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'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'!

The Shropshire Lieutenancy, along with Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council are supporting a national project to plant as many trees as possible to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The project, known as the **Queen's Green Canopy**, is a tree planting initiative to create a legacy of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of the Queen's 70 years of service. Each tree planted will be commemorated by marking it on a map on the Queen's Green Canopy website.



The Parish Council was delighted to take part in this initiative. On Sunday 6th February, 70 years to the day the Queen ascended to the throne, we planted a Liquid Amber tree in Leighton to celebrate the event. We hope its' beautiful autumn colours will give pleasure to many. Thanks go to Shropshire Council for supplying the tree.

The tree planting was aided by our special guest, John MacLean BEM from Leighton, who was awarded a British Empire Medal last year for his services to the community in Shrewsbury. John has been instrumental in the restoration of the Coleham Pumping station.

The event was also attended by the Leader of Shropshire Council, Lezley Picton; Severn Valley County Councillor, Claire Wild; Leighton and Eaton Constantine Parish Councillors along with Parish Clerk Lorna Pardoe; Paul Pardoe, Richard Jones, Peter Jones, Wilfred Budgen and Shropshire Arboricultural Officer Siobhan Reedy, all helped make the event a success – even in the rain! Many thanks go to Siobhan who helped us choose and plant the tree. Thanks also to Gareth and Helen from The Mill, Leighton for putting on much needed refreshments.

All are welcome to take part in the Green Canopy Initiative. Anyone can plant a tree in their garden and mark the position on the QGC map. It is a lovely thing to do and has a really sustainable benefit for the environment. Please see website for details: www.queensgreencanopy.org

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