

Newsletter

The Garden
@ ART SPACE

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Blooming Brilliant!



Visitors enjoying the summer garden party

WOW! What a first year. From a piece of unused tarmac to a wonderful flourishing garden. Make that an award winning, wonderful flourishing garden!

The idea of a garden started in the spring of 2008 when Art Space artists, Jane Kilford and Adrian Mundy, were cleaning the area for the annual Open Studios and came up with the same thought to brighten up the space. After a slow start the garden really got going in December 2008 with an award from the local community fund, PATCH. The space was cleared with the help of our neighbours and some planters were built and planted up, followed by a get together to celebrate the start of the garden.

After getting more funding from Colas, more planters were made and other pots planted up in the

late winter and spring. These have all grown and bloomed during the summer, creating the display which led to us winning 3 prizes in Portsmouth and South & South East in Bloom.

It's not all been hard work, we've also had some nice, relaxing times in the garden. The space was used for serving tea and cakes during Open Studios, where we also had a stall selling plants to raise funds. We also held a Summer Garden Party to mark the end of six educational workshops held for the local residents.

All in all it has been an amazing year and we hope to build on what we have already achieved in the coming years. If you would like to become involved or

just to be kept up to date with what is going on then please contact us.



Aims of the Garden

- To transform an under used space into a green haven where plants can grow and art things happen.
- To create a space that Art Space artists, the local community and nature can share and enjoy.
- To encourage growth and renewal.

Funding & Support

We have been given the following funds and donations from:

- £500 from PATCH
- £300 from Colas
- £1200 from Small Sparks for *Food for Thought* educational workshops
- Free skip from Lift & Shift
- Plant donations from Claire Chambers Garden Maintenance
- Building material donations from Earth Architecture
- Plus pots, plants and soil from people, too numerous to list individually.

Awards

In our first year we have been presented with the following awards:

Portsmouth in Bloom

- 2nd for "Environmental Projects"
 - 3rd for "Mews or Courtyard garden"
- #### RHS / South & South East in Bloom
- Neighbourhood Award Certificate of Merit

Support Needed

If you could donate any of the following we would be very grateful.

- Plants & trees
- Soil/bags of compost
- Large pots, troughs & containers
- Tools • Seating
- Money!!!