

Christmas tree goes up in Westminster

The UK Parliament's Christmas tree has taken its traditional place in the grounds of the Palace of Westminster.

The tree which came from Northumberland's Kielder Forest – was provided by Forestry England.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, said: "I am so pleased we are able to keep at least one of our annual traditions, so it is wonderful to see the arrival of this year's Christmas tree, which I hope will raise spirits in these troubled times.

"We really appreciate the gift from Forestry England, which comes at a time when we all need to support each other, and none more so than at Christmas.

"I hope the tree, when it's decorated, will act as a beacon of hope that life will one day return to normal."



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The Lord Speaker Lord Fowler said: "The Christmas season is a time of hope and joy, and the trees in Parliament will be a symbol of that. We're grateful to Forestry England for their kind gift"

