



On 9 September 2015 HM Queen Elizabeth II will overtake her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria to become the longest reigning monarch in British history. Since acceding to the throne in 1952, she will have reigned for 63 years and 7 months.

To mark this occasion, Luss Estates, the Luss Community Council and the Luss & Arden Community Development Trust are proposing to plant a commemorative tree at the entrance to Luss, opposite the hotel.

The tree will be a Red Oak (*quercus robur*), and its base will be surrounded by an inscribed stone circle.

Luss Estates chairman, Sir Malcolm Colquhoun, explained: "This is an extraordinary and significant milestone in our history, and one that deserves to be marked. The Queen has devoted herself to this country for more than six decades, and has shown exemplary dedication, courage and strength which we feel it appropriate, as a community, to acknowledge. The Red Oak will grow to be a magnificent tree, one that will still be there in perhaps hundreds of years' time, and will be a reminder to posterity of this landmark achievement.

Designs for the scheme have been created by Fiona Robertson Landscape Design.

As part of the proposal, it is intended to invite public subscriptions, in return for which the name of the subscriber will be engraved on the stone circle for posterity. For residents of the Luss & Arden District, the cost of this will be £10 per person; subscriptions from those living outside the area will be welcomed at a cost of £100 per person minimum.

All subscriptions will be channelled through the Luss & Arden Community Development Trust, a registered charity, and will qualify for gift aid.

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