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ASCOT RACECOURSE AND CROWN ESTATE MARK PLATINUM JUBILEE

70 NEW OAK TREES PLANTED IN WINDSOR GREAT PARK AS PART OF THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY PROJECT



Her Majesty's Representative at Ascot Racecourse, Sir Francis Brooke Bt., and Paul Sedgwick, Deputy Ranger & Managing Director of Windsor & Rural, Crown Estate, today planted the last of 70 new oak trees in Windsor Great Park, 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 the Racecourse, along Duke's Lane, and are intertwined with existing, mature oak trees.

Teams from the Crown Estate and Ascot's Grounds Department are pictured below with them.

On Tuesday 10th May, each tree will be dedicated to one of 70 local schools, marking each year of Her Majesty The Queen's reign.

Each school will be represented by a pupil, holding their school's crest or something that identifies their school, and a group photograph will be taken.

Sir Francis Brooke Bt., Her Majesty's Representative and Chairman at Ascot, said:

“Planting these trees has been a tremendous joint venture with the Crown Estate. They complement the existing oaks on Duke's Lane, replenishing that section of the Royal Procession route as part of The Queen's Green Canopy 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' project.

“We are really looking forward to welcoming local children, and their parents and teachers, from the 70 schools, on 10th May for what will be a fantastic community occasion.”

Paul Sedgwick, Deputy Ranger & Managing Director of Windsor & Rural, Crown Estate, added:

“We are delighted to be working with Ascot on this important project. As a part of The Queen's Green Canopy project, we have also planted two new avenues, each of 70 trees in The Great Park. These avenues, together with the trees planted today with the team from Ascot, will be a lasting reminder of the unique and historic occasion 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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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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