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**Subject:** FW: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - wildflower planting

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Hello all,

Members have been asked by the Chair of Cornwall Council if we would be willing to use some of our community chest towards red, white and blue flower seeds for next years Platinum Jubilee. All the details I have received are below, there is nothing on cost and I suspect there would be a cost involved for the PC/TCs as well, as my community chest budget is very limited and I have already received a large amount of applications for it.

I would like your thoughts please, I would be willing to contribute a small amount towards it if this is something your councils are going to wish to mark?

Many thanks

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**From:** Charlie Sims <Charlie.Sims@cornwall.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Cornwall Council Civic Office  
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Dear Members

As you all know, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee next year, marking seventy years of service. There will be celebrations throughout the year and as you are probably aware an extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, which will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout Cornwall to come together to celebrate this historic milestone. With this in mind I have been working with Cormac, Eden Project and Cornwall Council officers to put together a plan to turn Cornwall's natural spaces Red, White and Blue (wildflowers) during June as a way that Members and your communities can help celebrate!

We are hoping to work with yourselves, your Town and Parish Councils and your communities, to make Cornwall a blaze of colour to coincide with the Jubilee bank holiday celebrations as a memorable occasion that many of us (if any) will ever witness again!

Some of the smaller parishes may just want to display a hanging basket, or some pot plants on windowsills, whilst others may want to go all out and use their annual planting budget to join in with the celebrations by filling their planters with red white and blue flowers to complement the verges.

The Eden Project are working on a seed mix which will thrive on poor soil, and hopefully reseed themselves in future years for all of our residents to enjoy. I regularly get calls from residents complaining about 'the state of the verges' however, by joining me in the project we could add a yearly splash of colour, which, I am hopeful, will help to end those calls.

I would like to encourage you all to support this initiative by simply making a contribution from your Community Chest and purchase a supply of seed, which can be used in key (safe) areas in your divisions. The contribution from your community chest will see these areas enhanced with a show of red, white and blue wildflowers in the spring.

I'm waiting for a breakdown of costs for the seeds but at this stage, all we need is a pledge that you would like to join in and make a contribution from your Community Chest and the location/owner of the green space/s you would like to plant, provided this is suitable and relevant permissions are in place. We will also need to know who will lead the planting project, although we appreciate this may take more time to identify; we envisage the seed could be spread by you, your parish council/s, volunteers, local groups or perhaps gifted to community groups or your local school.

Our Environment Service and Cormac have committed to supporting the project by working up a guide on how communities can (with suggestions of good, safe areas to use or ones to avoid etc) as well as working it into the cutting regime in as many areas as they are able. Further details of this will follow in due course.

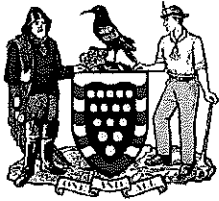
We will be working with Cornwall Wildlife Trust (Chairman's Charity) for this initiative. Please, join with me and work with your communities/TPC to make this a real Platinum Jubilee success story.

Further information will follow, however, as you can imagine, this is a work in progress and there is a time pressure to ensure the seeds can be sown for the best display in June. Your Community Link Officers are also being briefed at the same time so if you have any further questions in the meantime, let them know and they will do their best to answer or point you in the right direction. Please bear with them though...we are all on the same journey!

With kind regards



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