



WOTTON COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

Developing a multi Sport and Leisure environment for Wotton and the surrounding area

Welcome to the WCSF Newsletter

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Our Safe Path Project

After 16 months of fundraising we are delighted to let you know that we have reached our target of £95,000 to enable us to plan for construction this summer. The tender papers were sent out mid-April and our thanks go out to everyone who has helped us to reach this point. The path will ensure everyone safe access not only to the skate park, but also to the many other facilities planned for the site.



Wotton's Secret Gardens Trail

On Sunday 29th May between 10am and 5pm there will be 13 of Wotton's lovely gardens from Coombe, Holywell, Parklands, Old Town, Bradley Street, Merlin Haven and Venn's Acre open to view. Tickets are £6 per adult and children go free – and this gives you entry to all of the gardens. There will be refreshments in a few, surprises in some and delights in all. Tickets available from Milburys, Bennett Jones, The Heritage Centre and all the gardens on the day. Contact Sarah on 0787-592-6190.

All funds raised will go to Wotton Community PARC and Wotton in Bloom.



Replacement nets for the 3G

Our thanks go to Cotswold Edge Carpets of Wotton-under-Edge, who have kindly sponsored the replacement nets for the movable goals on the 3G pitch. The original nets had done three seasons and were worn through with usage! Pictured are members of the Wotton Rovers U10 Football team with Pete Derrick of Cotswold Edge Carpets.



We have plenty of opportunities for local businesses to sponsor small items of equipment, and are happy to promote such support. If you're interested in such an opportunity, call Barnaby on 07894 207780 or email contact@wcsf.org.uk

More trees!

On 13th December, in lashing rain, we planted a further 300 native woodland trees, and as soon as we dug a hole, it filled up with water. The willows are going to love it! We also planted 37 of the 100 fruit trees planned for our community orchard, and they are already showing signs of blossom for the coming year. The Wharin Family donated Kevin the Conker Tree now holding pride of place at the entrance to the plantation. On 13th March in lovely bright sunshine we planted a further 420 native trees in record time with the help of a large number of our usual stalwarts, plus Wotton Baptist Church Youth Group and a fantastic group of cubs from Falfield.

“Team work tree planting from the 1st Falfield (St. George) Cubs, supporting our local community and contributing to our 'world challenge' badges. Our Cubs come from Wotton, Charfield, Thornbury, Berkeley, Berkeley Heath, Leyhill, Falfield and surrounding villages. We all had a lovely time, and would love to come back again. Thank you so much for inviting us.”



Speed Limit



The reduction of the speed limit on New Road has been confirmed and works will begin shortly.

Playground

Many thanks go to Heaven of the South mountain bike event for starting off our fundraising with £1,000 towards equipment and installation. We now have the beginnings of a plan and will be consulting with local experts, schools, families and youth groups to ensure our playground has something for everyone. Contact Jude on 0776-384-7997 or jrugman@yahoo.co.uk

Sensory Garden

So far, we have an outline plan with water sculptures and benches, the promise of live willow structures, bird boxes, wind chimes and a 2ft x 2ft stained glass panel. Do you know anyone who could help us with the design of the garden so that everyone who uses the PARC can enjoy the space? We have a growing group of volunteers who will help build the raised beds and set out the planting, and now we need to bring all these elements together in a coherent design. Please contact Chris Sweet on 0787-033-4553 or chris@trustinyou.org.uk if you can help in any way – design, build, plant, maintain

Just some

ideas so far



Memory walk, jogging trail and parkrun – it can be all these things Once the new safe path is in place, we will, of course, have the beginnings of our memory walk and

jogging trail. Friends from Dursley Running Club have helped us to work out the best route around and across the PARC and this will be lightly harrowed to remove the tussocks, and then cut until a flatter surface can be used. We intend to extend the smooth surface a section at a time, as soon as we can, to ensure everyone can access the community orchard, the ponds, the sensory garden and the picnic and barbeque area.

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

The committee of the Wotton Community Sports Foundation would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us with our project of the new pitches, the skate park and the new path. The money, time, expertise and experience that you have so generously given have made it all possible.

Sir David McMurtry - Jill Tebb - Gloucestershire County Council's Active Together Scheme - Kingswood Bridgers Project - Kingswood Parish Council - Wotton Town Council - Kingswood SGRF - The Lions - Wotton St Mary's Church - Swinhay Ltd- Wotton Cinema - Wotton Recreational Trust - Wotton Youth Club - Gloucestershire Market Towns Development Fund - KVA - Stroud Youth Development Fund - Renishaw Charity Trust - Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund - Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch - Wotton Baptist Church Youth Group - Stroud District Council - Police and Crime Commissioner - Mr J P G Wathen - Mr & Mrs V Jotcham - Mr & Mrs Robert Austen - Magnox - EDF Energy Sporting Legacy Fund - Draw Creative - Treats UK - David James & Partners - Wotton Rovers - Wotton Hockey - Wotton Rugby - Wheelscape - Wotton Youth Forum - 3 Peak Challengers - KLB School - Kingswood Primary School Forest School - The Frazer Company - Mary-Ann Symonds - John & Fran Ferraby - Mr D Bloodworth - The Mercers' Company - Nicky Hill - Dursley Male Voice Choir - Barnwood Trust - Katie Elliott - Karl Whitely - Wotton Firefighters - The Masons - Heaven of the South - Round Table - HJ Harrison - John & June Cordwell - Wotton Chamber of Trade - Ken Tucker - M Miatt - Hugo & Lucinda Grimes - Dave Champion - Moira and John Buist - The Directory - Sarah Shipton Bookkeeping - Alex Alliston - Lee Butler- Andrew Cope - Evergreen - Chris Holloway - Barnaby & Sallie Beere - Rio Pools - Phoenix Legal Group - Fundraising Event organisers - Mrs M Burrows - Roger and Jane Gunning - Mrs A Jones - Rob & Margaret Carruthers - Stephen & Jane Vaslet - Alderley PLC - Iain Marchant - Bear Street Garage - Mrs J Robinson - Derek Aston - Cotswold Tyndale Rotary - Wotton Chamber of Trade- Wotton Accountancy Associates Ltd - Burton Sweet - Chappell & Dix - Chris Sweet - Mr & Mrs Garrett - Mr & Mrs McDermott - Sarah & Stewart Watt - Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group SW - Sharron Bates - Matt Burrows - Jackie Cartigny - Tas Stamatopoulos - Helen Summers - Ima Earle - Ute Christopher - Stuart Emms - Dick Cary - James Barnes - Leila Gray - Paul Smith - Mark Patteson - Judy Collins - Martin Clarke - Under the Edge Arts - Wotton Gardening Club/Wotton in Bloom - Abbey Loos - Milburys - Nicola Jotcham - Martyn Excell - Jerry Thomas - Junkfish - WSP Solicitors - John Holcombe - Gillian Hayward - DSC Consultants - Diana Hyam - Alastair King - Yasmin Milsom - Sue Bailey - Glenys Sykes - Jenny Jerrold - Karen Dover - Ben Maudsley - Chris Hull - Dark Dog Design - Tara Pring - Everyone who has ever planted trees with us - Everyone who has ever played on our pitches or watched a game - Every past and present member of the 2000 Club - PS Simon Davey and all our local Police and Community Officers - Cathy & Gideon York - The Blow Away Band - George Carpenter - Steve Miles - Wotton Youth Liaison Group - Rob Bateman - Our BMX Group - Probus - Rob & Leah Watt - Cotswold Edge Carpets - Jonathan Agard Evans - Vintage Christmas Group - our Anonymous donors - Andy Foxwell - United Reform Church - Falfield Cubs and Scouts - We have tried to include everyone, but please accept our apologies if your name or organisation does not appear in the list. Contact me at sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk and I will ensure your contribution is acknowledged.