

# Groundwork News

## Changing places, changing lives

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### What's happening in Gosport & SE Hampshire

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### Mix Up To Help their Heroes

The Mix-Up crew are currently involved in a six week fundraising project and are raising money for Help for Heroes, a charity that the young people feel passionate about. Jake aged 10 says, "The army are doing a really good job and they are fighting for our country. So we want to say thank you".

Mix-Up have already held a sponsored silence. It was hard there's no denying it but armed with a pack of post-it notes and some inventive sign language, they did it!

Alongside this they have also been busy planning for a fete they will be hosting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the Nimrod Community Centre. The afternoon will kick off with a high-energy street dance performance by Rowner Street Dance. After that the Mix-Up fundraisers will be manning their stalls selling hand-made jewellery, fruit kebabs, books, toy and much, much more. It's going to be a fantastic day, come along to have some fun and help us raise money for a very deserving cause.

## Groundwork Solent

### Vintage Goodwood Gets A Victorious Vegetable Garden!

Groundwork Solent's 1940s inspired 'Dig for Victory' garden was a real success at the inaugural Vintage at Goodwood festival.

Built in a week by our Community Task Force Workers under the watchful eye of Tim Cooper, Program Manager, the garden was open for the 3 days of the festival. Visitors were able to see a selection of fruit and vegetables growing in the garden and take part in traditional activities - pickling onions and guessing the weight of the pumpkin (provided by Lane End Farm, Isle of Wight). They were also able to try some rhubarb and ginger, or the more traditional rhubarb and custard, which was cut and cooked in the garden (rhubarb and other organic vegetables provided by Munneries, nr Chichester, plants were also supplied by the St Mary's Allotment holders, Gosport).

The chickens and ducks were a big draw, with added entertainment of the land girls working in the garden chasing them back into their enclosure. The chicken's kindly provided eggs, the army encampment were quick to cook for their breakfast!

Other suppliers who supported us: Hambrooks; Warrawee Duck Farm; Katherine Robey; Harry & Edna, our many thanks to everyone involved.

Pictured left, James explaining the garden, a giant pumpkin and the shed!



### Refreshing the Rowner Hoardings!

Working with First Wessex our team of Community Task Force workers showed off their more creative skills.

The team were tasked to create a specially commissioned design for the hoardings of the construction site in Rowner. Turning bland boards into a smart entrance to the area.



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Thanks to funding and support of Gosport Borough Council and DCLG, Groundwork Solent is delivering real community regeneration and long lasting environmental improvements across the Borough. We work in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations to improve the quality of life for:

*People* – through skills learning and encouraging citizens to become more active

*Places* – delivering environmental improvements

*Prosperity* – helping businesses and individuals fulfil their potential

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## Community Task Force Start in Havant

August saw the start of a new Community Task Force Team dedicated to projects which benefit the communities of Havant and Waterlooville.

Tim Cooper, Program Manager SE Hants said, "We are delighted to be able to have a team working in Havant, many of the team are from Havant and are looking forward to the opportunity to improve their own local environment".

Joy Okwuadigbo, Head of Regeneration Services at Havant Borough Council said: "The council are totally in support of this project. It provides the opportunity for local unemployed people to gain skills and experience on the six months programme whilst working on a project which is most valuable to the community."

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## Alver Valley Connectivity Project

Groundwork Solent have collected opinions to understand what interests people about the Alver Valley and what would encourage them to use it more. The survey was advertised in local papers and the results will be published shortly. The consultation included detailed interviews with people who have a special interest in the area. The consultation will help plan for the future use of the Alver valley

At the same time we are examining how the Alver Valley links up to the surrounding area, in terms of paths, cycle ways, streams and wildlife corridors. This will also be published in the autumn.



## Green Doctor Project Is Go in Sussex

"Groundwork Solent has appointed a Green Doctor based in Haywards Heath. He will visit people in their own homes and advise them on using their heating and hot water more efficiently.



The service is being supported by a number of Registered Social landlords and local authorities and will run initially for a year"

## A chance to Reach for Gold

Reaching for Gold is a fantastic opportunity for young people to work with a top South East Company and Voluntary or Community Sector organisation to develop a project of their own creation.

The process is very simple – groups of up to ten, 14-19 year olds have an innovative idea which will bring about a positive change to society. The idea could be based on communities, youth, innovative access or a mixture of the three topics.

The best ideas become finalist and they will be given high-tech prizes and linked to a set of mentors.

Between January and March all the finalist teams will develop their idea into a project and get the chance to put their project before a panel of judges, at the end of March to win cash to make the project into a reality.

There will be additional mentoring sessions after the Grand Final to help the young people continue their project.

For more information, please visit [www.reachingforgold.org.uk](http://www.reachingforgold.org.uk)



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