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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Army lends a hand – or, rather, a trackway**

Members of 36 Engineer Regiment in Maidstone will help with the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, when they will be laying a portable reinforced trackway for 48 hours to protect a medieval drain at the east end of Canterbury Cathedral. They will arrive on site at 1400 hrs. The task will be carried out by a team from 20 Field Squadron, part of the regiment. The trackway will allow a commercial hoist to be installed to some scaffolding currently being erected around the Corona of the Cathedral, which can then be cleaned and restored over the next two years. This will be part of a continuing programme of renovation work at the Cathedral. The engineers will return later in the week to collect the trackway once the hoist has been installed.

Brigadier David Innes, the Chief Executive of Canterbury Cathedral Development Limited and a former Engineer in Chief of the Army, said earlier today “This provides a good opportunity for the engineers to train by laying a trackway in a confined space, where it is critically important to have the trackway laid accurately. We are very grateful to the Royal Engineers for their help in overcoming the problem of getting a heavy hoist onto the scaffolding without causing damage to the medieval drain which runs around the outside of the cathedral”.

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Note to Editors

Please contact Christopher Robinson on 07759 215537 by 12 noon on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September if you would like to film the track laying or interview the staff involved