

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration ideas





The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a once in a lifetime celebration event for us and our young people.

Buckinghamshire Council is working towards enabling all of our residents, schools and community groups to hold their own celebrations, and have provided some low-cost, adaptable and engaging suggestions of projects and/or activities for you to consider.

We have a particular focus in supporting The Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative so there are environmental influences in some of the activities we have suggested.

Whatever it is you choose to do, we would love to hear about it - so please do share with us:

On social media @BucksCouncil Or via e-mail <u>PlatinumJubilee-</u> activities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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'Veteran tree' recognition and appreciation



Get involved by finding and exploring veteran trees in your local area to add to the directory of veteran trees using the <u>Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory link</u>

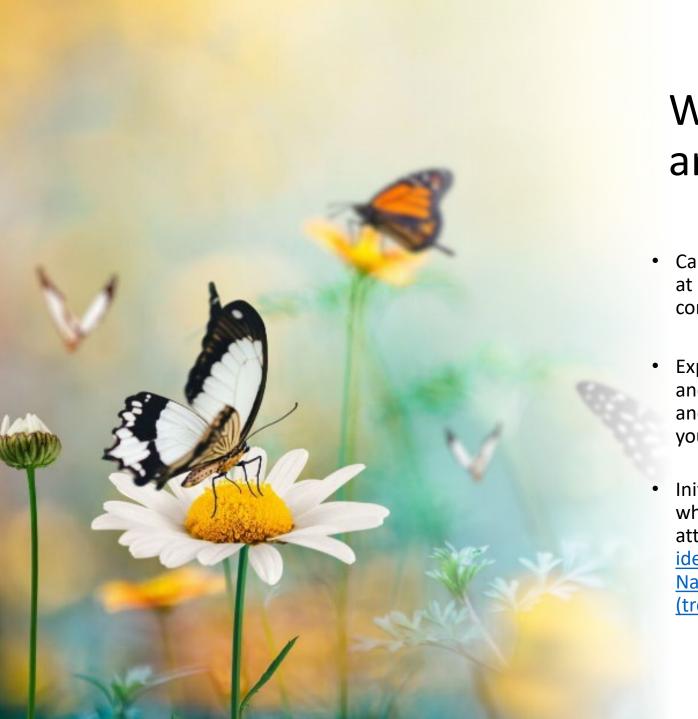
While out and about, why not:

- Give the tree a name?
- See if you you recognise different types of trees?
- See if you can identify the tree breed by looking at it's shape and leaves

<u>Leaf identification for kids - Nature Detectives</u> (treetoolsforschools.org.uk)

- Learn what makes a tree a 'veteran' tree.
- Think about how their environment and the changing landscapes might impact the tree's life cycle
- Learn about what the tree has 'seen' in it's lifetime in Buckinghamshire
- Measure your tree using this <u>measuring guide</u>

You could always involve other local environmental groups to help work with the settings to find local veteran trees or local history groups to explore the history of trees in your area!



Wildflower areas

- Can you grow wild flowers at home or with a community group?
- Explore the bio-diversity and wildlife in meadows and in your own garden if you have one?
- Initiate a spring watchwhat insects does this attract? <u>Minibeast flying</u> <u>identification for kids -</u> <u>Nature Detectives</u> (treetoolsforschools.org.uk)





Tree Stories

Use <u>this Story Pack</u> to see how you can create your own tree and develop its story - this could be based on a discovered or explored veteran tree!





Can you create a woodland Spirit character for your story?

Green man and woodland spirits activity for kids – Nature Detectives (treetoolsforschools.org.uk)



Jubilee Street Parties



For more information on how to organise a street party, visit our main webpage:

Organise a Jubilee
street party |
Buckinghamshire
Council



Application deadline is 6th May 2022.

Get crafty!

Why not make something you can treasure like a special Platinum Jubilee plate? Or become a King or Queen for the day by making your very own crown?!

Make a Paper Crown | Pop'n'Olly | Olly Pike – YouTube

How to make paper crown | Easy Paper DIY | craft ideas | paper crown making at home – YouTube

- Use paints, pens or coloured paper – whatever you have at home!
- Remember to consider your materials



Intergenerational communications

There is an aspiration to create pieces of written and recorded history for our future generations to discover.

Records of stories and thoughts on:

- This upcoming Jubilee
- Her Majesty's 70 year reign
- Milestone occasions
- Memories of previous jubilees

We have already asked schools and care homes to take part in this, so please do check locally.

You could also consider family members, friends or neighbours from different generations that you could do this with.

We have provided a letter template for a starting point.

Dear...

My name is [first name only] and I live in [village/town]

We have been learning about the Queen's coronation. At home will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by [share some information about how their family/community/friends will be celebrating the Jubilee].

Then ask some or all of the following questions:

Do you remember the Queen's coronation?

Did you celebrate it?

How did you celebrate it?

Will you celebrate the Queen's Jubilee this year?

How have things changed since the Queen's coronation?

70 trees for70 years

To mark her 70 years of service, Her Majesty The Queen will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands and identify 70 Ancient Trees, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

We are inviting you to nominate your favourites, with the aim of compiling a list of the 70 best trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire (Deadline 1st May 2022)

70 Trees for 70 Years | Buckinghamshire Council



Commonwealth song

On 2nd June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join together in local collaboration and sing the newly written song for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Why not join in and share your recordings on social media @BucksCouncil or e-mail them to PlatinumJubilee-activities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

- Sheet music and lyrics can be found: <u>A Song for the Commonwealth Commonwealth Resounds</u>
 - Invitation: Calling all Commonwealth Choirs (Poster) (cte.org.uk)







Jubilee Exhibitions

Buckinghamshire Council's Libraries and Archives team are currently busy working together to curate and host a touring Jubilee Exhibition across the county. While we don't quite have the final details for these at the moment, we will be sure to share these with you once everything is finalised.

The Archives Service are also very keen to record how Buckinghamshire celebrates the Queen's Jubilee. If any resident would like to send examples of the intergenerational work they create for permanent preservation, we would be glad to receive them. They can then be preserved and made accessible to current and future generations.

Further information about the Archive Service can be found on its webpages; <u>Buckinghamshire Archives</u> | <u>Buckinghamshire Council</u>



This pack has been shared directly to schools and care homes in the area to encourage inter-generational opportunities, and these versions have specific adjustments, appropriate to their settings.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be one for history the books – so these activities will allow future generations to look back at how Buckinghamshire celebrated this key milestone of our monarch's reign.

Thank you,

Buckinghamshire Council's Jubilee Project Team