

Project: Millpond Community Room

Framework Pillar: OurCommunity

Date Range: 15th - 18th May 2023

Social Value Achieved: £2,202.03



Scope

Within our GROWW Framework, Go Green made a commitment to support every county in the UK with social value by the end of 2025, to ensure that the local community support we deliver is as far reaching as the service offerings we provide. To support in achieving this commitment, Go Green have implemented a team of Social Engagement Co-ordinators to ensure we have the resource to offer social value support in partnership with our customers throughout our contracts.

The Project

In July 2022, Go Green and VIVID Housing's social value teams began planning initiatives to work on together to deliver against our commitment, and in November, VIVID identified an opportunity to carry out a green space transformation project, for Chichester Community Development Trust, to a community area in Gosport, Portsmouth. The 20m(2) outdoor area at Millpond



Community Room, was previously an unused concrete space that the Trust had requested to be replaced with a more permeable surface homing planters to encourage more wildlife in the area. After five months of planning the initiative, Go Green's two Social Engagement Coordinators made the journey down to Gosport, and between 15th – 18th May they carried out the project with the support of one of our fantastic suppliers, TJ Waste & Recycling Ltd.

What Go Green Did

The project started by removing the worn concrete slabs to make way for a more porous and inviting surface. By replacing it with a gravel surface, the maintenance is kept minimal whilst promoting good

drainage to suit all weather. Our team were joined by TJ Waste & Recycling Ltd who volunteered to help with the installation of the gravel.

To further enhance the benefits of the project and minimise the waste generated, the concrete slabs that were removed were collected during the week, ready to re-home at various community projects. There were 260 slabs in total, 150 were donated to Willow Community Garden, Gosport, where they plan to repurpose them and give them a second life and the remaining slabs went to the Gosport Mens Shed for a community project they were involved in.

To promote biodiversity within the area, we introduced a variety of plants including lavender, to attract pollinators and wildlife into the area. The final stage was to add furniture for the users in the community to enjoy. Our team were once again joined by TJ Waste & Recycling Ltd with the assembling of the furniture.

We'd like to thank VIVID Housing for financially contributing £1,000 towards the project, TJ Waste & Recycling Ltd for helping our team down on the ground, and our Social Engagement Coordinators for putting in 4 days of labour to create a great community space.



"I went to Millpond on Friday and had a look, its looks amazing, so much better. Thank you to you and the Team for all your hard work."

Marianne Piggin

Place Shaping Officer, VIVID Housing

"Through our collaboration with VIVID, and the support from our supply chain, we're proud to have successfully transformed this community space into an area more vibrant and user-friendly. We're looking forward to seeing the lasting effect this project will have on the surrounding community and local groups that wish to use it."

Alex Curran

Social Engagement Coordinator, Go Green