

Trees planted in Oxford and Grenoble to mark 30th twinning anniversary

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It was a twin celebration of twinning yesterday as trees were simultaneously planted in both Oxford and the French city of Grenoble.

Former Oxford city council leader Bob Price and Wendy Skinner Smith Chair of the ODFAA plant the

tree

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The crab apple tree was planted at the Elder Stubbs Allotments at midday to mark the 30th anniversary of the two cities being linked. It also honoured the centenary of the creation of the Oxford and District Federation of Allotment Associations, ODFAA.



Gardeners in Oxford and from the Poterne Gardens in Grenoble decided that planting a tree would be an appropriate way to mark the two anniversaries.

The crab

apple tree was carefully put in the ground of the Restore plots of Elder Stubbs allotments, by former city council leader Bob Price and Wendy Skinner Smith,

Chair of the ODFAA. It will provide spring blossom and colourful autumn leaves, as well as fruit that can be made into jelly.



Alongside the southern French city, Oxford is also linked with six other cities, the latest Padua in Italy, which was formalised last month. Oxford City Council had said it was keen to link up with more European cities ahead of Brexit