown Estate, adjacent to Windsor Great Park, covering 179 acres.

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