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## CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### **Local children join the fun as Cullompton Community Association prepares to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Cullompton primary schools will begin Diamond Jubilee celebrations early this year by planting a growing tribute for local people.

The Jubilee Wood – consisting of 420 trees selected and given by the Woodland Trust to attract native wildlife – is being planted to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Each tree will be numbered, enabling the children to go back and identify 'their' tree in years to come.

Cathy Rutley, who chairs the CCA said:

“We are delighted that the children of Cullompton are helping us to celebrate the Jubilee in this special way.

“The beautiful CCA fields belong to everyone in the town, children included, and we hope that inviting them to plant their own tree will give them a sense of their own stake in the future of the land and the wildlife it attracts.

“The trees may look like little more than twigs at the moment, but by the time children who are planting them leave school the trees will be at least as tall them!”

The CCA have received a free 420 tree pack from the Woodland Trust, carefully selected to attract native wildlife to the area. In just a few years, the new saplings will provide natural colour and shade for people and help support local wildlife with food and shelter. On the day of the Diamond Jubilee a special Royal Oak sapling, taken from the Queen's own estate, will be planted to officially mark the naming of the wood.

The children of Willowbank Primary will be planting trees between Tuesday 27th March and St Andrew's Primary will be doing so on Thursday 29th, between 10am and 3pm.

## **Notes to editors:**

The Cullompton Community Association (CCA) is a charity, the beneficiaries of which are the residents of Cullompton. It manages the CCA Fields, 32 acres of open parkland running between the railway track and main street in the town. The CCA receives no government funding, and relies on donations for its income and the commitment of dedicated individuals for the management of its fields.

For more information about the CCA please contact Cathy Rutley on 01884 32130.

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The Woodland Trust now offers a range of mechanisms to inspire and enable large organisations, schools, community groups and individuals to plant trees on their own land.

The Jubilee Woods project has The Queen's support – and HRH The Princess Royal as patron. It will commemorate the 2012 Diamond Jubilee, marking Queen Elizabeth's 60th year as monarch. Next to Queen Victoria in 1897, she is the only British sovereign ever to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading woodland conservation charity. It has 300,000 members and supporters. Visit [www.jubileewoods.org.uk](http://www.jubileewoods.org.uk) for more details.

### **The Woodland Trust**

The Trust has three key aims: i) to enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees ii) to protect native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future iii) to inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees. Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres). Access to its sites is free.

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