



Barham School Garden



We have started to collaborate with Barham Church of England Primary School and the local Scout Group on an integrated project within the school's grounds.

Using a piece of land behind the school we are creating a shared outdoor space. We have spent half a day so far working with 4 of our students and several scouts clearing the area. The Fifth Trust donated mulch which our students spread to prevent weed growth, and create a planting area. Our students enjoyed putting up a small willow fence which they will weave later.



Sue working Hard

We are working with our Woodwork team to build and provide several planters. These will allow our students, school pupils and scouts to plant together and our students will teach them how to look after the plants.

We are working over the summer period to develop the site. The aim of the project is to work in partnership with others within the local community.



Luke helps to point a willow pole for the woven fence.

My thanks to Alison Higgins (Head Teacher) and Nick Gore (scout Leader) for their support and enthusiasm for this hugely exciting and innovative project.

Nikki Marley,
General Manager

Tunnels Fitted Out

The Horticulture Department has been busy developing a new propagation nursery at our Skills Centre at our Greenbanks site. It was set up 15 months ago to enable the Garden Centre to grow its own stock, offer a greater range of plants at competitive prices and enable our students to work and gain experience in a commercial environment.



Lizzy weeding in the tunnels

The new 30 x 16 metre double span polytunnel was funded by the Garden Centre. The additions needed to operate as a commercial growing nursery were funded by donation and enabled us to put in new benching, concrete pathways, electric lights and watering pumps. We have also created an extensive outside growing area for shrubs and perennials.

Students in Horticulture can learn new skills which can be utilised across the Horticulture Department, from propagation, potting and plant identification. Working in horticulture is not only fun, it is proven to be therapeutic, calming and a good source of exercise and wellbeing.



David and Alex working in the nursery bed.

A water supply via a borehole, is drawn from the ground into a 10,000 litre water tank and pumped around the site.

We have plans to expand the outside area to grow more shrubs from 3 litre size up to 10 litres, enabling us to hold more stock for busy periods.

I am very proud of my team's achievement in turning an empty field into a thriving nursery and training centre.

Peter Buscall
Horticultural Manager

Dates For Your Diary

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Monday to Saturday
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Sunday 10am - 4pm



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Meet The Students. Hugh

I like doing Media on Wednesday. I enjoy writing and copying from an encyclopedia about history and people.

On Tuesday morning I do Woodwork and I do horticulture with Doug in the afternoon. I do delivering logs in the winter.

Monday morning I like taking pictures in Photography and going for seven mile walks in the countryside and round the village. on Monday afternoon I do Printing, I am doing a castle.

I like doing Cook Club on Friday.

In the evening i like to watch Years and Years and Emmerdale and Eastenders, The Chase and Talking Pictures on TV.

On a Wednesday evening I like going to Special Olympics and playing football and baseball in Folkestone.

On a Saturday I like going shopping in Canterbury. I buy toothpaste and soap and a soft drink. I also like buying a newspaper and reading it when I am at Greenbanks.

I like to read, I am reading about Alan Turing. I like to read The Daily Mail and books on history, I like the Medieval time.

I like music and singing. I like Blondie, KC and the Sunshine Band and Sad Cafe pop groups.

I went to the United States with my family to visit New York. I went on the 26th of December until the 6th January.

As a founding member Hugh will have lived at Greenbanks for 30 years. The house will be celebrating this occasion at the AGM and family day later this month. We express our congratulations on this anniversary.

MUG SHORTAGE

If you have any mugs which you could donate to us we would be very grateful. Simply drop them into our main office or Cook Club at the Vineyard. Thank You.

The Fifth Trust Visits Local Village Events

We have recently had stalls at two local village events.

On Sunday the 16th July members of staff manned a stall at the Elham Village Farmers Market. Held in the square the Farmers Market has become a very popular event with local people and cottage industries from the area.



Elham Farmers Market held in the Square

From Monday the 17th of June to Wednesday the 19th we also had a stall in Lyminge, as part of the village's week long festival.

The stalls held a wide range of produce and craft items made by students. The Garden Centre displayed and sold plants and our wines were available for tasting and purchase.

Despite the changeable and blustery weather both events were reasonably well attended, with the public showing a great interest in our stalls.

Whilst we make some money from these events, they have the dual purpose of helping to raise awareness of the Trust, its purpose and its work. As well as selling items, we were able to hand out information leaflets and brochures giving people an understanding of the way we work and the diverse options available to our students.

Many locals say "I knew of the Vineyard , but I had no idea there was so much going on there".

Even people who have visited the Cafe and Garden Centre are sometimes unaware of the Trust's purpose and main function.

By raising awareness in the community we often benefit from local businesses offering advice or assistance, people offering to volunteer in our sessions, more visitors to our outlets and the chance for more people to join us as students.



Art instructor Tracey manning the stall at the Lyminge Festival.

Students often join us at events and are able to give the public a first hand opinion of their experiences with us.



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