

Latest News from Groundwork in Flintshire 16th April 2010

Groundwork teaches Bird Box skills to local Schools and Young

People in Connah's Quay

Groundwork have been teaching 3 schools and Social Services Leaving Care Group in Connah's Quay how to make bird boxes, about local wildlife, how to increase bio diversity and how to improve the sustainability of the bird population. Pupils from Wepre Lane Primary School, Ysgol Golftyn, Connah's Quay High School and young people from Social Services Leaving Care Group have all been involved in this project.

The schools will put some of the bird boxes up in their school grounds and some will go to the newly transformed Connah's Quay Wetlands (Behind Morrison's Supermarket) which is in the process of being regenerated thanks to QuayCAT

(Connah Quay Community Action Team) and Groundwork.

The pupils and young people have been taught about the new wetlands area and its importance in creating and maintaining wildlife habitats and sustaining birds.

Community Volunteer Day at the Greenfield Old Canteen Site

Groundwork ran a fun community garden day at Greenfield Old Canteen Site on School Lane, Green field, Holywell, on Thursday 15th April 2010 between 10 am – 4 pm. No previous experience of gardening was necessary and on the day volunteers planted shrubs and plants to create a community garden. Those who attended had the opportunity to get fit and learn about planting. This project has been made possible thanks to funding from Flintshire Tidy Towns.

Community Garden Opening at Nerwcys

David Hanson MP for Delyn is opening the new Community Garden in Nerwcys on Friday 19th March. The garden was donated to Nerwcys VCP School by

the Diocesan Office of the Church of Wales and is situated alongside the school.

Groundwork in North Wales have been working with the school to improve the garden, create a wildlife area , build raised beds for vegetable planting, improve paths, improve walkways and create an outside classroom. At the opening, pupils from the school will be displaying their work and planting vegetables in the new raised beds.

The project has been made possible thanks to funding from The Thomas Howells Education Fund, St Modwens Environmental Trust and involvement from Groundwork's Greencare Flintshire 14 – 19 Project who worked with young volunteers in the area involving them in practical environmental works.

In the next few weeks Groundwork will be continuing work with the school including building bird tables, bird boxes and planting vegetables with the children.

Janet Meaden Head of Nercwys school said ' The garden will be a fantastic resource for all our pupils. It will provide an excellent learning opportunity with an emphasis on enjoyment'.

Pat Williamson Environment Officer at Groundwork said' Groundwork have been delighted to help develop this community garden which the village school and the whole community can enjoy'.

If you require more information please contact Pat Williamson at Groundwork on 01978 757524.