

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

With a packed four-day programme of events to commemorate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Qdos Event Hire was honoured to be at the heart of the celebrations. Working for multiple clients and stakeholders Qdos supplied in excess of 125 units to the event utilising kit from across its product range to support the successful delivery of Trooping the Colour, Platinum Party at the Palace and the Jubilee Pageant.

Trooping the Colour, The Queen's Birthday Parade kicked off the bank holiday weekend on Thursday 2nd June, more than 1200 officers and soldiers from the Household Division put on a display of military pageantry on Horse Guards Parade, together with hundreds of Army musicians and around 240 horses.

On Saturday 4th June the Platinum Party at the Palace was broadcast live on BBC One and saw artists such as Queen + Adam Lambert, Ed Sheeran, Diana Ross, Ella Eyre, Alicia Keys and George Ezra were amongst the stellar line-up of artists taking to the stage.

The weekend culminated in the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, the carnival style event told the story of The Queen's 70-year reign and how our society has evolved over the decades.

On-site from early May, Qdos' dedicated project manager oversaw the install of 48 cabins, 70 toilets and 15 steel stores into numerous high-profile locations around London, including Buckingham Palace, The Mall, Horse Guards Parade, Green Park, Hyde Park, St. James's Park, Parliament Square to name but a few.



Qdos played a pivotal role in the overall success of the events with cabins supplied to the broadcasters, BBC and ITN; artists, performers and presenters; stage management, artist liaison and production teams for both the Party at the Palace and Jubilee Pageant; Metropolitan Police; Media Structures; DCMS and the numerous contractors and suppliers involved. Cabins provided included 8' x 8' and 24' x 9' ticket offices and 20' x 9', 24' x 9', 32' x 10' offices, 18ft x 7'6 mobile office and 20' x 8' steel storage containers. It also created a large green room area backstage for the various artists involved utilising its 32' 50/50 dressing rooms.

Toilets were supplied within the production compound, backstage and public areas utilising a wide range of Qdos kit, from brand-new 4+2 mixed jacklegs and single use plastics to CTX 1+1 mains toilet pods and accessible trailers. Backstage luxury mobile vacuum trailers were used by the BBC, performers and even guests attending the Royal Box.

Along with a dedicated project manager, Qdos also supplied site personnel and service engineers who provided on-site support during the build, event days and de-rig.

"Now that we have collected the last of items from site and the dust is beginning to settle I just wanted to say an enormous thank you! I can't express enough how amazing both of you and the team have been through this extremely challenging gig. From all the last minute changes and the physical help onsite, it was a pleasure to work with you.

I hope everyone has had a chance for a bit of rest and I very much look forward to seeing you all on the next one!"

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