

# Salter's Hill

## Hillsider

For all those interested in the work of Salter's Hill, a registered charity established in 1984 to provide homes and support for adults with learning disabilities.

### Friends Trailer Appeal



The charity is fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed group of Friends. Anyone who meets them whilst they are running the stall at the Gorsley Flower Festival cannot fail to be impressed. The event in August was yet another good four days with many fine bargains to be obtained and a pleasing sum raised.

At the same time as doing all this they put out an appeal to raise some £2,000 to buy a trailer for the Land and Livestock work. This total was achieved in record time so that a new Ifor Williams trailer has been purchased, at a generous discount, from Ross Farm

Machinery and is already in use to transport animals between the various sites as well as taking them to the numerous shows. Our thanks to all those who contributed to the fund. The Chair of the Friends, Mary Ann Rust, is seen presenting the trailer to the charity.

### Gannett Foundation Support

Building upon the excellent work of the Friends, a number of grant applications were made to provide more funding for Land and Livestock and Hortec, including a reliable 4x4 vehicle. This would give the additional benefit of allowing easy access to all of our sites in any inclement weather.

We were totally overcome by the response from the Gannett Foundation who were so impressed with the theme of the project that they provided the total project cost of twenty thousand pounds! The Gannett Foundation is the charitable organisation of Newsquest UK and supports non-profit activities in the community. Newsquest publishes over two hundred newspapers and magazines, including the Ledbury Reporter.



Phase one has been the purchase of the vehicle, pictured above right, to go with the trailer. Staff who will use the 4x4 for towing will complete a short trailer towing course. In the coming weeks the remainder will be used to further advance the facilities for Land and Livestock and Hortec.

The editor of The Ledbury Reporter, Jim Murphy, said that it was one of the biggest grants given because it was seen to be such a laudable project. The paper ran a magnificent front page spread when the cheque was presented to the charity. We are enormously grateful to the Gannett Foundation.

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## Investors in People

We are delighted to say that we have met, and in some cases exceeded, the standard in our Investors in People award this year. The assessor reminded us that in the three years since the last award the services provided for adults with learning disabilities has more than doubled and the number of staff has risen from forty four to seventy. Growth has been the result of a number of individuals moving from our supported independence within a residential setting into their own homes within the community to be supported by Salter's Hill Home Care and Support Service.



## Director News

The Directors are delighted to welcome Tina Pamplin to the Board. She will take over the responsibility for the coordination of fundraising for the Charity. With the increasing demand for our quality services we will always need to enhance the facilities available and opportunities offered to all of our people. Tina has already begun to immerse herself in our plans for the future development of the charity.

## Creative Learning

The work of our Creative Learning Facility continues to grow. Not only is there a greater range and number of courses but also clients coming from a wider area. This has been part of the increase in numbers noted by the Investors in People assessor. It does mean that we are now using the ground floor of the Barn to its capacity. To meet the increasing demand we need to find funding for the first floor development. If you feel you can help financially please contact Tina, Gill or Rob. They would be thrilled to hear from you.

As a result of the continued fundraising by the Friends they were once again able to significantly support Creative Learning activities. This included adding to the week long summer programme as well as the purchase of additional equipment.

## Community

Another very successful day of golf at Broadway Golf Course raised funds for the charity this year. Our thanks to those who took part, to David Rust and John Clark for their organisation and to the Club members for their support and tolerance. Our thanks go also to Robinswood Hill Golf Club who once again selected Salter's Hill as their charity for President's Day.

The craft group participated in a project with Eek Batik at John Masefield High School to produce designs on banners that were used for the Ledbury Poetry Festival.



Our thanks go to the Christchurch Hall Trust in Gorsley who made a grant for the purchase of a new lawn mower, to the Bradshaws for providing concessionary tickets for the Hortec Group to visit the Malvern Spring Garden Show and to the many other individuals who bake cakes, hold coffee mornings, run car boot sales and even turn their hand to decorating in order to meet extra needs as they arise.

## Brochure

We have included a copy of our new brochure with this mailing. The photo montage gives a brief sample of the range of activities we offer as well as a snapshot of some of our wonderful people.

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