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Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023, a year that has seen many changes at Horticap. We have continued to improve our student facilities by upgrading and improving the mess room environment, as well as investing in new battery powered gardening machinery. This has increased sustainability across Horticap, as well as providing our students with lighter, more useable equipment. The mowers, hedge trimmers and leaf blowers are proving both popular and efficient.



Of course, this time of year is very busy for us. Our young perennial plants are being repotted and will be nurtured over the winter months, to ensure they will be in tip top condition for planting next year. Our students have made sure that there are plenty of Autumn/Winter bedding plants for sale and of course, the sales greenhouse is looking amazing with the most colourfully seasonal plants.



Students “taking over Hopkins” has proved fantastically successful, and those who work both in there and in the shop are enjoying the experience of working in different situations by developing their customer service skills and personal challenges.

Our Christmas wreath production is in full flow. The students have, as always, been amazing with their ability to wire up cones, cinnamon sticks and various other decorations, and more have been able to assist in haying up wreath rings this year, courtesy of the purchase of a wreath making machine. We have also been delighted, and grateful, to welcome members of staff from several local companies, who have volunteered their time to help us in this mammoth task.



We welcome new students Edward, Ibraam and Isobel to Horticap. They are all settling in really well and we wish them every success with us!



The end of any year is a time of reflection, and this year is no different. We have said a sad farewell this year to Paul and Christine, and seen David and Keith retire. They are all sorely missed and we remember them with love. But 2023 has been a successful year for Horticap, and we look forward to 2024 with anticipation of new beginnings and opportunities, and of course by continuing to grow people and plants!

The students, staff, volunteers and trustees at Horticap join together in thanking you all for your continued support this year. We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas time and a prosperous 2024.

The Horticap Team

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and we are
planning lots
of fabulous
celebrations!**

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Hello from all the shop staff and students

It's that time again and the shop is full of gifts and unusual decorations for Christmas. We've lots of lovely Horticap Christmas cards alongside a wide array of wonderful gifts. New from local maker, The Kandlerstable, are some gorgeous smelling handmade candles and diffusers.

We have Alex Clark jigsaws and gifts, as well as the ever popular Black Yak hats and gloves, and not forgetting our selection of upcycled@ Horticap alongside reclaimed wooden gifts from local mental health charity The Men's Shed in Starbeck.



Not forgetting our feathered friends, we have all your bird feeding needs to see them through the winter months, along with some fabulous bird boxes made by our students at the cracking price of £10!



Our exhibition space features local photographer Darren Taylor. His work is on display and for sale in the café seating area alongside many other local artists who support Horticap through the sale of their work in and around the shop.



Nativity Silent Auction

Kindly made and donated by our Trustee and Volunteer Nicky Harris, this beautifully crafted Nativity is being auctioned through silent bids, with all the proceeds going to Horticap.

This is a unique opportunity to own a wonderful Nativity that could become treasured as a family heirloom!

With a minimum of £50 for starters, it's very simple to take part. All you need to do is fill in one of the forms, make your bid and place in box provided within the shop.

The lucky person to offer the highest bid by Monday 18th December at 5pm will be the proud owner of this beautiful Nativity.



The winner will be announced on Tuesday 19th December.

Bids can be made in person via the shop or over the phone on 01423 522876 EXT 3



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

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our students now have an increased presence in Hopkins, and they have certainly risen to the challenge! What has been particularly great to see is how the enthusiasm for working in Hopkins has spread throughout the students, and more than ever are now wanting to spend time in there. Congratulations to you all!



Jamie has been at Horticap since September 1996 and is a valued and respected student here. He is an accomplished worker both on and off-site, and has achieved many qualifications.



Jamie enjoys all aspects of work and is involved both in the shop and Hopkins, but also uses his knowledge and skills to support the work in the greenhouses and off site.



He has an encyclopedic knowledge about cars and loves to identify the specifications of vehicles that are parked here, and his passion for F1 is well known to us all!

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October saw Horticap Chairman Steve Scarre step down from office after 9 years of dedicated and loyal service to the charity.

Steve's tenure and guidance has seen the charity continue to grow, providing a wider range of services for our growing number of both students and visitors. With Steve overseeing many new or updated facilities that have been developed on the site, including a new greenhouse plant display area, the new shop and tea rooms alongside improved

facilities for our students, to mention just a few.

To mark this occasion and to pass on the organisation's thanks friends, staff and students got together to give Steve a fitting send-off along with a presentation of some tokens of appreciation from everyone for his long and successful time as Chairman.

The Horticap Trustees are all volunteers and are responsible for setting the direction for Horticap as a charity and, overseeing what we do to make sure that we are as good as we can be for the benefit of our students.



Our new Chair is Peter Hornby. Peter has been a Horticap Trustee for six years, latterly as Deputy Chair. Peter is a qualified Management Accountant and as well as his long finance career was a Trustee at Yorkshire Cancer Research in Harrogate before joining Horticap. We welcome Peter to his new role, and thank him for his wonderful contribution to Horticap to date.

Our Board of Trustees is also lucky to include Rob Bath, who played a major role in designing and building our fantastic new shop and café, becomes Deputy Chair.

We are delighted that Nicky Harris and Wendy Donnan are continuing as Trustees and happy to announce that Alistair Garnett joined the Board of Trustees at the AGM. Many of you will know Alistair as a volunteer (which he will continue as) and we wish him well in his new role on the Board of Trustees.



Thank you so much!



Horticap benefits enormously from the kindness and generosity of so many people and organisations. Donations and contributions come in many forms and we honestly couldn't exist without them.

Of course a massive and special thank you goes to our fabulous volunteers who help to keep the rest of us on track! Horticap could not achieve what it does without their expertise and enthusiasm.

It is impossible to thank everyone individually, but everybody at Horticap would like to say a huge "thank you".



A huge "thank you" to the UWFRA

The Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) team visited us one lunchtime to do a presentation about the valuable work they do, and to show us the equipment they use when they carry out emergency rescues.

It was an extremely interesting talk with lots of fascinating information about how they go about rescues, with the students asking some great questions. Their rescues remain free to all who need them in an emergency situation on the fells.



Needless to say, the star of the show was Storm, their rescue dog!



Funding for this wonderful and valuable organisation is totally reliant on donations and fundraising.
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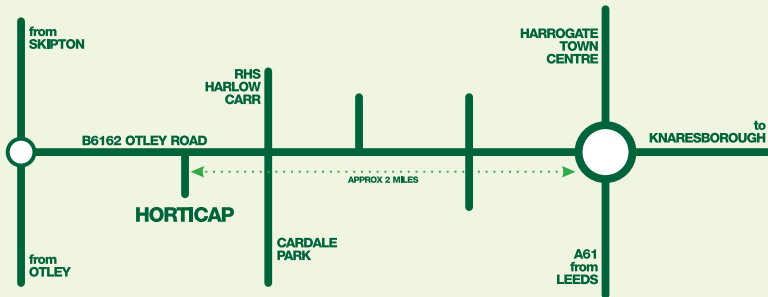
**The Horticap Shop & Hopkins
at Christmas 2023**

**Wed 20 December
- Hopkins closes**

**Thurs 21 December
- Shop closes**

**Tues 2 January
- Horticap reopens**

**We look forward to seeing all
our wonderful customers in
2024!**



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