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Hello and a warm welcome to our latest edition of the Horticap Newsletter which is packed with news about what we have been up to over the past three months. We hope you enjoy reading all about us!

Work has continued apace here with our students working incredibly hard on the garden development that started some time ago. A fruit and vegetable garden has been created which is growing produce for both the Hopkins kitchen, and for sale in the shop. It has provided an opportunity to bring together, and develop, many of the skills of both students and Instructors from building, installing and filling new raised beds to sowing seeds, planting out, caring for and harvesting produce. The whole project has proved popular, successful and a very attractive addition to the Horticap garden!



The vegetable garden theme was used for our fantastic Show Garden at the 2022 Great Yorkshire Show. It was very well received by all the visitors to our stand, and won an impressive Silver Gilt award. Needless to say, we were all delighted!!



We are thrilled that the hard work of Chris and his team was rewarded with Hopkins@Horticap winning the Newcomer of the Year Award at the Harrogate Hospitality and Tourism Awards 2022 ceremony.

Horticap was also honoured to be a finalist for the Business Community Hero Award in the Harrogate Advertisers Business Awards 2022. Both ceremonies were amazing and it was fantastic that some of our students were able to attend. They certainly did us proud!



...even the Hortibeas have been getting in on the act by winning 3rd prize at Weeton Show! You can see their hives on the edge of the nature trail and find their delicious honey for sale in the shop!

It's been an exciting and busy time at Horticap, and the heat



has proved challenging to everyone, but as always our students have remained busy. They have kept the bedding plants and perennials well looked after, maintained gardens, improved the Horticap site and enjoyed the odd ice cream and BBQ from Hopkins! All in all, it's been a good summer!

As always, we thank you all for your continued support!

The Horticap Team



Our love and congratulations to Gilvray and Qas who were married on 8th June (and yes, we all helped them celebrate!)

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Horticap at The Great Yorkshire Show 2022



It was great to be back again!

Participating in shows like The Great Yorkshire is always an exciting time for the Horticap students. Our Silver Gilt award recognised the incredible amount of effort that goes into the planning and execution of any show garden. To have their work rewarded at such a prodigious event makes it all worthwhile!

This show garden gave the opportunity to showcase the woodworking skills of one of our students, Jack.

Over recent months, and with support and training from Dan and Simon, Jack has developed impressive joinery skills and is now making many of the planters that are sold through our shop. When the design of the show garden was being developed which would include decking and planters, there was only one man for the job!



Our Show Garden has now been transferred into an area of the Horticap garden to create a relaxing seating area and wonderfully fragrant herb garden. Some adjustments were needed, but as usual, our students rose to the occasion. Then Hannah had a lovely time choosing plants to plant in them.



We are sure that the Hortibeets and other insects will enjoy feasting on the pollinating plants that have been planted, and that everyone who takes a moment to sit there will appreciate this new area. It's great that this Show Garden has become a permanent installation for everyone to enjoy at Horticap!

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The range of work that students undertake at Horticap is extensive. From gardening and laying paths to following the full life cycle of plants, there is no end to their enthusiasm for learning and achieving. These photographs show just a small selection of tasks that might be undertaken within their working day and how they are supported and trained by Instructors, staff and volunteers.



Around and About

The **summer** has brought lots of fresh ideas for cheering up parts of Horticap and everyone has been involved! An old bench by a greenhouse has been transformed to become our "Friendship Bench", with Volunteer Pauline working with students to design a mosaic plaque for it.



Callum started off a new art installation. It's now up in the greenhouse. Have you seen it?



Fraser, Karl and Hannah enjoyed painting the bench



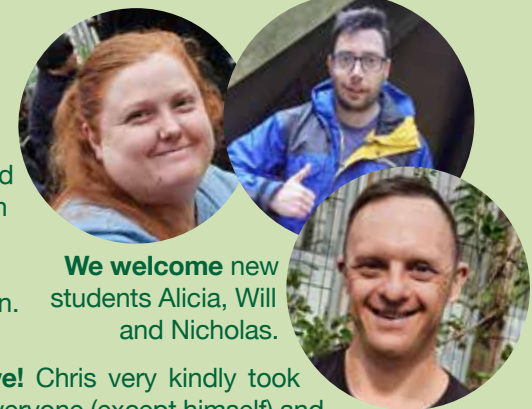
Pat found a use for an old mini wheelbarrow which looks great!



...and in other news



The **veg garden** has been extended and we'll soon be harvesting the pumpkins and sweetcorn.



We welcome new students Alicia, Will and Nicholas.

The heatwave! Chris very kindly took the heat off everyone (except himself) and cooked a fabulous BBQ for the students to have in the shade... and Keith found his own shady spot for his daily Wagon Wheel!



We think our garden is looking amazing!



Not only have the students made a fabulous job of creating the kitchen garden, but they found time to improve their own garden area. This gives them the chance to relax and enjoy break in a much more pleasant environment!

Thank you so much!

Horticap is a charitable organisation which depends on sponsors and friends to enable it to keep helping adult students with learning disabilities. They are at the heart of what we do and we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of people who help us to continue our work!

As our Patron Alan Titchmarsh says “I can think of no gardening organisation that deserves our support more”

Horticap has recently benefitted from the addition of a garden bench that has been provided as part of a legacy remembering Julian West, a self-taught and passionate gardener who lived locally. It was given to us as a plain bench for the students to transform into a bright and cheerful one.



Julian was a dentist who worked as a community dentist in India, Australia and in the UK.

He loved everything to be flamboyant and he would be delighted with the splendid way the students have painted the new bench.

Christmas and New Year Times

Horticap will be closed on Thursday 22nd December for our Annual Student Christmas Party.

Shop

22nd December - Closed
23rd - 24th December - Open
(the shop will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve for the Christmas break)
Tuesday 3rd January - Open

Hopkins

21st December - Open for drinks and cakes only
22nd December - Closed for the Christmas break
3rd January - Open

Any changes will be posted in the shop and on Social Media

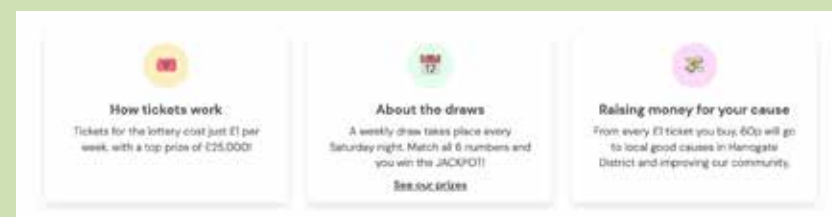
Harrogate Community Lotto

They say you have to be in it to win it! With the Harrogate community Lotto once you are in it your chances of winning a weekly prize is 1 in 50! (That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery.)

When you sign up to the local lotto you can choose to support Horticap, whilst also giving yourself the chance of winning a cash prize every week, including a £25,000 jackpot!

With every £1 ticket that you buy, 50p will be donated to our work, and a further 10p will be donated to a fund that benefits our local community.

We are just £312 away from reaching our target of raising £1,300.00 through the community lotto. Can you help us get there?



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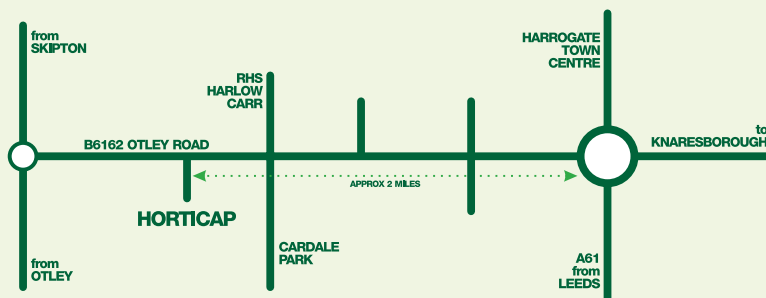
Don't forget to order your Christmas Tree and Wreath. Orders will be taken from **1st October**.

Festive Christmas Foods from Hopkins will be available to order from **7th November**.

Shirley Hudson, Artist, will be holding her exhibition from **3rd October to 24th December**.

Shirley will also be hosting a 'Meet the Artist' weekend event on 3rd and 4th December from 10am till 3pm. Do call in to meet her and see her work!

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