



## HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Hexham



On Thursday Morning, Hexham Town Council, Northumberland County Council and Hexham Civic Society planted a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy and dedicated it to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. This was to symbolize the restoration of the avenue of trees that will take place on Corbridge Road later this year, all as part of the Jubilee festivities. Mayor Derek Kennedy spoke the dedication. Deputy Bellman Helen Wearmouth used BSL and speech to dedicate the avenue of trees to The Queen.



At 2pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Hexham Bellman Joe Mills cried the Royal Proclamation for the Lighting of the Beacons. This was the first part of the Beacon Celebrations.



At 5pm the heavens opened over Hexham and it rained but after a few hearty cracks of thunder the rain slowed and at 7.30pm Hexham Morris Team took over the marketplace and danced for all to watch. At 8.30pm Hexham Village Ceilidh Band struck up and lots of people came into the marketplace and joined in the dancing, coats on, hoods up and we danced in the summer rain.



The Beacon Celebrations started at 9.30pm with welcomes from Mayor Derek Kennedy and Bellman Joe Mills. Piper Sue Dunne played Dui Regnare on the Northumbrian Pipes, Buglar Dave Hignett played 'Majesty'. Singer Amina Mwande sang 'A Life Lived With Grace' at 9.45pm. Deputy Bellman Helen Wearmouth led us into a countdown as the Beacon was lit from the Top of Hexham Moot Hall at 10pm, joining the Hadrian Wall Beacons that were granted royal dispensation to light 15 minutes later than the rest of the country.



Despite the rain the event was well attended and there was a great atmosphere in the marketplace.



Celebrations did not happen in town on Friday and Saturday as The County Show was on and Hexham Regatta which are big celebrations themselves and very well attended.

On Sunday Priestlands Residents' Association held a picnic at Priestlands Park. Hexham East Residents held a picnic at the old HMS site, with a game of rounders. Hexham Town Council, Hexham Community Partnership and Queen's Hall Arts joined together to organize a picnic on Fore Street where there were buskers; The Hex Pistols, The Cherry Pickers, A Batida da Rua among very many fabulous others, a giant pass the parcel and a Pimms Stall. Hexham TV filmed people talking about their memories of Royal Events in Hexham and these will be made into a short film for people to view. The picnic tables filled up and it was a very jolly, if chilly, event.



Mayor Derek Kennedy said; "we've had a brilliant weekend with loads going on and lots of people have come out to enjoy the festivities. Hexham has done the Queen proud!"