

DIG IN! And plant a little happiness!



Hands up, who's got the muddiest fingers!? From left to right: Archie, Alex, Nicola, Laura, Chloe and Savannah

The Carrot was designed by 10 year old Savannah!

A group of Year 5 pupils from Leigh Central Primary School are certainly earning their green credentials this summer!

The youngsters recently learnt some essential horticultural skills when they were invited to plant vegetables and other edibles into a brand new sculpture-cum-planter.

Commissioned by Leigh Neighbours, the bespoke planter features specially designed steel panels which showcase artwork created by the pupils.

Chair of Leigh Neighbours, Susan Gredecki, says: "The planter fulfils a dual purpose in promoting two fantastic initiatives, *Incredible Edible* and *The Daily Mile*. It provides a shared green space for growing edible produce which, when ready, members of the community are invited to harvest and enjoy. And it acts as a unique way-marker for the children's daily walk. The planter has already made quite an impact and I think local residents will really come to value it!"

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AND THE WINNER IS...

In the last issue of our newsletter we offered a prize of £50 in Cineworld cinema vouchers to the person who correctly identified where our cheeky carrot lived. Cheryl Armstrong of Pennington answered correctly: our friendly root vegetable can indeed be found in the new planter on the corner of Glebe St and Windermere Rd. Congratulations! We hope you and the family enjoy your trip to the cinema!

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Artist, Mark Mennel says: "We had some great design sessions in school, working with Local History staff, thinking about how the area has changed over many years, and how important walking and healthy eating are for all of us. The children's designs on the planter came about through their drawings of local buildings and experimental plant sculptures."

Project Co-ordinator, Martyn Lucas adds: "This project continues *Our Art Neighbourhood* from 2014, which temporarily transformed the area with bright billboards and 'yarn bombing'. This time we wanted something beautiful and more permanent, but again with participation from local people.

"Our planter is a way-marker for the children's daily walk and will offer free-to-pick herbs and small fruit. We hope this is the first of a series of public artworks created with local schools. The children at Leigh Central came up with some great drawings and ideas, including several for a Unicorn theme park. Who knows what may appear next?!"

We need your help!

Are there any residents in the immediate area around Glebe Street/Windermere Road who could support us in maintaining the planter by helping to care for the plants, water them on a daily basis, and keep an eye on them? Please?!

Or perhaps you want to find out more about *Incredible Edible* and how you might get involved? Maybe you'd like to suggest other areas which would benefit from a planter?

If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at info@lnpb.org.uk for more details.



★ You're a Star! ★

It's with a heavy heart we report that our fabulous PCSO, Gabrielle Fitsimons, recently retired from full time employment with GMP. Susan and John presented her with a token of the Board's appreciation, expressing their gratitude for the support and professionalism that Gabrielle has given to us and to the wider community of Leigh West. Gabrielle tells us she is looking forward to spending more time devoted to two of her great passions: visiting the Lake District and amateur dramatics! Good luck, Gabrielle, and thank you from all at Leigh Neighbours!



Leigh Neighbours PROJECT

in pictures May/June



Families that grow together... grow together! Pictured at our Spring hanging basket workshop are Cyril, Samantha, 18-month-old Sheldon and dad Paul. Sam says they've already enjoyed some strawberries from the plants!

Vice chair of Leigh Neighbours, Jan Eckersley, is pictured taking a quick break whilst weeding the *Incredible Edible* allotment on the Railway Road car park that she and her partner, Bill, have invested months creating from scratch!



In a few weeks, you'll be able to watch a film of Jan talking about her allotment and what it means to her. Look out for the links from our Facebook page and our website!



The Halliwell family - Grace (4), Samuel (3), Rosalee (4) and mum Lisa - are pictured having fun making wooden rafts at our May family craft workshop.

Members of the B'You group take part in some Rainbow Flag planting at As in Eden on Walmesley Road in a bid to celebrate and promote diversity.



Community volunteer Alexia Downs is pictured at the June craft workshop where she is showing friends how to make a Father's Day gift bag. She and her mum, Michelle, host regular family craft workshops at Kingsleigh Methodist community centre on our behalf. All materials are provided free of charge! Visit our website at www.lnpb.org.uk or our Facebook page for details.



Crafts & Crumbs

FREE

**Family craft workshop
& children's tea party**

10am - 1pm

**Saturday 7th July
Kingsleigh Methodist
Community Centre**



Pupils of Sacred Heart Primary School were literally jumping for joy at their recent BIG LUNCH event!

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Summer Makers Market
Atherton Parish Church
Market Street, Atherton, M46 0DD
Saturday 30th June 2018 10.30am-3.30pm