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Hello Rachel

Thanks for your patience. I have just had a surname of an adult sent to me that i needed to check.

All present and correct below (spellings have been checked)

The large group photo:

Rear from left to right: Peter Pescod, Eliane Rodham, Barbara Pescod, Gillian Thompson, Anne Hudson, Tudor Skelly, Margaret Davenport, Alan Rodham, Richard Birch, Ivy Birch

From Row left to right: Emily Stewart, Ruth Dance, Graeme Dance, Elliot Raynerd, Auriane Destrument

Male planting tree: Graham Dance

Children with Anne Hudson (on left) and Holly Waddell--- Gethin Lloyd, Amelie Bonnar, Madeleine Bonnar, Matthew Quarmby, Owain Lloyd (in foreground)

regards
Anne

Queen's Green Canopy Ovington Tree Planting Group Partner Pack

Background

The [Queen's Green Canopy \(QGC\)](#) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the UK to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

To celebrate the Jubilee, Northumberland County Council (NCC) have linked up with residents, schools, community groups, towns and parishes across Northumberland to plant tree saplings in winter 2021/22 through their annual Free Tree Giveaway.

Trees help capture harmful emissions in our atmosphere and convert them into the oxygen that we breathe on a daily basis. Planting more trees will help Northumberland become carbon neutral and create an environment that residents can enjoy for generations to come.

A handful of communities have been selected for case studies, Ovington Tree Planting Group being one of them.

This pack has been created for partners to use to help promote Ovington's fantastic work as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and NCC's Free Tree Giveaway.



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Case Study

The case study will be hosted on NCC's website from 11 Jan 2022: <https://nland.uk/QGC>

Ovington Tree Planting Group

The Northumbrian village of Ovington in the Tyne Valley are on a tree-planting mission.

Many of the 527 free-standing trees in the village have ash dieback, a disease that will eventually kill the trees. Determined to do something about it, residents in Ovington formed a tree planting group in early 2020.

This winter the group are replacing trees that are likely to die by claiming 90 copse saplings from Northumberland County Council's Free Tree Giveaway. Concentrating on field boundaries, the group introduced silver birch, rowan, wild cherry and hawthorn species, starting new hedgerows. The group plan to continue tree planting on an annual basis with agreement of landowners.

Anne Hudson, who is an Ovington Parish Councillor, organised the tree planting event, and is passionate about tackling climate change.

Anne: *The Queen's Green Canopy has been a campaign of Her Majesty for decades. What we're doing in the UK really is a celebration of her life and the work she's been doing so I think it's a fabulous initiative that all councils throughout the country are looking at. We've known for some time about climate change, and the UK hosted COP26, so we have to practise what we preach, and this is a very public demonstrable way of showing that not only does each parish care but the whole county cares.*

Anne's sentiment is shared by Peter Pescod, fellow tree planter and former chair of Ovington Parish Council.

Peter: *Many of us in the third stage of our lives will directly escape the worst consequences of climate change, but if our children and grandchildren and those that follow are to have any sort of future, we need to start redressing some of the problems that we have been creating. A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step as Laozi Tzu once said and we all need to work away to do what we can.*

There was a great turnout at the latest tree planting event, with families, residents and regular volunteers getting stuck in together. Holly Waddell, ward councillor for Bywell, noticed the positive atmosphere.

Holly: *It's part of the council's policy to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. I think these kind of things are really important because it empowers individuals in communities to take ownership of tackling the climate emergency we're facing. I'm hoping that these kind of activities are going to really tackle that we're going to get it under control within the next few years because I want to be able to pass this planet on to my children and my grandchildren and at the moment we're facing potential for that not to happen.*

When it comes to what individuals can do to tackle climate change, the group had a few words of advice to give.



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Peter: *We want young people and families who have a future before them, to see that we are actually improving our environment rather than letting it go the other way. I think all of us involved in it would like to leave the place better than when we found it.*

Holly: *Ovington's a really small village and the fact that so many people are taking positive action just shows that no one is too small to make a change in the world and that you might only have a small group to work with, but you can do big things.*

Anne: *Even if you have no backyard to plant a tree you could volunteer to be part of somebody's group to do tree planting. Our whole planet is changing and deteriorating at a very rapid rate and could threaten the human race, and this is a massive, massive task. So, what we do as individuals might seem a pin prick but if a thousand and then a million and then a trillion pin pricks are put together it starts to make a difference and that's what we're doing here.*

Press Release

The press release will be shared with all local and regional press contacts (newspaper, TV and radio) by NCC on 11 Jan 2022. It is also published on NCC's website:

<https://nland.uk/neu>

Ovington plant towards a better future

Tyne Valley village Ovington have joined forces with Northumberland County Council on a tree-planting mission.

Ash dieback has affected over 500 free-standing trees in the village, a disease that eventually kills trees. Determined to do something about it, residents formed a tree planting group in early 2020.

This winter the Ovington Tree Planting group planted trees to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, claiming 90 tree saplings from Northumberland County Council's Free Tree Giveaway. Concentrating on field boundaries, the group introduced new copses including silver birch, rowan, wild cherry and hawthorn species, replaced diseased trees and started new hedgerows. Tree planting will continue annually with agreement of landowners including local farmers, the Woodland Trust, and the county council.

Anne Hudson, Ovington Parish Councillor, said: "After the UK hosted COP26 we have to practise what we preach. Our whole planet is deteriorating at a very rapid rate and could threaten the human race. This is a very public demonstrable way of showing that not only does Ovington Parish care, the whole county cares."

Peter Pescod, fellow tree planter and former chair of Ovington Parish Council, said: "Many of us in the third stage of our lives will directly escape the worst consequences of it ourselves, but if our children and grandchildren and those who follow are to have any sort of future, we need to start redressing some of the problems that we have been creating. A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step as Laozi Tzu once said, and we all need to work away and do what we can."

The Council want everyone in the county to have the opportunity to plant a tree for free over the next decade. This year 15,000 tree saplings have been claimed by residents, community groups, schools and town and parish councils, linking up with the Queen's Green Canopy campaign which encourages everyone to plant a tree for the Jubilee this winter.

Cllr Glen Sanderson, leader of Northumberland County Council, said: "This is just one of many ways we're involving residents in helping to achieve Northumberland's target to become carbon neutral by 2030. This fantastic scheme will help the county tackle the climate crisis through planting more trees, which in turn will help absorb our carbon emissions and make our county even cleaner and greener than ever before."

Cllr Holly Waddell, ward councillor for Bywell, loaned a hand on the day, added: "These types of partnerships are really important because they empower individuals and communities to take ownership of tackling the climate emergency. Ovington is a small village and the fact that we've got so many people out today taking positive action just shows that no one is too small to make a big change in the world."



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Anne Hudson added: “What we do as individuals might seem a pin prick. But if a thousand and then a million and then a trillion pinpricks are put together, it starts to make a difference, and that’s what we’re doing here.”

All trees have now been claimed for this year’s planting season, but the scheme will return in summer 2022. To find out more, please visit: <https://nland.uk/QGC>

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Notes to editor

The Council have selected a handful of community groups as case studies from the Free Tree Giveaway scheme. More case studies will follow, but if you are interested in arranging interviews with any upcoming planting events, please contact Rachel.Bruce@northumberland.gov.uk

Video of the plant can be viewed and shared via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PjOxu6Zh76Q>

Hard copies of the video plus under 1min version available on request from Rachel.Bruce@northumberland.gov.uk

Captions for images:

#20 Rear from left to right: Peter Pescod, Eliane Rodham, Barbara Pescod, Gillian Thompson, Anne Hudson, Tudor Skelly, Margaret Davenport, Alan Rodham, Richard Birch, Ivy Birch

Front row left to right: Emily Stewart, Ruth Dance, Graeme Dance, Elliot Raynerd, Auriane Destruement

#78: Graham Dance

#142 left to right: Anne Hudson, Gethin Lloyd, Cllr Holly Waddell, Amelie Bonnar, Madeleine Bonnar, Matthew Quarmbly, Owain Lloyd (in foreground)

Social Media

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Assets

There are two versions of the video: long (3-4mins) and short (under 1min).

The long version of the video is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PjOxu6Zh76Q>

Both videos and transcript files can be downloaded here: <https://we.tl/t-VrWh2QJIXO>

Ovington.srt is the transcript file for general use.

Ovington.en_US.srt is the transcript file for use on Facebook.

Professional photographs can be downloaded here: <https://we.tl/t-nUSZ1v8gg7>