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Growing Together



Supporting and educating
at Bluecoat Wood Nurseries

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Welcome to the first Horticap newsletter of 2023!

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time for our students as there are so many varied jobs to do to prepare us for the year ahead. The original student mess room has been redecorated and now boasts underfloor heating and a newly fitted kitchen. We are grateful to Bettys and Taylors for donating the units which have been refurbished by our students. These improvements have been a huge investment and very worthwhile in giving the students a warm, and more comfortable, place to socialise with their friends.

Our outside spaces are looking better than ever with the formal garden now benefitting from an attractive circular path around the outside of the lawn and lots more seating. The Nature Trail and its installations have been tidied ready for our visitors, and we are continuing to develop and extend our kitchen garden. We have all been very busy!

We are delighted to say that our Horticap Christmas season was a success and really rather special. For the first time in three years all the students could work and celebrate together at the Horticap Students Annual Party! Hopkins provided a fantastic meal for students, volunteers and staff, and it ended with a quiz and disco. However, the highlight was without doubt the visits from a fire engine and crew and of course, Father Christmas. We make no apology for sharing some photos with you of all the fun we had.



Our customers are enjoying being served by our wonderful students in both the shop and Hopkins. It was always the intention to offer such experiences and opportunities to our students, and we are delighted that they are showing so much enthusiasm and care in their work.

We have lots to look forward to in 2023 and all students and staff hope that we can continue to welcome our loyal customers, and new ones, to Horticap!

The Horticap Team



Our Shop and Hopkins Student Assistants

We would like to welcome these students to the shop and Hopkins teams. They are all working very hard to learn new skills and gain valuable work experience.

One thing is for sure, they love to serve our customers!



Clockwise from top left:

Jamie, Alicia, Alistair, Charlotte, Mark, Hannah, Hannah, Victoria, Patricia, David

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Horticap has evolved enormously since we opened in 1984, but the charity's ethos remains the same. We support adults with learning disabilities offering our students a community and valuable work place to be safe, happy and productive.

The name Horticap is an amalgamation of Horticultural Capabilities, and horticulture is the main activity and focus of the charity. Our students work hard to grow and care for seasonal bedding plants, fruit and veg plants and a fantastic range of perennials. We all pride ourselves on the quality (and price) of our plants!

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Our greenhouses have never looked so good! They are packed to bursting with plants to fill and enhance any garden with colour, texture, scent and vibrancy. Our new season roses are out for sale with varieties for everyone, every occasion and every pocket!

With a nod to the more traditional garden favourites, our students are also pleased to offer new varieties for sale. We are particularly pleased with the wide range of Camellias we have in stock which thrill us with the most spectacular blooms in a variety of colours, and some with the most gorgeous perfume. Our customers come back again and again to see what's new and what would work in their gardens.

Don't forget to leave space in your gardens for some summer bedding plants though, which our busy students are already working on!

“We aim to help students extend their knowledge and skills, through structured training using professionally qualified staff and volunteers”

You join us at a very exciting time at Horticap as we start developing a part of the site that will become our kitchen garden, or “the veg patch” as it has become affectionately known! There has been a lot to do, starting with clearing the site and rotavating the area. Workshop teams have made the fencing, and raised beds which have been positioned and filled, and other students carefully sorted seeds out before sowing them in the greenhouses.

This project has already opened up a wealth of training opportunities for our students which will last all year round. Fiona, the Instructor who is leading this project says “the intention is to grow fruit and vegetables organically in an environment that benefits from the wide range of pollinators, including our busy bees, that live close by. Alongside the fruit and veg, our students will be including companion planting with plants that attract all of the very important pollinators. This will ensure that they are all well catered for too!”

We have fruit trees already for sale in the sales greenhouse and the veg plants will be available to buy as soon as they’re ready.

We are looking forward to sharing the endeavours, and fun, of our students in the next few newsletters! We’re also hoping for a successful year of growing!



**‘From seed to table’
This is our passion and
new mission!
We hope this project
will encourage more
people to grow their
own too!**



Happy memories from the 2022 Horticap Christmas Party



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the whole day so wonderful!





As the photo of Timothy shows on the front cover, the winter months offers the ideal opportunity to spend time in the workshop and the work has been non-stop! Apart from the raised beds seen in the veg patch, we have been making bird boxes ready for the nesting season which can be found to buy in the sales greenhouse.



This hive of industry has also produced boxes, containers, shelving, bee hive bases, fencing, work benches and seed trays. We are always able to consider other items if you can't find what you want for sale. Just enquire at the shop!



...and finally!

Did you know that our gloriously colourful mosaic tree that you can see on the upstairs far wall was the result of a wonderful idea for our students to create something special for when our new shop and café building was built?

Inspired by the Horticap tree logo and slogan "Growing Together" the original design was created by student Carl Crooks.



From design to completion!



Volunteer Pauline led this project and turned it into reality in her Monday crafting sessions, although there was a long delay in finishing it due to Covid-19! With all hands on deck, it was finally hung in time for the visit in 2022 by Alan Titchmarsh, our supportive Patron. The students are rightfully very proud of it, we all love it, and hope you do too!

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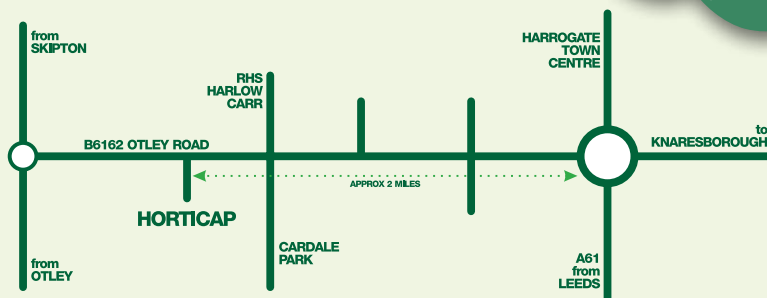
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