



**Shuttlewood
Clarke
Foundation**



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Latest News

Grow with Us – Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation's thriving community allotment project marks a ten-year milestone!

SHUTTLEWOOD CLARKE FOUNDATION



Community Allotment Gardening Project

Supported by Woodhouse Eaves Horticultural and Craft Show 2011

Interested in becoming involved? Please ring **01530 244914**

We are delighted to share details of the ongoing success of the Grow with Us Project. In 2012 the Foundation reinstated an old, enclosed vegetable garden at Ulverscroft Grange to link disadvantaged young people with members of the wider community who have an interest in allotment style gardening and a desire to pass on their skills. The transformation of the space in 2012 has enabled various groups to assist in the Foundation's grounds during college term time and facilitated other similar interested groups, to become actively involved in an inspiring project. This has been made possible by establishing relationships with voluntary organisations; gardening clubs, Rotary groups, and the local community through a shared desire to help and empower others; benefitting both the young people and the volunteering groups involved.

Ten years on the project has matured a great deal; vegetables and flowers have blossomed, and skills and confidence have flourished. This wonderful venture has already achieved many of its objectives by increasing knowledge and skills for all involved, increasing wellbeing through social interactions and through the creation of a positive, enjoyable learning environment for the community to enjoy.





We would like to express our thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers and allotment groups who have nurtured this project into an established and sustainable scheme, which will bear its fruit for many years to come. If you are visiting the Grange, please look at the wonderful plots and stop by to speak with the volunteers. They would love to tell you a little more!



We would be thrilled to see this project continue to grow and expand in the future. If you are interested in becoming involved in our community allotment gardening project, we are always grateful to receive support in maintaining the allotment area and assistance securing funding for tools, seeds etc. If you feel that you may be able to assist, please call 01530 244914 or email hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org. Thank you for your continued support.





On Thursday 30th June, the Foundation was delighted to welcome 11 Barclays Bank volunteers to assist with grounds maintenance work in the woodland at Ulverscroft Manor. It was a great team effort; and after a strenuous few hours outdoors, the team were able to kick back and relax as they enjoyed an hour of mindfulness in the comfort of Ulverscroft Manor. We would like to thank them for their support and hard work to assist in making the grounds welcoming and accessible for our visitors to enjoy.



The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is extremely proud of the working relationships we have with local businesses. Social corporate responsibility is one of the latest key phrases to hit the charity sector, however, the Foundation has been benefitting from the good nature of local businesses long before it was the 'in thing' to do. We are tremendously proud of our working relationships and even more grateful to the people who put their hearts and souls, business reputation and capital into supporting the Foundation. If you would like more details on how you can assist with donating time or expertise to the Foundation, then please contact us on 01530 244914 or email hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org.

There are many ways to support the Foundation. Whether that is through shopping online with Amazon Smile, signing up to Gift Aid, or joining our monthly fundraising lottery, your support makes a real difference!

- **Sign up to Gift Aid**

Donating through Gift Aid means the Foundation can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. Charities can claim Gift Aid on most donations, but some payments do not qualify. You need to make a Gift Aid declaration for us to claim. You can do this by filling in our Gift Aid Form which is available in the charity shops and to download online. Once registered you will be issued a donor ID number. Please remember to include this number when you donate items for resale in our charity shops!

- **Use Amazon Smile**

AmazonSmile is a simple and easy way for us to receive a quarterly donation from Amazon on all eligible purchases, and it doesn't cost us anything! You can support the Foundation by clicking on www.smile.amazon.co.uk and choosing Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation as a beneficiary, you can then continue to shop Amazon as you would normally.

We would be delighted if our supporters would consider shopping through Amazon Smile. Please remember to shop through the smile website link every time, as this is how the donations are generated. You can bookmark the page to make it easier to remember!

- **Join our in-house lottery**

Supporting the Foundation by joining our lottery and making a monthly donation couldn't be easier! For just £1.00 per month, you will be allocated a unique lottery number. This number will remain yours for as long as you keep playing.

Three prizes will be won every month – the monthly prize pot will be made up of 50 % of the monthly proceeds. This is broken down as follows: -

1 x Jackpot Winner – 50 % of prize pot

2 x Bonus Winner – 25% of prize pot

If you would like to join the SCF Lottery and be issued with your unique lottery number, please fill in the lottery form which can be downloaded from our website, or pick up a lottery subscription form from Ulverscroft Grange, Manor or Activity Centre.



**Ulverscroft
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Model Railway – New Summer Opening

Our model railway situated at Ulverscroft Grange is opening on **Friday** and **Saturday** during the summer period from **10.00am – 3.00pm** (subject to volunteer availability). This amazing model railway was the brainchild of our founder the late David Clarke. Construction of the railway was started in 1977, having been initially situated in a factory drawing office in Mountsorrel. It was designed from the outset to be a technical exercise in the operation of points and signals based upon the Great Western Railway of the 1930's. Both colour light and semaphore signals are represented as realistically as possible, including signals and points operated by mechanical interlocked levers and track circuiting in a near prototypical manner. It first operated successfully from about 1983. Our railway volunteers look forward to welcoming you very soon.



**Friday and Saturday
10.00am – 3.00pm**



Guided Walks

Are you interested in learning more about the Foundation and the flora and fauna thriving in the Charnwood Forest? Our knowledgeable and enthusiastic walk leader would be delighted to tell you more!! Meeting in the courtyard at **11.00am** at Ulverscroft Grange, we would be thrilled to welcome you!

Saturday

23rd July

20th August

17th September

15th October

No booking is required, for more information please call us on 01530 244914. Thank you for your continued support.

Learn more about the history of the Foundation



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Newsletter

Sign up to receive a copy of our what's on guide and quarterly newsletter by scanning the QR code on your smartphone or mobile device.



Discovery Den

The Yew Trail outdoor classroom is an inspirational environment where children of all ages and abilities can explore, enjoy, and experience the natural world through practical involvement! Our Discovery Den at Ulverscroft Activity Centre hosts Nature, Yew trail sheets, maps, information and more!

Open Monday – Saturday – 10.00am – 4.00pm. Find out more by visiting Ulverscroft Activity, Ulverscroft Manor, Priory Lane, Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, LE67 9PH.



Yew Trail Outdoor Classroom

As the current school term ends, we reflect on another successful year of outdoor learning here at the Foundation.

We have been fortunate to welcome 8 primary schools since January, with 370 children taking part in several educational outdoor learning activities, including pond dipping, shelter building, minibeast hunting and more! We receive some delightful feedback from the visiting schools and are always so thrilled that the children (and teachers!) thoroughly enjoy their day spent with us!

'We had a lovely day at the Yew Trail (as always)! It was very well organised, and the children loved it. Thank you for all the hard work that went into preparing such a memorable day for our children'

Our team of yew trail volunteers work exceptionally hard throughout the year. We would like to thank you for your continued support and dedication!

For more information regarding our school visits, please call the Manor Coordinator on 01530 245860 or email jenni@shuttlewood-clarke.org



Why are Charity Shops so important?

By Alice Wright

Charity Shops are becoming increasingly visible on our high streets and are estimated to save the local councils in the UK at least £31 million a year in waste reduction costs.

‘Fast-Fashion’ is on the rise and is thought to be harmful and destructive to our environment, due to the impact it has through carbon emissions.

Reducing reliance on cheap throwaway goods and shopping for pre-loved or upcycled items, provides the perfect opportunity to shop sustainably and save money at the same time.

Helen Baxter, of the Foundation said: “charity shops provide an alternative and ethical way to shop.

“As the cost-of-living crisis deepens, they are becoming even more important places, providing good quality items at a fraction of the price.”

As the Covid-19 pandemic has taught us, shopping locally and supporting those in our local neighbourhood, is so important.

Helen added: “shopping in this way provides a dual benefit, the consumer is able to purchase goods at a reasonable price and the charity is able to raise additional funds, to continue providing much needed services and support in the local community.”

We are always grateful to receive donations of clean, quality items for resale in our charity shops! So, whether you are shopping or donating, your continued support is appreciated!