



June - November 2022



Summer & Autumn Review

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Welcome to our review of life at the Green Patch.

We had an amazing year in 2022 when a huge amount happened at the patch. We love doing these photographic reviews, otherwise we forget how much has actually happened.

Amongst many other things:

This year was the first with our new green roofed play shelter which we've made great use of. The chalk boards have been extremely popular! We installed an amazing sculpture by local willow weaving artist - the Tree of Hope, installed a new biological greywater filtration system, received an honorary tree from Buckingham Palace, had a falconry session flying hawks and owls in the "people" polytunnel.

We hope you enjoy this review and please do stay in touch via our website and social media.

- The Green Patch Team



Vicky, Donna, & Grey



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Stacey, Cliff, Nigel, Diane,
Polly & Lottie

Green Rangers

The Green Rangers rode again.







Green Influencers

The Green Influencers worked on some great projects with an environmental focus.



Holiday Activities & Food Programme

Summer fun was had by all.





Environmental Education

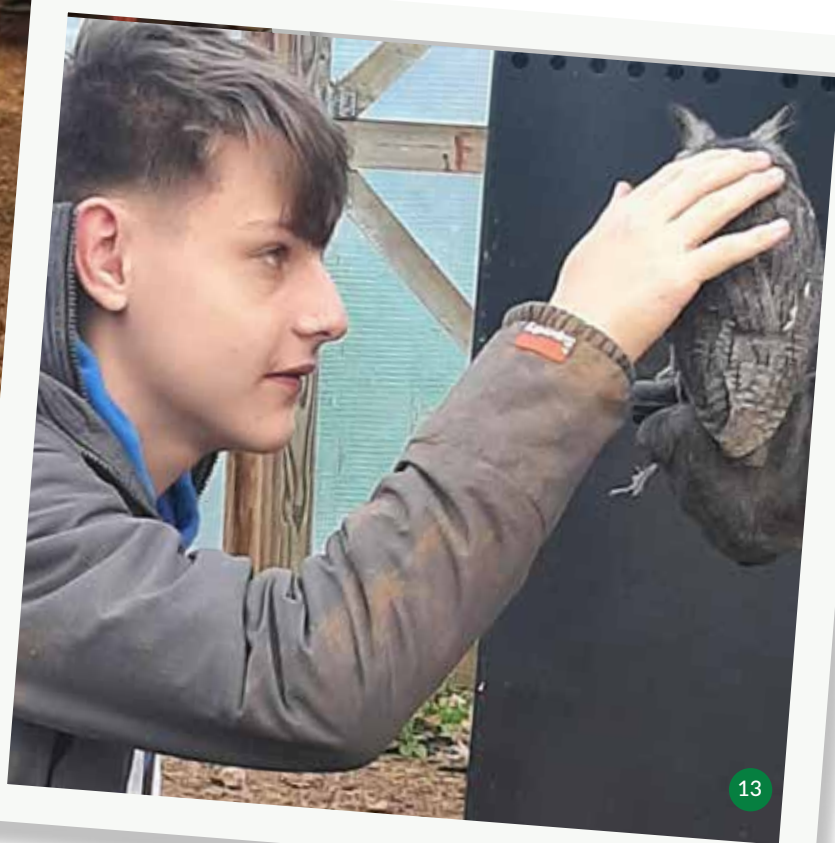
In the Summer we were very happy to start hosting a local home-schooling group who wanted to do weekly environmental education sessions at the Green Patch. Alison our volunteer beekeeper did a session for them on our bee hives.





After School Club Summer Programme

A local Falconry expert visited the after school club and flew birds in the polytunnel!



Growing

With the help of volunteers this year we have been growing culinary herbs for sale. We've started up a partnership with the EcoVillage in Market Harborough where we sell plants and products.



Volunteers: Francis's flowers

Francis came and grew beautiful flowers for our community garden. We stick bouquets in our vegboxes.



Volunteers: NAHL

National Accident Helpline came and visited us a few times in 2022. On one occasion they help us move our rabbit house to greener pastures.



Volunteers: NAHL & the food forest

National Accident Helpline also helped us plant our new food forest!



New works: Greywater

Grey and Nathan designed a greywater system that uses biofiltration to drain and clean all water coming off the polytunnels and play-shelter. This was our last Kickstart project of epic proportions!



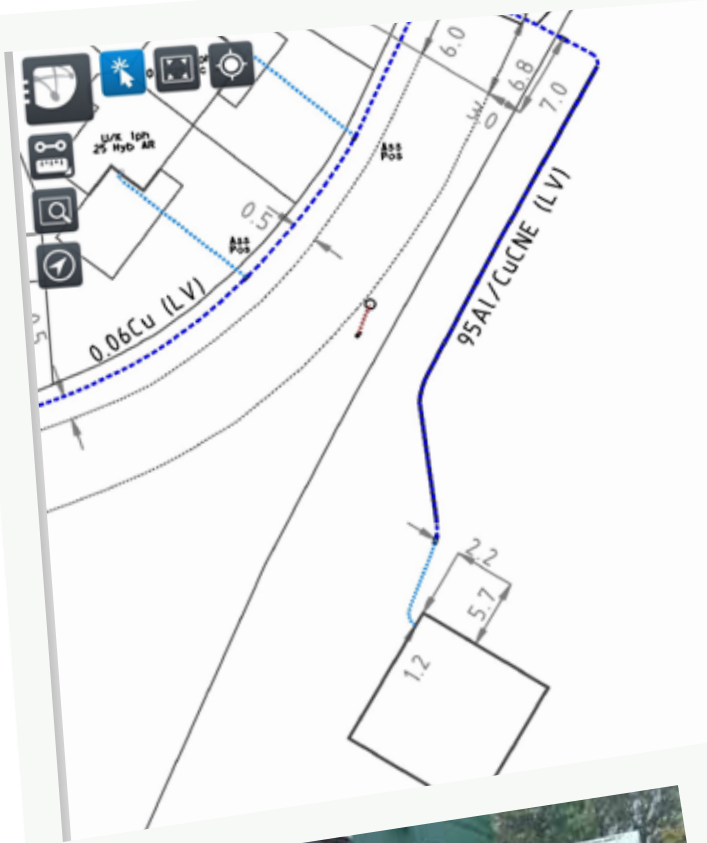
New works: Kiosk

As part of our Enterprise Development funding we have been able to construct a products kiosk for selling green Patch vegboxes, plants and other woodwork products.



New works: Electricity upgrade

We got a 3-phase connection put in to support our soon to arrive new community carpentry workshop.



New works: Bye bye

Removed our out of date portacabin to allow foundation works for new community carpentry workshop!



Special events: Jubilee tree

We were delighted to receive a call from the office of the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire offering us a tree from the “Tree of trees” sculpture that was built outside Buckingham Palace for the Late Queen’s final jubilee. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant Morcea came to present the tree to Green Patch volunteers in an official ceremony.



Special events: Tree of Hope

Working with the Northamptonshire Community Foundation we installed an interactive Tree of Hope made by local willow artist Deborah Jones. Children decorated leaves in workshop leading up to the unveiling.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Groundwork Northamptonshire's Operations Director Kimberley Lawson, Fern Gibson from NCF and Groundwork Northamptonshire CEO Kate Williams.

Awards

We were very happy to once again be awarded the Green Flag Community Award...and receive a new flag to fly by our front gate.



Kate (Groundwork Northants CEO) and Grey attended the Weetabix Food and Drink Awards where we were also awarded Local Food Hero of the Year!



