



The future's bright

Back in March 2007, 18 Quadron members of staff signed up to take part in an NVQ Level 2 Amenity Horticulture through the British Trust Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) in partnership with Merton College.



▲ Learning their trade.

Along the way some members of staff felt it was not for them and others left the organisation. So what happened in the end. Neil Lassus, Quadron's Senior Contract Manager for the Southwark contract said: "I am pleased to announce that 13 Quadron members of staff have passed their NVQ Level 2 Amenity Horticulture. An award ceremony was held in December at the Francis Peek Building at Dulwich Park."

Candidates received their certificates from Jon Sheaff, Head of Parks for Southwark Council along with representatives from BTCV and Merton College.

"This is a great achievement for all staff concerned and I congratulate you all on your hard work, dedication and commitment. This goes a long way in improving the skills gap in Southwark Environment. The programme will continue to be rolled out to staff who are interested in further education," said Jon Sheaff.

"It is very rewarding to see so many of Quadron's Southwark team taking up the opportunities offered. I hope that this will continue and that the area as a whole will benefit from what are, we hope, the horticultural supervisors and managers of the future," said Quadron's Director of Environment Clive Ivil.

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Southwark strikes Silver-Gilt

Southwark retains its Silver-Gilt status in the recent London In Bloom awards.

The client was very pleased to retain this status and apparently they were very close to receiving gold and will be aiming for that next year.

“Thank you all very much for the help and support in showcasing the best in Southwark to the judges,” said Christine Wildhaber, London Borough of Southwark's Principal Outreach Officer.

Congratulations to the following candidates:

- Terry Burns, Supervisor, Southwark Area
- Lynne Olding, Team Leader, Southwark Park
- Reginald Mercure, Groundsman/Gardener, Southwark
- Rocky Spence, Gardener, Southwark
- Simon Hunt, Team Leader, Russia Dock Woodlands
- Terry Rommell, Team Leader, Peckham Mobile
- Sean Crundall, Team Leader, New Cemetery
- Mark Enright, Team Leader, Old Cemetery
- Robert Olliviere, Gardener, New Cemetery
- Paul Toal, Team Leader, Dulwich Mobile
- Dean Gramson, Gardener, Dulwich Mobile
- Kwame Kyei-Akowuah, Gardener, Dulwich Park
- Kenneth Peart, Tractor Driver, Dulwich

Quadron sponsor Friends Groups Event

The London Borough of Southwark will be holding a Friends Groups Seminar on the 1st March 2008.

The day will comprise workshops, swapping ideas and best practice. Quadron management will attend the event and give a presentation on working with Friends Groups to improve the quality and maintenance of parks and open spaces in Southwark.

Pastures new



Tina Chillingworth, Head Gardener at Dulwich Park is leaving us at the end of the month to take up a challenge in Turkey.

All at Quadron, Dulwich Friends and the London Borough of Southwark thank Tina for all her hard work and wish her all the very best in her new venture and for the future.

◀ **Tina Chillingworth:** from Southwark to Turkey.

Helping out the children

"I would just like to say a huge thanks on behalf of NCH, the children's charity, for removing the rubbish for free. This was a huge help for the Bye Night flag ship event at Pottersfield in October 2007 and will ensure that more of the money raised will go to the children and young people that need it," said David Moulton Senior Events & Multimedia Executive for the charity.

Dulwich bulb planting deadline

Dulwich had 50,000 bulbs to plant by Christmas. In the first bulb planting volunteer session in the autumn, everyone was raring to go and the turf lifting machine broke down.

Despite the setback, the team still managed to plant 8000 bulbs – thanks to Quadron guys joining in with the volunteers and lifting the turf with spades giving the volunteers bare earth in which to lay the bulbs. Hard work, but a good community project.

“ Robert Johnson, Chair of the Dulwich Friends Group wrote a thank you letter afterwards: “Please thank the Quadron troops for their sterling work.” ”

Happy New Year to one and all from Quadron Environment, Southwark



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