

## Geddington Brickyard Garden – News to 31 July 2017



*Geddington Brickyard Garden (GBG) is in its third year of 'evolution'. If you haven't yet visited, we are a community garden, run by volunteers, and found 200m along public byway at end of Wood Street, Geddington. Please feel free to come in and enjoy our natural surrounds. ALL ARE WELCOME. There's a GBG wooden shed with drawing/observation activities for youngsters and oldsters alike, sandplay bowl, look-out area and giant 'bench' to enjoy views and sunset, lots of picnic seating, wild-life friendly planting to investigate... and it's all free and just for you and families to enjoy.*

Since Spring 2017, we decided to 'take a break' from major projects and consolidate what we have... which is wonderful! Breaking new ground is onerous as it takes us over-65's at least 2 hours to extract detritus, stones and clay from each square metre of new ground... it's heavy work and at least equivalent to an hour's work-out in the gym!



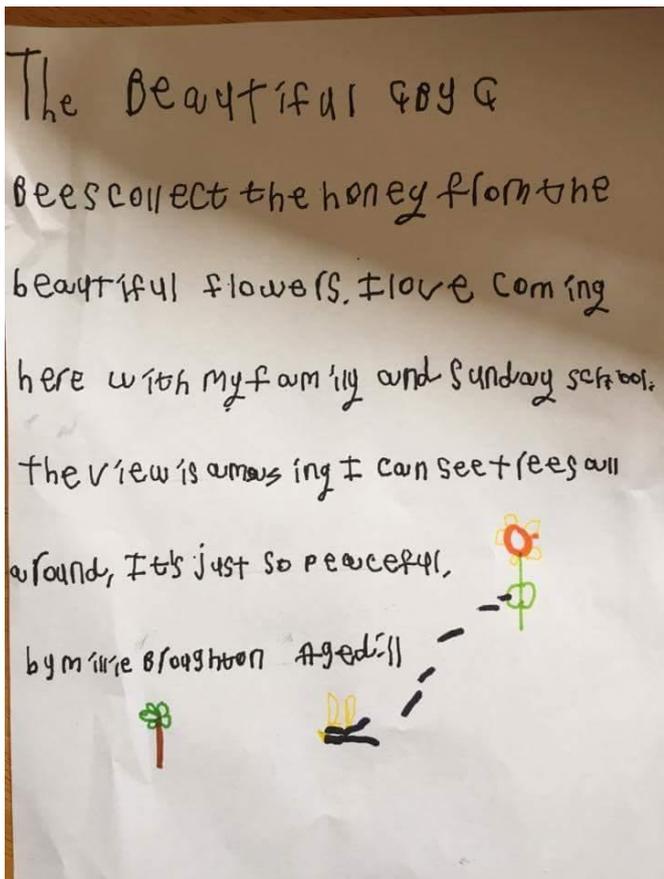
We have made such unexpected progress since our adoption of this once 'derelict' site, all major earth-moving projects are now accomplished and it's time to maintain and develop little areas of our GBG 'patch', depending on volunteer help. There's no shortage of ideas and possible projects - developing rainwater catchment area, completing 'raised bed area' (two more raised beds to build) and then enclosing them so that our ginger rabbit residents cannot nibble the

new growth. Also, our raised plateau area (incorporating a 'reading circle') needs to be coaxed into becoming a wild flower meadow, but all things now are a bonus. We can only develop what we have energy, skills and volunteers to accomplish. Our community garden will endlessly transform over time depending on ideas and help from volunteers.

Special thanks to Boughton Estate who continue to lease this space to GBG for £1/year and to KBC, Parish Council and GVFB who continue to support our endeavours.

This year, these local bodies have helped to us to fundraise for our 'GBG/Big Draw' event, organised by Emma Davies, local artist (see details on facing page). We want GBG to be a natural environment where nature, arts and culture can thrive. Ian is well on the way to completing his 'top hat' outdoor kiln and has already prepared clay from our GBG site. GADS have expressed interest in putting on an outdoor dramatic





performance, possibly in June 2018. We also hope that Geddington School will make use of our Reading Circle once completed. Geddington Scout groups and the Sunday School continue to be regular visitors. The Gardening Club and W.I. do a great job in maintaining their raised beds. This year, Josh and Tash have also put lots of effort into developing their veggie patch, despite major setbacks caused by snails and other wildlife. Our experimental willow dome, started by the Scouts, has also taken root thanks to endless watering! This year, we are particularly pleased to welcome regular Wednesday visits from some SENSE learners and Youthworks young folk, all of whom seem to have enjoyed our peaceful, natural space. It's been a delight to have them visit and help us with various projects.

HUGE thanks are due to the many individuals, donors and local businesses who continue to provide 'free' plants, material and recycled resources which keep GBG going on minimal funds. All we really need now is more volunteers, especially the 'muscle power' of physically fit folk, willing to spend a bit of time to develop and maintain our community garden. Every offer is



valued and dependent on what you are able and would like to do... so many possibilities for all ages/abilities and no 'long term' commitment necessary. Just get in touch.

## **GBG VOLUNTEER SESSIONS**

Every Sunday from 10.30am to 1pm... come and visit. Discuss any 'mini-projects' you'd like to take on or just join in with any jobs that need doing.



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*We're still looking for someone to keep our Facebook page updated. Maybe a regular Facebook user who could look at our GBG Facebook page regularly and let us know by separate email of any messages/offers that need action? Our Facebook page is intended to be 'informational' rather than inter-active... and, us oldsters don't have the time nor inclination to monitor endlessly. Hohum! Such is the autumn of our lives.*