

Junior Neighbourhood Warden's

End Of Year Report 2024/25

April

Another great year in the life of the Junior Neighbourhood Wardens

The new financial year started in April with the Juniors supporting the ABP Marathon as they have done for over 10 years.

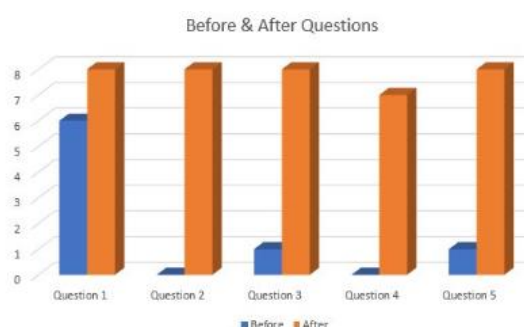


This event raises thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes and charities through the runner's sponsorship. We play our part in this amazing event by running a water station each year, supporting the runners, cheering them on and helping to keep them hydrated.

We have 20-30 volunteers each year supporting the event, thank you to everyone who has supported over the years.



We also had 3 great days with our [Bugs & Bits 2](#) events. We had a variety of activities including a bug hunt, nature trail, bugs under microscopes and installation of the bug hotels the Juniors built on Bugs & Bits 1. We asked the Juniors at the start a series of questions about Insects and again at the end to see what they learnt (see the results in the image below. Joint working with the Parks team this was a really successful project.



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May Half Term

Family Hub

Family Hub Planters Thornhill

Before



Planter & Woodland Project

The Junior Wardens have been supporting one of our Family Hubs and revamping the front of Blackberry Hub in Thornhill.

The planters to the main entrance had become rotten and started to become dangerous. Working jointly with the Community Payback team the first stage of the project was completed on Friday 16th February by 2 really hard-working lads, thank you.

Phase 2

The Junior Wardens returned on Friday 31st May for phase 2, putting the finishing touches to the planters. They topped up the soil, weeded the planters and the block paving and put in some colorful new plants.

They also went on a Woodland Walk with Jill Doubleday from Wilder Southampton, learning about the nature & wildlife around the area of Donkey Common.



Phase 1

**Tear out old
planters & build
new ones.**



Men's Shed Bitterne produced some carvings of woodland creatures for Juniors to paint and attach to the planters. The Junior Wardens have decorated these which will be attached to the planters to brighten them and also be a learning aid for parents attending the Hub and Brambles pre-school.

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Family Hub Planters
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The Project Was a Huge Success & Looks Great



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@ Potters Court Independant Living Complex

We planned this event as part of the national campaign "The Big Help Out". We were asked by residents at Potters Court to help to tidy the communal garden ready for the summer.

Before

Some of the residents used to work regularly in the garden but are now struggling due to poor health so we stepped in and spent a couple of hours, clearing, weeding, painting, and planting to transform the garden, giving residents a clean fresh and welcoming space to enjoy as the weather improves. I think we made a real difference, not only to the garden but to the ongoing residents Health & Wellbeing.



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The project was a pleasure to do and had a real Impact



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Play Day 2024

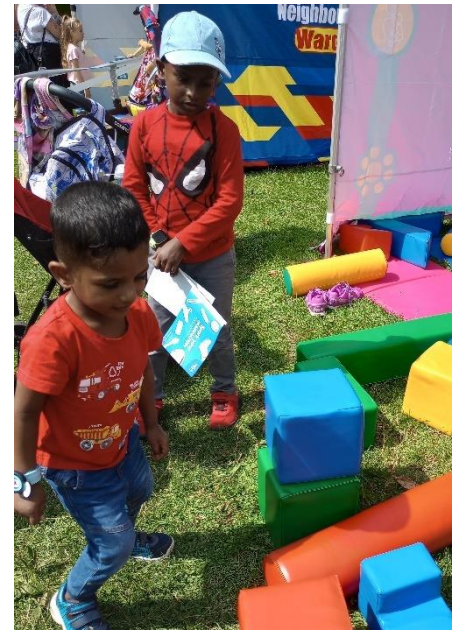
Full Report

Play Day is a vibrant community event that brings people of all ages and backgrounds together for a day of fun and connection.

Designed to be fully inclusive, Play Day offers a diverse range of activities that cater to everyone, ensuring no one is left out. The event features predominantly free activities, making it accessible to all.

Visitors can enjoy a mix of sports, arts and crafts, and various interactive activities specifically tailored for young people.

In addition, information stalls are available, offering valuable resources and support for children and families. These stalls are staffed by local businesses, charities, and organisations, reflecting the community's commitment to supporting its residents.



Play Day is more than just a day of fun, it's an opportunity to break down barriers and foster a sense of unity within the community. By bringing people together in a shared space, the event encourages social interaction and mutual support, helping to build stronger relationships among residents. In essence,

Play Day is a celebration of community spirit, offering a day of enjoyment while strengthening the bonds that hold the community together.

Play Day 2024

Over 2000 children and families came to join us for the first Play Day organised by the Junior Wardens. This event has run for the past 15 years, organised by SCPA. When they sadly closed their doors this last year. I wanted to keep this amazing event alive so took on the challenge.

So many organisations and charities supported the event, not only providing activities for children but support for parents. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event.

I am now going to be running this event each year, sticking as usual to the first Friday of the schools Summer Holiday's. Come along and join us in 2025, Hoglands Park for a bigger and



Chelle: "thanks Ian, this is a Southampton favourite in the holidays for us"

Ralph: "So glad it went ahead, well done Ian & thanks to all who took part"

Rachel: "Was so pleased to hear Play Day was saved. We've been going for years and kids love it. Great Job"

Alison: "We had a wonderful day, thanks to all"

Mandy: "Amazing day, kids loved it & I got some advice on housing"

If you, or you know of any local groups or businesses who would like to take part next year, please get in touch using the QR code below.



Play Day 2024

Lepsa, Tenant Participation Team Leader

"Wow, what an event! As I was approaching Hoglands Park I could hear the chatter and the children's laughter, so nice to hear! The whole place was buzzing.

A very nice atmosphere, brilliantly organised event Thank you Ian"

Debbie Chase, Director of Public Health

"It was great to see so many families from across the city come together at Play Day. There was a variety of stalls and activities, making it easy for parents to connect with services and offers and make new friends whilst their children were having fun!

My thanks to all the agencies and community groups that came together that day to make this such a success and I look forward to another event in the future."



Francesca, Community Cohesion and Engagement Manager

"I thought it was a fantastic event - great to see so many children, young people and parents having fun, being active and engaging with the services you had there! Really looking forward to next year!!!

The Family Hubs "We had a great day, we ran fun fitness inspired activities for all ages.

The team were also able to give advice and information about our services. Such a great day and we signed up 100 new families on the day who we can now support.

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New Community Noticeboard

At the Love Where You Live Event in the Summer on Hinkler Green we heard from local people about the poor state of the community noticeboard.

As a result of this the Junior Wardens returned on 29th October to put things right. The Junior Wardens with support from Dave from the Estate Regeneration Team & Neighbourhood Wardens Jeanette & Julie, we rebuilt, planted, painted and overhauled the community noticeboard next to the Hinkler Rd Community Centre & Library.

This noticeboard is controlled by St Christophers Church but is used by all the community to advertise events and local support available to residents. As I'm sure you agree the change is amazing with a great new noticeboard for the whole community. We hope this will make a real difference and promote community cohesion. Thank you to everyone involved.

In addition to the Junior Wardens, we also had a number of local residents who got involved, some comments below..

Chloe "such happy smiley people, so friendly my kids loved being involved, such a nice idea"

Carley "my kids really enjoyed the hand painting"

Stephanie "surprised while passing by, the kids really enjoyed hand painting the back board"

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After



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Fire Station Day

A great day had by all at the Fire Station Day in St Marys. A big thank you to all who supported on the day, In particular to the Fire Crews & Fire Education Team. Sessions were run & supported by Hampshire Fire & Rescue, Police, SCC Community Teams, and Wardens. We had a great turnout of young people, and everyone had a great time.

We organise these **FREE** events for **7-15-year-olds**, with a round robin of Fun & Educational sessions. As Bonfire Night & Halloween approach, these sessions were designed by the Junior Warden Co-ordinator to help keep our young people safe and to promote respect when out Trick or Treating.

Sessions over the afternoon were.....

- Home Fire Safety
- Firework Safety
- First Aid (Burns)
- Trick or Treat advice
- Tour of the Fire Station
- Demo/hands on session with the Fire Brigade



Feedback

How Was Todays Event?

Olaf, Layla, Filip, Barney, Moy, Olivine, Isacc, Kai, Milosz & Melisa, Maria, Alan, Sameer, Ruben & Lola, Summer, Musa & Zak & Jake replied....

Awesome

Maria replied.....

Good 100% Positive feedback

Did You Learn Anything Today?

75% Loads

15% Lots

10% A bit



Please Tell Us Anything You Think We Can Do Better

Nothing he had a lovely time. **100% positive/constructive feedback**

Some activities or reading to take home based on the day to build on what we did/learned.

Themba "I loved dressing up as a Firefighter"

Fire fighter demonstration was great.

Had a really great day Thank you.

Tiffany "Loved the Police activity"

First Aid was Fun & Interactive.

Melisa "I learnt how to stay safe on bonfire night"

I wanted to stay for longer.

Ivanka "Police riot was great & I learnt how to stay safe with sparklers"

Had a great time, 100% recommend it to our friends.



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Tanners Brook Walkways

This is the first stage of a three-stage project involving the Junior Wardens, Open Spaces, Community Safety, and Highways.

We 1st had a consultation with parents and residents who use the subway and walkways through to Tanners Brook School. Consultation was around the walkways, overgrown areas and the subways themselves.

Looking at the consultation results (below) it was clear that the priority, and quickest to resolve, were the walkways leading to the school.

So, in October half term we arrived on mass to tackle the walkway works with the Junior Wardens, Neighbourhood Wardens & Open Spaces, cleaning, clearing and tidying. Some parents also stayed to join in.



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| Walking routes maintained more often | Litter reduced | Cyclists on walkway, Dog Fouling | S016 9GF |
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After



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Tanners Brook Cont..

Stage 2 later in the year, will involve a further consultation on potential artwork to go under the subway once it's been repaired (this is under discussion as we speak)

We would also like to include some artwork relating to supporters from the retail units, B&M Store, Aldi's, and Ten Pin Bowling (depending on their support)

Stage 3 We would be producing the actual artwork after the subway flooding issues are resolved (no timeline at present).

We would be working together with local artists, national artists and the Junior Wardens to brighten the subway with murals/spray art.

To be continued....



Thornhill Halloween Night



The Junior Wardens attended the 1st community Halloween event on 31st October at Hinkler Community Centre, aimed at engaging young people through fun and interactive activities to help reduce Anti-Social Behavior as well as increase community cohesion. This was a great success, and we engaged more than 40 young people & their families.



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Fullerton Close Installation



This was the final stage of our Fullerton Close project. This all started with a consultation back in July, which led to a second engagement day in August.

On that day we installed bins, gave out free school uniform supported by the Family Hubs, played games and followed up on an Art project suggested by residents.

The young people completed some designs/ideas for artwork to go onto the windows of the shed area opposite their block. This was to cover graffiti and also brighten the area.

Their designs were taken away and turned into artwork which was installed on Friday 1st November.



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Intergen

Intergen is our Intergenerational group, people getting together for a variety of fun, learning, sharing experiences, games, cooking and much more. Ages range from 9 – 89 hence intergen.

We have Junior Wardens, parents, volunteers and supported housing residents who come together every other Monday evening, term time only.

Our last session was in October half term and Halloween themed. We did pumpkin carving with our resident expert Nick on hand to help us out. A great evening of fun and friendship, helping to bring different age groups together and help tackle loneliness.

Pumpkin Carving



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Overview



Junior Wardens Southampton

Public group · 746 members



Engaged 111 young people this week

4 Projects & 1 Event this week

4 New Junior Wardens this week

1 Intergen Evening this week

Worked with the Police, Fire Brigade & Ambulance Services
Neighbourhood Wardens
Parks & Open Spaces
Church Groups & Agencies
Thank you to everyone involved

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Intergen group



We have previously completed 2 mosaics for Fairfax Court and for the Veterans Centre. We are currently making one for Weston Court.

We are always looking for new projects to help and support our community and fill our year full of interesting activities for the Intergen group to engage with.



Intergen has been running for over 10 years now and feels more like a family than an Intergenerational group.

Over the years we have encouraged Young & Old to come together through activities such as fundraising, games, arts & crafts, cooking from around the world, educational talks and more.

We have 20+ evenings every year.



Intergenerational activities are proven to be beneficial in many ways. They can help build confidence, challenge assumptions and prejudices and help tackle social isolation and loneliness for both young and old.

Intergen Calendar can be found [HERE](#)

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February Half Term



Alison

"My girls had an amazing time, thanks for arranging"



In addition to the activities, we were joined by Film & Media students from Solent University.

I pitched my film idea to them several weeks ago for them to produce a promotional film for me regarding the Junior Wardens Scheme.

My pitch was successful, and they attended all three events, filming activities and talking to some of the young people during the sessions. Watch this space for the official film coming soon

Knowing the weather in February half term, I arranged for some indoor activity days. The 3 days were held in Weston, Northam and Millbrook to cover a large area of the city.

At each event there were a round robin of activities keeping the day interesting, fast paced and fun.

3 great days



Bern

"Thanks for the meaningful activities and amazing arrangement"



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Overview

Over the past 12 months I have

Joined a new team, Tenant Engagement

Engaged with 505 young people in council residential areas

Organised 16 Junior Warden Projects

Supported 6 additional council events

Planned & run 22 Intergen evenings & trips out

**Project managed Play Day for the first time, engaging over 2000
Southampton residents**

**Over 80 posts on Facebook to our 761 followers, in addition to publishing
reports and Images**

**Designed, produced and delivered 5 Half Term Reports internally and
externally**

**Redesigned the Junior Wardens web pages to include a news page and 2
calendars for Intergen events**

**Produced briefings & a pitch to Solent University for a Junior Wardens
promotional film (being produced as we speak)**

**Secured over £15,000 in additional funding from outside supporters and
businesses.**

Recruited 62 New Junior Wardens between 22/4/24 & today

Planning future projects for Easter and planning Play Day 2025

Etc...