

## Planting Trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy

Holme Valley Parish Council visited your child's school earlier this year as part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We wanted to let you know what we did and what we are planning to do as part of the celebrations

What did we do in the summer?

Gave School Assemblies to all 13 schools in the Holme Valley



Provided schools with a total of 11kg wildflower seeds to plant in school



Distributed 2,200 Bee Bombs. You can still plant your seeds in the spring if you haven't planted them already in your garden, flowerpot, verge or corner of a local park





Educated children on the Queen's Jubilee, what the Parish Council is responsible for, local environmentally friendly activities and why it's important to become a Climate Change Champion





We held a poster competition for all primary schools with winning posters presented and displayed in each school



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## What are we doing now?

We will be visiting your child's school and every school in the Holme Valley this autumn to plant a tree in their grounds.

Trees are being planted throughout the Holme Valley with River Holme Connections planting over 20,000 trees last year



The tree will be a small birch, hazel or crab apple tree and will form part of the nationwide <u>Queens Green</u> <u>Canopy</u>. It will leave a long-standing legacy commemorating the project and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are delighted that every school in the Holme Valley is taking part in our Jubilee Wildflower and Tree Planting Project to mark the long reign of our much-respected late Monarch.

## Why are we planting a tree?

Trees are vital to our planet and our well-being. They give us oxygen, store carbon, stabilise the soil and give life to the world's wildlife. They help clean our air, reduce flooding, provide us with medicines and are proven to make us feel better. Your child will be able to see the tree grow in the school grounds and watch it develop into a beautiful home for local wildlife as well as offer an attractive, shady spot to play.

Did you know that one mature oak tree can be home to 500 different species of wildlife?

## How else can we help improve our environment and protect the planet?

As we head into winter, there are lots of small changes we can make to <u>save energy</u> and cut our bills as well as save the planet. Keep internal doors closed and use draught excluders. Heat yourself not the room with a hot water bottle, blanket or jumper. "If It's Not far, Leave the Car" and walk or cycle instead.







To find out more ways we can work together to help the Holme Valley be carbon neutral by 2030 please visit our website by scanning the QR code or going to <u>holmevalleyclimateaction.co.uk</u>



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