

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

19 APRIL 2022

**REFERENCE FROM THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY
COMMITTEE**

MARKING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

At its meeting held on 14 April 2022, the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee agreed to proceed with the installation of an interactive sundial at Cobtree Manor Park to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The sundial will be made from a series of stones sunk into the ground following a set pattern and decorated with a rose bed. People will be able to use their own shadows to tell the time. It is anticipated that the installation will attract new visitors to the Cobtree Manor Park.

Mindful of the connection between Sir Garrard Tyrwhitt-Drake, the former owner of the Cobtree Manor Estate and founder of the Cobtree Charity Trust, and the Carriage Museum (the Tyrwhitt-Drake Museum of Carriages) which contains vehicles on loan from the Royal Household, the Committee also agreed that the Economic Regeneration and Leisure Committee be asked to consider opening the Carriage Museum over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend and publicising the special opening arrangements.

The Committee also agreed that the Member of the Executive responsible for the Carriage Museum under the new governance arrangements going forward be asked to review the opening hours of the Museum to ensure that it is accessible to the public.

RECOMMENDED: That the Economic Regeneration and Leisure Committee consider opening the Carriage Museum over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend and publicising the special opening arrangements.