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District Clean-up Competition



LONGWOOD & ALARM FOREST 'DISTRICT CLEAN-UP COMPETITION' WINNERS



Longwood & Alarm forest Awarded Title 'Tidiest District', Saturday 19 November 2016

Enterprise St Helena (ESH), in association with the district Community Centres, launched a District Clean-up Competition on Friday 6 May 2016, to encourage communities to clean up and beautify their districts. The competition ran until Monday 31 October 2016. [Photos are shown overleaf.](#)

On Saturday 19 November 2016, a prize of £3,000 and the title 'St Helena's Tidiest District' was presented to the winning district - Longwood & Alarm forest. There was also a second prize of £2,000 presented to St Paul's, and a third prize of £1,000 shared jointly by the remaining districts.

Marketing & Communications Manager for ESH, Chanelle Marais, said:

"Each and every district can be enormously proud of what they have achieved, not only in terms of the clean-up and beautifying projects, but also in terms of the strong community spirit that was shown by all. All of this was done by volunteers who committed their time and energy for the good of their community."

"Projects within the districts varied considerably but what they had in common was creativity, teamwork and making a little funding go a very long way."

"Today, we have announced one winning district, but the final result is that we have seven winning districts, and one victorious Island."

The entire Longwood & Alarm forest clean-up crew are rightly proud of their achievement and are delighted that their efforts have been recognised in winning. They took on a task on behalf of their community and achieved all that was asked of them and more.

Loretta Coleman, from the Longwood & Alarm Forest district, said:

"The community has worked together to bring about huge improvements throughout the district, and everyone should be very proud. There are too many names to mention, but all who played a part should know just how important their contribution has been."

"It has been a pleasure to see everyday, more children and teenagers using the colourful playground and sports area."

The district teams would like to say a very big thank you to each and everyone who supported them, sponsored, donated and cheered them along over the past couple of months.

Governor Lisa Phillips concluded:

*"The 'District Clean-Up' competition epitomised for me what is at the heart of St Helena - community spirit, competition between districts, pride in surroundings, fish-frys into the night, participation by young and old, and adaptation of what already exists - especially tyres! It was a well fought battle." **A total of 428 individuals contributed in various districts and each was recognised with a certificate.***

WELL DONE TO ALL DISTRICTS!

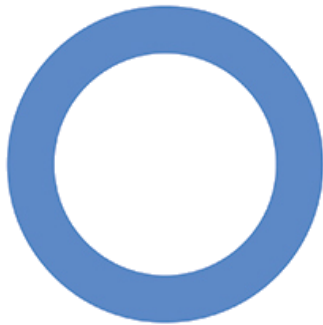
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World Diabetes Day is celebrated annually on 14 November. Led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the Day was created in 1991, by IDF and the World Health Organisation - in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes.



The theme of World Diabetes Day 2016 was 'Eyes on Diabetes'. Activities and materials focused on promoting the importance of screening to ensure early diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes and treatment to reduce the risk of serious complications.



world diabetes day

14 November

Corporate Services, along with other SHG Directorates and various businesses on the Island, showed their support by wearing denim on Friday 14 October 2016 and by giving a small donation to the charity.

£54 was raised by SHG Corporate Support and donated to the St Helena Diabetic Association.

Schoolchildren Visit Landscape Mitigation Scheme

On Wednesday 19 October 2016, pupils from Harford Primary School joined staff from the Landscape & Ecology Mitigation Programme (LEMP), to learn more about the project and about conservation. The children planted endemic species, contributing to the restoration of land impacted by Airport construction.

Primary School Teacher, April Stevens, said:

"All the children were excited to join the LEMP team in planting our Island's endemic plants. They wanted to know what LEMP meant, and were fascinated when told that LEMP is an organisation that looks after the land and plants affected by the Airport."

The group learned about contributing to their environment as part of their Enrichment Programme, and were keen to find out what LEMP is and does.

Pupils visited sites alongside the new Access Road near Millennium Forest to dig holes, plant and mulch their own endemic Ebonies, Hair Grass and Gumwoods - and to learn more about the important work that LEMP is doing.

The children enjoyed getting their hands dirty and did not shy away from the hard work. One remarked that he wanted to work for LEMP when he is older.



The annual Christmas Bazaar on St Helena was held at New Horizons in the Leisure Park, Jamestown, on Saturday morning, 3 December 2016.

As usual, the event was very well attended with a variety of toys, clothes, shoes and household items on sale, starting at the price of just 50p. Goods of higher value were also auctioned on the day.

Directors of New Horizons, Nick & Tina Stevens, said:

"We felt the day was once again a great success. People always look forward to finding bargains at our Bazaar and this year everything was 50p or less - as oppose to previous years when items were £1 or over.

"We are so thankful to all who donated to this fundraiser as without their generosity we wouldn't have had such a great day, such a variety of goods - and wouldn't have made £607.67.

"We are very grateful to everyone who turned up and spent their money to support New Horizons. Thank you all."



A Christmas Market was also held at Plantation House on the same afternoon, 3 December 2016.

At the market, there were various stalls selling pot plants, cakes and bakes, jewellery, hand crafts, woodwork, clothing and much more. Donkey rides were also made available for the children (pictured).

Governor Lisa Phillips said:

"When I arrived here, people talked about summer markets which had previously been held at Plantation House. They remembered it was a great day for everyone, especially the children. I thought it would be nice to re-create that time. I also wanted to give the private sector an additional opportunity to sell their products and also for charities and community centres to raise money.

"I made some items to sell myself and am proud that the Plantation House stall raised £150 for 'Making Ends Meet'. The day was great fun and was made possible by the fantastic efforts of Debbie Stroud and other Plantation House staff. A huge thank you to them all."

