

Grow it, Eat it, Move it, Live it!

Quadron's Horticultural Development Manager, Nicola Clarke, joined forces with Ladywood's GEML (Grow It, Eat It, Move It, Live It) Project in March 2011 to deliver a training course on growing vegetables for the local residents of Ventnor Avenue on the site of a former garage.

The GEML project is funded by the Heart of Birmingham PCT and focuses on growing and preparing food, promoting healthy living and reclaiming public spaces.

Nicola supplied vegetable seedlings such as lettuce, peas and onions and local residents planted these into builders' bags filled with topsoil which act like giant grow bags.

The course was enjoyed by all and the Ventnor Avenue residents are looking forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour in the coming months.



Ventnor Avenue residents prepare the soil and plant out their new vegetable seedlings



Landmark Tree Planting at Chinn Brook Recreation Ground

Quadron Services Ltd and Birmingham City Council's Constituency Parks Manager for Selly Oak, Simon Cooper, were thrilled to be able to celebrate with Birmingham Trees for Life as the 10,000th tree was planted since the organisation was formed in July 2006.

The half standard tree was planted by Birmingham's Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at Chinn Brook Recreation Ground on 17th March 2011 and local school children and members of the community also joined in, planting oak, alder and mixed young whips under the supervision of Jane Edwards and Geoff Cole from Birmingham Trees for Life.



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress plant the 10,000th tree

Quadron sponsor the Annual BOSF Conference

This year's conference will be attended by Operations Director Martyn Bradley as well as all Quadron's local Management Team, including Nicola Clarke, Horticultural Development Manager.

Following the success of last year's conference, Quadron has been actively involved in engaging with Birmingham City Council and other stakeholder groups to enhance community involvement and a sense of ownership in Birmingham's Parks and Open Spaces. This has been most rewarding and has enabled us to foster mutually good relationships with dedicated and passionate members of many Friends Groups.

During the conference our management team will be on hand to assist with any enquiries you may have about your green space within our geographical areas.

In addition, please visit our web site to catch up on a number of interesting case studies delivered in partnership with the local communities that we serve.

We hope you enjoy the conference!

Heritage hedge replanting

Quadron's Horticultural Development Manager, Nicola Clarke, was contacted by representatives of the Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery in late Summer last year for advice on an ailing beech hedge surrounding the Civilian Garden of Remembrance.

Investigation found that the soil was of a heavy clay that was unsuitable for beech, so, in March this year, a team of Quadron's Biodiversity Champions assisted in removing the beech trees and preparing the ground for a new hedge of hawthorn to be planted by local school children and members of the community.

Hawthorn is not only tolerant of heavy clay soil, but also great for supporting biodiversity and encouraging wildlife and the removed beech trees were donated to Ward End Park where it is hoped they will now mature and thrive.



Local children help to plant the new hawthorn hedge

Ian Fulwell Employee of the Month

Ian has worked in grounds maintenance for 26 and was nominated for his cheerful disposition, professional manner and the hard work and dedication with which he carries out his job.

Ian said "I am really pleased to receive this award and grateful to Quadron for recognising my efforts. I recently enjoyed the Lantra and I always enjoy a fresh challenge and now look forward to the next one."



Ian presented his award by Phil Garrett

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