

# Community Matters

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Josh Bond, Gang Warily Centre Manager, and Angharad Vaughan, ExxonMobil Community Affairs Adviser, with a new bouncy castle purchased with a contribution from the Fawley site.

## Play sessions are back with a bounce!



### Blooming marvellous

A popular Parish in Bloom project is flourishing once again after winning continued support from local councillors and businesses. See page two for the full story.



### Taking to the water

Excited youngsters from Hythe Sea Scouts have been trying out the latest craze of paddle boarding, with a little bit of help from the Fawley site. Turn to page three to read more.



### Stay and Play returns

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### Looking to the future

Fawley's latest crop of apprentices have been congratulated for their hard work and commitment after successfully completing their three-year programme. All the details are on the back page.

# Blooming amazing

**A popular Parish in Bloom project will continue to flourish for another year after winning support once again from local councillors and businesses.**

The collaborative scheme was launched in the spring of 2016 by Fawley Parish Council and has brought a splash of colour to the local community ever since. The project is supported by ExxonMobil Fawley which has contributed £1,000 towards this year's planting.

When the scheme was first launched, attractive wooden planters were installed at strategic points across the ward by the parish council's grounds team. The aim was to brighten up the area and promote a feeling of pride in the local environment. This year, the colourful community backdrop has seen the addition of two new five-tier planters, one positioned outside the former library in Blackfield, and the other outside the Co-op, in Holbury.

The planting is carried out twice a year by the team at Copthorne Nursery in Fawley. The nursery supports adults with learning disabilities to develop horticultural skills and has been an integral part of the project from the start.

Fawley Parish Council Chairman Alan Alvey said: "We are immensely grateful to ExxonMobil Fawley and all the other local businesses which have contributed towards the Parish in Bloom project. The scheme is extremely popular with local residents, and we regularly receive positive comments about it. This is a wonderful example of partnership working and shows what we can achieve when the community comes together."

Jason Mansbridge, Grounds Manager for Fawley Parish Council, with one of the new plant troughs on the ward boundary between Blackfield and Langley.



Josh Bond and Angharad Vaughan on the new bouncy castle.

## Bringing some bounce to play sessions

Affordable play sessions for youngsters will have an extra bit of bounce after ExxonMobil Fawley made a £1,500 contribution towards the purchase of a new inflatable.

The "Stay and Play" session was introduced at Gang Warily Recreation Centre, Newlands Road, Fawley, two years ago. It began as a weekly opportunity for youngsters aged between one and five to come along and have a bit of fun. Josh Bond, Centre Manager, said: "We set the price at £2 per child for a two-hour session in the main hall with access to a variety of soft play equipment, games, and a bouncy castle."

He added: "This session proved extremely popular for local families, especially as it provided something for parents to do with children locally when the weather limited outdoor activities, and so we quickly expanded the session to twice a week."

Lots of the initial play equipment was either donated or purchased from local selling sites, which

helped to keep the sessions at an affordable rate. However, when the original bouncy castle reached end of life and was no longer fit for use, ExxonMobil Fawley agreed to step in and help, ready for the resumption of Stay and Play following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Josh said: "We are incredibly grateful for this contribution. The bouncy castle is really popular with the youngsters, and it would have been a shame if we had not been able to replace it. It's a great way to let young children have fun and let off some steam."

Angharad Vaughan, Community Affairs Adviser for ExxonMobil Fawley, said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for everyone and so to see children back enjoying themselves at Gang Warily is wonderful. We were extremely pleased to make this contribution towards a replacement bouncy castle, and we hope the youngsters who attend the Stay and Play sessions have a great time using it in the future."

- The Stay and Play sessions at Gang Warily are held every Monday and Friday between 10am and noon. Children must be supervised at all times.



Some of the Scouts try out the new boards.

# All aboard for a paddle!

Excited youngsters from Hythe Sea Scouts have been trying out the latest craze of paddle boarding thanks to a contribution from ExxonMobil Fawley.

The Scouts have just taken delivery of two stand-up boards and couldn't wait to get in the water to try them out. Nick Howe, joint Chair of Hythe Sea Scouts, said: "Our youngsters have missed out on so much over the last 18 months due to the pandemic and so we were really keen to give them a chance to try paddle boarding.

This is a fast-growing sport which provides a brilliant learning opportunity for local youngsters. Thank you to ExxonMobil Fawley for making this purchase possible and giving everyone a lift. We hope the boards will be used by our Scouts for a long time to come."

Angharad Vaughan, ExxonMobil Fawley's Community Affairs Adviser, said: "Hythe Sea Scouts is a fantastic organisation that does so much to help young people embrace new experiences, teach them practical skills, and build confidence. Above all, the primary focus is very much on having fun, which is certainly what you get with the paddle boards. We hope the Scouts enjoy using them."

# Roof repair thanks

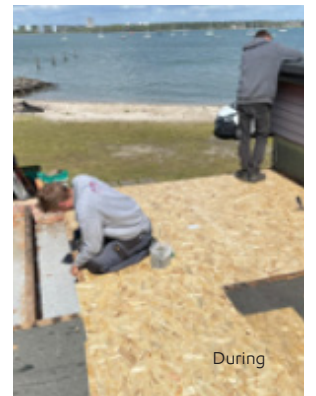
The Sea Scouts have also thanked ExxonMobil Fawley for helping them to repair a leaking roof at their Hythe headquarters.

The work, which involved replacing wooden boards and putting down new waterproofing, was carried out at the home of the Scouts, in Shore Road, Hythe. Chris Godfrey, Chairman of the Sea Scouts' fundraising committee, said: "We needed to carry out some electrical work in the building but discovered that the roof was leaking into an area containing the wiring. That meant we had to make sure the roof was watertight before we could do anything else."

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the group hasn't been able to fundraise through its usual activities and so the contribution from ExxonMobil Fawley was crucial. Chris said: "The Fawley site has been one of our biggest supporters over recent years and with the pandemic putting a stop to our fundraising, this help was more important than ever. This generous donation from ExxonMobil Fawley gave us a massive boost, ensuring that our hut is a safe and secure environment for all. This will benefit not just the members of our group now, but many youngsters in the future. We are incredibly grateful for this continued support."



Before



During



After



Fawley's apprentices from the 2018 cohort after successfully completing their three-year programme.

## Looking to the future

**Fawley's latest crop of apprentices have been congratulated for their hard work and commitment after successfully completing their three-year programme.**

The 14-strong group began their learning adventure in 2018 and have now passed the final stage of their Science Industry Maintenance Technician Government Apprenticeship Standard. To celebrate the occasion, a socially distanced event was held at Fawley, with Refinery Mechanical Manager Mark Howsham presenting the apprentices with their certificates.

The informal get-together recognised the commitment and dedication shown by the apprentices during three years of intense study and on-the-job learning. This included an initial year of training at Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA) followed by two more years of practical study on site. Mark said: "I know how much hard work you have had to put in over these last three years to get to where you are now. On top of that, you also had to deal with the many challenges brought about

by COVID-19, for which you deserve even greater credit."

He added: "Fawley has a proud apprenticeship history, and we are determined to keep that going for many years to come. The passion shown by our Maintenance workforce is contagious, and I know the experience and skills they have shared with you during your time here will give you a solid foundation for the future. Congratulations and good luck."

### The 2018 apprentices are:

Ben Goodridge  
 Charlie Frampton  
 William Holmes  
 Keelan McKeigue  
 Brandon Diamond  
 Bailey Parratt  
 Jake Fabling  
 Alicja Bieda  
 Anthony Asciak  
 Rhys Mutch  
 Sam Callahan  
 Rhys Crookes  
 Ed Whiting  
 Ben Price

- For more details about the 2022 ExxonMobil Apprenticeship Programme, see [exxonmobil-fawley.co.uk](https://www.exxonmobil-fawley.co.uk)



Fawley's Alex Walsh, Nathan Jones, Cara Mansbridge and Angharad Vaughan on the PRIDE crossing.

## Rainbow crossing for PRIDE

**Fawley pinned its colours firmly to the floor when the site decided to show its support for PRIDE month with a rainbow-painted pedestrian crossing.**

Every year in June the world comes together in honour and celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. This year, Fawley marked its commitment to the event by converting the black and white crossing on the main administration driveway into a colourful show of support.

Fawley Refinery Technical Manager Alex Walsh, who came up with the idea, said: "The world is a diverse place and Fawley is no different. The admin drive is one of the site's iconic features and so it seemed the perfect location to show our support for PRIDE month. We first flew the PRIDE flag from the top of the Fawley Admin Building in 2019, so painting the crossing was just the next step."

Fawley's Community Affairs Assistant Cara Mansbridge is also a member of the site's PRIDE Committee. She said: "When the team heard about Alex's idea for a rainbow-painted pedestrian crossing we were completely supportive. It is visible not just to our staff but also to visitors, sending out a clear and vibrant message to everyone that we are a diverse and inclusive organisation."

### You can see what is happening at Fawley and across our organisation

From time to time, ExxonMobil Fawley will experience operational events that may affect the wider community, for example increased noise or flaring. Where possible, the site will endeavour to notify residents of these events and to provide regular updates. You can find this information on [fawleyonline.org.uk](https://www.fawleyonline.org.uk). The website also gives details about the Control of Major Accidents and Hazards (COMAH) regulations.

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