



Hi everyone,

It's been a busy June/July at GBG... we've slightly collapsed after all the work for GBG Summer Open Day on 26 June... and the weather has been a bit weird, to say the least... but here's a photo update of progress at our community garden.



### **The Wall**

Alan Bright of Little Oakley donated his time and experience to guide GBG volunteers Ben and Josh in their first wall-building experience. Dressed limestone bricks were donated by Stuart Lineham and additional limestone and slabs by Rick Loak and Rob Bye of Newton.

The team worked really hard (in the rain) to complete and plant the GBG entrance wall prior to our Open Day. What an accomplishment!... which we hope provides a welcoming entrance to our community garden.

Here are a few photos of our **GBG Summer Open Day on Sun 26 June**. We all held our breath... but the weather was kind and it was a hugely enjoyable, sunny afternoon with lots



of activities for families. The highlight was the unveiling of the GBG Iron Totem Pole (not without snags) but Mark Rowley took it all in his stride! Words are never enough to thank Dave McAlwane of Mac Iron Works who spent endless hours in the creating of this icon and took a huge amount of care to incorporate the Geddington School children's designs into the final creation.

Thanks to all of our GBG volunteers, village organisations (GVFB, Scouts and W.I.) and our 'volunteer' musicians who made this event possible. We raised over £200 which must have been due to the generous donations of those who came along. ... And we even have an aerial photo of the event, thanks to Pam Hopkins (editor of geddington.net) who liaised with AlanC of Wood Street to make this a Geddington 'first'.



GBG had a table at **Geddington School Summer Fair** on 2<sup>nd</sup> July ... a children's painting and potting activity. But due to high winds and pots of paint flying about(!), our first 'customers' were our only customers as parents would not have enjoyed cleaning the paint-splattered clothing which was inevitable. Maybe NOT the best activity but we live and learn! It was great to see families enjoying the day and 'hats off' to P.A. for organising this community event.



### **Geddington Beavers complete our current GBG mural**



On 6<sup>th</sup> July we welcomed 20+ Beavers, leaders and parents to our community garden to complete the GBG mural by 'filling in' the four remaining bricks with their mosaic designs. Scout badges, keys and coins were incorporated into their wonderful display.

The GBG mural is ongoing as we now have more clay bricklets, made on Summer Open Day to incorporate into the brick wall. Ian is currently firing and finishing so these will be added. Not finished yet!

### **GBG Community Garden is OPEN TO ALL!**

Please spread the word to family and friends. **EVERYONE** is welcome to visit the garden and there are lots of outdoor activities to enjoy over the summer:

Bring a picnic and enjoy the surrounds... there is plenty of seating. Make use of the sand bowl in the raised bed area; the outdoor chess/draughts board by the pergola, activities in the wooden shed are open to all...Just go in and enjoy our funky hut!.. Drawing activities (A-Z of GBG), Totem Pole Quiz (for all ages), 'Spot the Flower' children's activity. Please leave comments, ideas, feedback in our Visitors' Book.





### **GBG Volunteer Sessions continue every Sunday 10-12 noon**

If this isn't a good time for you, just get in contact and we can arrange to meet at the site and discuss how you'd like to help. You can then come up whenever you have a spare hour or two. Neither regular nor long-term commitment is necessary... we just need volunteer help to keep the garden flourishing!

### **Recycled material, plants and resources needed**

Please think of GBG before you throw out any gardening tools, water butts, trellis, etc. If you have any excess garden plants, we'll find a home. You can drop off down the alleyway at 39 Wood Street. Gardening/building business have already been a great help but we are always in need of bricks, solid timber for raised beds, fence posts, woodchip, wire netting, top soil, gravel, etc.

### **HOW TO CONTACT US...**

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**Facebook:** Huge thanks to Michele who has kept our 'Geddington Brickyard Garden' Facebook page up to date with news, volunteer sessions and photos. Michele is no longer able to fulfil this role... **Is anyone willing to take on the task?** Please contact us.

**Website:** Geddington Brickyard Garden now has a web page on [www.geddington.net](http://www.geddington.net) where you can view GBG history and updates. Please select GBG from 'Village Life' drop-down menu.