Capital Clean-up 2014

Ageing Well Community Garden

Group: Wimbledon Guild of Social Welfare
Borough: Merton
Capital Clean-up Award: Grant

The Mayor of London is supporting enthusiastic community groups across London as part of the Capital Clean-up Programme to make the city a cleaner, greener and safer place to live, work and visit. Wimbledon Guild of Social Welfare have been transforming an area of wasteland into a tranquil garden with the help of a motley group of corporate volunteers.

The Guild wanted to create a garden where older members of the community could enjoy the outdoors in a safe and welcoming environment. Eager volunteers from several organisations including, Indigo Planning, Institute of Chartered Accountants and Markit, were inspired by the Guild’s vision and so offered their support.

Capital Clean-up helped by supporting:
- Equipment for the removal of bramble and privet hedge
- Garden shed
- Gate installation
- Plants
- Compost and fertilizer

By the end of spring 2015, corporate volunteers will have shaped the site into a peaceful retreat for the enjoyment of the local population. They are planning to construct accessible raised beds, create a sensory garden and develop a wildlife area. Seating will be added to provide a place for quiet reflection. Beyond next spring, the Guild already have ambitions to set up a gardening club, enabling residents to enjoy nature in a friendly and inviting setting.

We couldn’t have done it without Capital Clean-up. Thanks to the grant, we have succeeded in transforming a rubbish tip into something very special that we can be proud of.

Ben Muton-Phillips, Wimbledon Guild of Social Welfare

ACHIEVEMENTS
- Clean-up events: 8
- Volunteers involved: 67
- Volunteer hours: 272
- Rubbish removed: 940kg
- Land improved: 161 m²

Read more about this clean-up at Project Dirt

Capital Clean-up is a partnership campaign led by the Mayor to help Londoners work together to spruce up their city. It is supported by McDonald’s and is part of the Mayor’s wider Team London volunteering programme.