



Hi everyone,

It's been a while since my last update but we've been 'chugging along' during the winter months and achieved a great deal! We're re-starting the weekly volunteer sessions this coming weekend with much needed work now that Spring is on the horizon.

GBG Volunteer Day on Sun 28 February 10-12 noon and 2-4pm (weather permitting). Help to plant trees, tidy raised beds, clear and maintain the boundary hedging and help with myriad jobs depending on your energy and skills! All welcome. Please wear sturdy shoes/boots and bring gloves.

Ongoing every Sunday 10-12 noon... we'll be there. Please join us!

If you can't make this time on Sundays, just get in touch to arrange an 'introductory' session and then you can choose any time that's convenient to you. There's so much that can be done by all ages/abilities, whether it's an individual 'project' or gentle weeding of raised beds. It's such a lovely space to enjoy... kites whirling, birds singing... just a joy if you like the great outdoors! AND you can be a great help to our community project.

So... what's been happening? ...Fundraising at Xmas with our table decorations and children's 'making' activity at School Fair raised a whopping £110; more orchard trees planted; a specimen rose bed planted and much more... see photos.; a 'creative play' sand-bowl installed (thanks to Dave Mac) and renovation of wooden shed (now weather proof with windows and a real door, thanks to Nigel Clipstone of Site Glass and Ian).



GBG Iron Totem Pole

We plan to have our iron totem pole installed in time for our Summer Open Day at end of June. This is a really exciting, creative project which combines iron panel designs by Geddington school children with the skills and lots of hard work by Dave and Daniel of MacIron Works to create a 'historical' display of all the old, interesting iron bits and pieces dug up at the site during our development.

The Mound' transformed into a wild flower plateau



This is a dream come true! On Wed 24 Feb, Ian, Brenda, Marta and I officially received £5000 funding from Co-operative Central England Community Fund which will enable us to complete the necessary work to extend the 'public' area of our site to incorporate a raised wild flower meadow and reading circle plateau with wheelchair-friendly access. Huge thanks to Marta of Skeffington Close who supported and advised us with our application

We're delighted that Mark of MW Builders, a local Geddington business, will be doing the landscaping work which is due to begin mid-March... so, those that walk along Clay Dick, watch out for a hive of activity at the site!

GBG Stall at The Great Geddington Garage Sale on Sat 21 May 10-4pm

Last year we raised £80 by making dog tugs and selling potted plants... maybe not a mega fundraise but GBG also had a 'presence' and the opportunity to chat with people about our project. This year we'll be doing the same outside 39 Wood Street (open house for refreshments and toilet!). What can we do to raise money? Any ideas? Any help? Any donations of unwanted gifts, etc for sale? Maybe refreshments? Your ideas and help most welcome. Please contact me. See below.

GBG Summer Open Day on Sunday 26 June 2-5pm



Last year was a huge success with over 150 locals visiting the site and making clay bricklets that now adorn our GBG mural. This year we hope to provide another enjoyable, stress-free family day with lots of free activities, music and refreshments. Geddington Scouts have already agreed to 'resurrect' our GBG Café!

HELP NEEDED!

Any ideas or help or questions, please contact Lynette at 39 Wood Street or email: Brenda,

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