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## **FIRST CIVIC DAY TO CELEBRATE WHERE WE LIVE Over 150 community events already planned across England**

Saturday 25 June is England's first ever Civic Day and over 150 civic societies will be holding events to celebrate their area and keep it distinctive. Everyone is invited to join in and learn more about where they live.

Civic Day has been organised by Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement in England. Its President Griff Rhys Jones says:

“Civic Voice believes everyone has the right to live somewhere they can feel proud of. At this time of financial uncertainty and an increasing desire to involve local people in decision making it has never been more important for everyone to understand their local area.

“What do you want to protect? What do you want to improve? If we are going to ensure that our villages, towns and cities give everybody living in them a good quality of life, we need everyone to get involved. Please go along, enjoy the fun and share your views.”

Details of the programme of Civic Day events being run across England can be found using the Civic Day map here [www.civicvoice.org.uk/civicdaymap](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/civicdaymap)

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Civic Voice is the national charity for the civic movement. We work to make the places where everyone lives more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive and to promote civic pride. We speak up for civic societies and local communities across England. We believe everyone has the right to live somewhere they can be proud of and know how people feel about places because we feel the same way. Civic societies are the most numerous participants in the planning system. Since its launch in April 2010 Civic Voice has been joined by 275 civic societies with more than 71,000 members. Further information is available at [www.civicvoice.org.uk](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk) including how to join Civic Voice (£10 individuals) and contact details for local civic societies.

Current campaigns being supported by Civic Voice include:

- ☛ *Planning for People* – helping to ensure effective land use planning for everyone as new laws are introduced
- ☛ *The Big Tree Plant* – promoting planting and care of trees in urban areas
- ☛ *Broadband Boxes* – ensuring broadband infrastructure does not destroy the beauty of where we live
- ☛ *Street Pride* – getting rid of unnecessary clutter from signs, posts, bollards and railings on our streets

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