

QUEENS COMMONWEALTH CANOPY IN NEWBURY

As part of an ongoing commitment to improve the local environment, Newbury Town Council has today planted five saplings at Barn Crescent. This tree planting forms part of the Queens Commonwealth Canopy' project. The trees, supplied by the Woodland Trust, consist of two Rowan, two Silver Birch and one Hazel.

Barn Crescent is a pocket of land within a residential area in Newbury, which is currently home to a community orchard which was planted a few years ago by the Growing Newbury Green group. It is a popular area for local dog walkers too.

The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) was launched at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta, in 2015. The QCC is a unique network of forest conservation initiatives, which involves all 53 countries of the Commonwealth.

The trees were planted by Richard Benyon, MP, with help from Newbury Town Councillors David Fenn, Kuldip Singh Kang and Deputy Leader Miles Evans. Local residents, Michelle Alsbury and Marion Fenn also came along to give a helping hand.

Cllr Miles Evans said: "I'm delighted that Newbury is playing its part in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy project. Planting these trees will help to enhance our shared environment as well as providing health benefits, improving well-being – I hope Her Majesty approves!"

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Photograph: Cllr David Fenn, Richard Benyon MP, Marion Fenn, Cllr Kuldip Singh Kang, Cllr Miles Evans

Notes for editors: More information on the QCC can be found here: <https://queenscommonwealthcanopy.org/>

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