

**Hilton Hall Community Association & the Prince's Trust Team 280 Volunteers Landscaping & Planting Project ~ 6th May 2015 to 15th May 2015**

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As part of our ongoing 'Five Year Tree Planting Programme' (i.e. Trees, Shrubs and Wild Meadow Flowers) we have teamed up with the Prince's Trust Staveley 280 Team of Volunteers to carry on with our environmental landscaping and development programme re: Community Open Spaces work that we started way back in 2009, when we took out the Lease on Hilton Hall Community Centre & Grounds.

The following photographs show the Volunteers (Lead by Nicola & Carl) and supported by Debbie, Heather & Keith (HHCA Management Team Volunteers) as they progressed through their schedule of Landscaping and Planting tasks that commenced on Wednesday 6th May 2015. Hilton Hall's contribution was to provide the Wild Meadow Bushes (Holly, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Gooseberry Bushes), plus several Conifers, Composting Soil and Wild Meadow Flower Seeds. We were also supported by Laura, Sophie, Dan & Duncan: Police Trainee Officers based in Birmingham. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to capture everyone on this group shot below (Sorry Laura, Sophie, Dan, Duncan, Debbie and Heather).

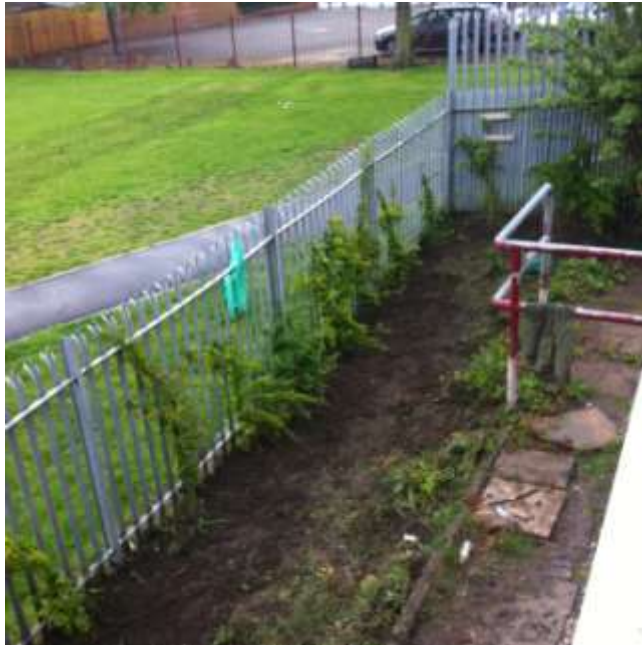
Many Thanks from ALL at Hilton Hall Community Centre for ALL of the hard work and kind volunteering ~ "Thank You"



The PT Volunteers had soon sorted out the 'Weeds and Year's Overgrowth' and following instruction and demonstration (by Heather) of how & where to Plant the Gooseberry Bushes, the PT Team of Volunteers soon got stuck in to the diligent and careful 'Planting' process.

The HHCA Management Team had already collected the Trees & Compost from Webb's of Bearwood on Tuesday 5th May (in readiness for the PT Volunteers). Webb's of Bearwood provided the Trees & Compost at Trade Prices for us, but also Sponsored us with Free Wild Meadow Flower Plant Seeds. Our sincere gratitude to John, Pauline & Steve at Webb's for their continued support, help and horticultural advice over the last couple of years; "Thank You". This clearing work started with general weeding on Wednesday 6th May.





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The next job tackled by the Prince's Trust Staveley '280 Team' of Volunteers was to clear-out all of last year's overgrowth in the Wild Meadow Flower Rockery, situated at the Front of Hilton Hall (see photos below). Once the Soil had been turned over & unwanted weeds had been removed, the Team spread new Wild Meadow Flower Seeds all over the front paddock. The Volunteers did a fantastic job in preparation for this new planting. Well Done everyone who helped this week.





The next stage was to sow the wild meadow flower seeds, then water & wait. The next job on the list was to plant more wild meadow 'Bushes' (Holly, Blackthorn & Hawthorne) by the right-hand side of the Entrance Ramp, at the Front of the Hall.





The Gravel was delivered on Thursday 14th and we all got stuck-in to the really 'Hard Graft' of shifting over twenty Tons of Gravel to finish-off the whole project. It rained all Thursday afternoon, but that didn't stop the Team, as they filled wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow, shovelling away at the massive mound of Gravel, until finally; on Friday afternoon, all of the gravel had been transferred to the main Paddock area, at the rear of the Hall. It's looking brilliant. So much better than before.



The whole area was treated with Weed-killer before the Base Membrane was laid in place, ready for the Landscaping Gravel to go on top.



As part of their 'Prince's Trust Staveley Volunteering Project, the PT 280 Team organised (as part of their whole project programme) a series of Fund Raising Activities to put towards 'Their Chosen' Community Project. The PT Volunteers did a Sponsored Walk, as well as a Supermarket 'Shopping Bag Pack' getting support and donated cash for their efforts. Photographs of their activities can be found on the Prince's Trust Staveley @PTStaveley

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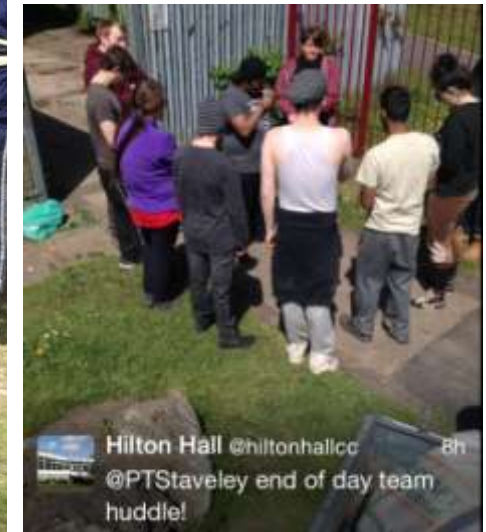
The PT Staveley 280 Team raised, and donated £264.18 towards the Hilton Hall Community Centre Landscaping and Planting project. HHCA matched their donation to pay for the Gravel used to finish off the Rear Paddock landscaping.

Canny negotiations by Team Leader Nicola managed to secure the cheapest quote and supply of gravel for this project. Nicola's efforts saved over £260, just by phoning around and finally got one local supplier to provide the materials at Cost Price. Our sincere thanks to Bushbury Builders Merchants Ltd. who supplied the gravel. They were pleased to help Prince's Trust Staveley.



Many Thanks to Nicola and her Team of Leaders, and to the Prince's Trust '280 Team' Volunteers who have worked so hard this week and last week in preparing the land ready for all of the landscaping. Plus, all of the 'Weeding', 'Digging' and 'Planting'.





The Prince's Trust Staveley '280 Team' of Volunteers Led by Nicola, Carl and Will (The Team); Sean, Emma, Joe, Liam, Trish (aka Tia-Maria), Pria, Junior, Edd, Aaron (aka Captain America) , Simon & Damon. We were also supported by Laura, Sophie, Dan & Duncan (Police Trainee Officers based in Birmingham working with Prince's Trust) The Hilton Hall Team of Volunteers: Debbie, Heather & Keith.

And Last but Not Least, many thanks to our Spring Vale Police Community Support Officer Steve, who contacted Nicola on our behalf.

"MANY THANKS TO PRINCE'S TRUST STAVELEY TEAM 280 VOLUNTEERS FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB WELL DONE"

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THE PHOTOS BELOW WERE TAKEN ON FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2015 (JUST SIX WEEKS AFTER THE PT STAVELEY TEAM 280 VOLUNTEERS FINISHED THEIR COMMUNITY PROJECT AT HILTON HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE). LOOK HOW THE PLANTS ARE DEVELOPING AND HOW LOVELY IT ALL LOOKS NOW.

