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SturQuest

THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE STURMINSTER NEWTON AREA

Community Garden Funding Appeal Target Reached All Planters have been 'adopted'

There has been remarkable interest in and support for the Community Garden. We have reached our funding target and raised nearly £10,000 to complete the garden. Five thousand pounds of this is the money from planter adoption and these planters will be reused in and around Sturminster Newton in the event that the site is developed in the future. This seems the right time to say thank you to all the individuals, couples, families, groups and businesses who have given support; from substantial donations that enabled us to start the project, to the pocket money that went into our appeal bucket.

We have been able to construct this garden because of the expertise and enterprise of Peter Waterer; design skills and advice of Clive Warwick; the talents and hard work of the tutors and students of EQ Skills Base (Equilibrium); and the time and labour of all the volunteers, especially Jo O'Connell and David Spencer. Sincere thanks to them for their involvement.

Here are, in no particular order, just some of the other people we would like to thank:

To Charles Higgins Holdings Limited, the landowners, we are grateful for their permission. To Sturminster Newton Town Council for holding the licence and taking on responsibility for the finished garden. To North Dorset District Council and Simon Hoare MP for their support.

To SturQuest Enterprises, The Sturminster Newton Co-op, Dorset Doodlers and some very generous individual donors who provided the substantial funds which enabled us to complete the landscaping.

To the following organisations who generously donated or provided materials: Harts of Stur, Sturminster Newton Building Supplies, Caice Ltd, Root and Vine, The Lavender Project, Mogeridges, Blackmore Vale Veterinary Centre and Newton Forge.

To the following Planter adopters (again in no particular order):

Newton Residents Association, Blackmore Vale Financial Services, Sturminster Dental Care, Myra Hanson of Hansons Fabrics, Nazereth Lodge, Mrs Andrews, Harts of Stur, Sturminster Newton Women's Institute, Friars Moors Vets, Mrs Prior, Rose Engineering, Crowdcomms, GalaBid, Mrs Warwick, Residents of Hillcrest Close, Mr and Mrs Dee and Mrs Fermie, SNADS, Tops Day Nursery, Agnes and Vera, Broad Oak Residents, Streeters Carpets and Beds, the Long family, Mrs Evans, Sturminster Newton Rotary and those who have adopted planters but prefer to remain anonymous.

There are many others who have given time, skill, support and encouragement and also deserve thanks. Of course the work continues and during this summer we will be able to complete the garden, remove the metal fencing and allow access so that we can all walk on the grass and enjoy the garden.

The SturQuest Team