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WILDLIFE POND

We have had an ongoing problem with our wildlife pond, which has sadly lost water throughout the winter. Michael and Peter took it upon themselves to find the cause of the leak and by emptying what little water there was left with a bucket and found several holes in the pond liner. Tadpoles, newts & a frog were all housed successfully in wheely bins for 2 days!

It is now repaired, refilled, and looking fantastic thanks to all their hard work, dedication & perseverance!

NEW SITE



Lots of work has been done on developing the new site. It is a big area which when we took over it was nothing but grass, weeds and rubble, which all seemed a little bit overwhelming. By breaking it down into small sections, it is now starting to take shape. Flower beds and pathways are emerging, we have a digger booked to level out the ground for a large seating area.

Lynn & Angela have done us proud taking cuttings from their own gardens & nurturing them down at The Gateway.

After a warm March followed by a cold April it has made for tricky growing conditions. We lost a few plants to the frost and have felt a little bit behind due to Covid restrictions, however everyone down at The Gateway have worked incredibly hard. We are beginning to make good progress and the whole site is looking great – Well done and Thank you everyone!

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SES WATER

We applied to SES water for their Community Fund & we were accepted. Their funding will go towards everything water related on the allotment which allows us to buy new water butts & watering cans for the new site. We will be able to set up a recycled rainwater irrigation system in the poly tunnel. We have also purchased a solar pump for the wildlife pond, that is helping keep the pond clear of pond weed, which helps the wildlife that lives in our pond.



FAMILY DAY

We had 2 very successful family days during the Easter holidays which were so well attended. The children and young people, all enjoyed all the activities that were put on and of course the favourite part being the Easter egg hunt.

We are planning our next family session which will be on 1st June 11-2pm

Contact gemma.seldon@surreycaretrust.org.uk or nicola.froggatt@surreycaretrust.org.uk to book a place.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to **RHS Wisley** for your tickets to your upcoming Get up and Grow event and for your ongoing support.

A very big Thank you to **Paul Downes** for the donation of the ride on lawnmower – it has already made an enormous difference for us.

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Thank you to **Connick Tree Care** for the biggest pile of woodchip and endless wooden pallets.

I think everyone who attends The Gateway will join me in saying a huge thank you to '**cake Peter**' for his never-ending supply of wonderful homemade cakes!!



A massive Thank you to **Dominic Hyett & Safe Place Lockers** for the wonderful donation of our lockers which are located in the polytunnel.