

Yeovil College Students Help A Love Of Gardening To Bloom In Martock

Yeovil College Brick Work learners have designed and built some raised flower beds for residents at Swallowfields Court in Martock.

Using the industry standard workshops at the college, learners built the wooden planters and then delivered and installed them at the sheltered housing scheme. The raised beds continue the aim of Swallowfields to have the grounds fully accessible to all by building them to be accessible to gardeners standing or using a wheelchair.

Rob Woodger, Curriculum Area Manager for Construction at Yeovil College, said, "This was a great project for the learners to be involved with and a lovely chance to give something back to the community. Our learners gained new skills and developed their combination skills throughout the project."

Tracey Smith, Community Services Co-ordinator at Martock Parish Council said, "The Our Place Martock project was approached by the manager for Swallowfield Court sheltered housing scheme as the residents were keen to do some gardening, however they required raised planting beds to enable all to participate.

"We approached Yeovil College who kindly said they would take the project on. The students designed a raised bed that was able to be used by all, standing or in a wheelchair, they sourced the materials and put it together.

This project will enhance the lives of all those living at Swallowfields, and has been a shining example of intergeneration work. It was wonderful to see some local young people involved with the project, they all worked so hard and should be really proud of their achievement. Thank you to all those involved in making this happen."

The Yeovil College learners involved were: Frank Guildford; Tom Read; Callum Montgomery; Sam Whitehall; Leon Zatac; Ajay Nott; Jamie Taylor; Gareth Evens; Ashley Spencer.

If you are interested in any course in Construction please contact the College or if you have an idea for a future Community Project please contact us on 01935 845952.

