



Goldcrest House & the Green Team

A partnership within the community

History

- ▶ Goldcrest house and the Green team have a long history of working together.



- ▶ Many of our service users have been given the opportunity to work along side the Green team

- ▶ Jonathan and Chris currently volunteer at the Green Team.



- ▶ Both Jonathan and Chris cannot wait to go to their sessions with the team.
- ▶ They always come back and tell us how much they have enjoyed it, what they have done and what they have achieved
- ▶ They consider all of the Green Team as their friends

Jonathan joined the Green Team in November 2015



Jonathan will at times get involved with maintaining Goldcrest's garden.

With the chef's help he grew a herb garden

He also started to grow tomatoes in his room, then planted them in the garden when they were big enough

He has encouraged other service users to help him in the garden

Chris joined the Green Team in

November 2016



Chris took it upon himself to ask to join the Green Team at Goldcrest House's presentation of the funds the service users had raised over the year.

Chris was ecstatic that he got to use the Green Team's lawn mower a few weeks ago!

Community

- ▶ All our service users have been given a sense of involvement within the community thanks to the Green Team
- ▶ They comment how they “have friends” at Green Team
- ▶ The opportunity gives them a chance to enrich their lives and empower them to engage in the wider community
- ▶ It encourages them to work as part of a team, and also to have a sense of belonging.

A working partnership

- ▶ As well as service users volunteering with them, we have raised money for the Green Team to support the fantastic work they do.



Thank you!

- ▶ We would like to thank the Green Team for attending our functions, like our Christmas parties, this means a lot to the people we work with.
- ▶ Thank you from Jonathan, Chris and everyone at Goldcrest House!!

Green Team presentation

When Jonathan joined GCH in 2015 he expressed his interest in gardening so it was quite easy for our team to get him involved with keeping our grounds tidy and lawns cut.

We remembered the Green Team from previous service users and after conversations with Jonathan we applied for a position as a volunteer, he was accepted and began work with the Team in November 2015.

Jonathan appears to have settled in with their team very well and has made some good progress, he is always eager to attend every Friday and on return gives us a run down on what he has been doing out in the community.

During an event in 2016, Christopher expressed that he would like to join the Green Team and took it upon himself to ask Dave if he could become a volunteer too. This was a lovely surprise to our staff as Christopher always comes across as requiring prompts from the staff to do activities and to make any decisions, so for him to ask Dave the question himself is a great achievement. We are so pleased that he has turned this corner and decided for himself, to do this type of work.

Christopher joined the Green Team in November 2016 and appears to have settled in very well. He is always very excited to tell us what he has been doing when he comes home.

We have a good relationship with the Green Team and our service users decided that we should raise some money for them. So, over the year in 2016 we held some events such as cake stalls at the local market and our open day to raise some money. Our service users enjoy these activities so it is fun all around.

Goldcrest House is very grateful to the Green Team for supporting our service users within the community, they both share their stories with everyone and remain enthusiastic to return to work on their respective days.

For The Attention Of: Julie Pickwell, Manager Goldcrest House

Dear Julie,

Please would you pass on our sincere thanks to Danielle for attending our AGM and giving such a tremendous presentation. Having Danielle at the front, 'flanked' by Jonathan and Chris whilst doing the speech was very special indeed.

At this year's AGM I really wanted to expand people's perceptions and understanding of who we are and what we now offer and with the help of you and Danielle and our other guest speakers, I know we succeeded.

Last year's AGM had a record number of attendees, this year we broke that record again. To see so many people attend this year was truly amazing.

Once again, Danielle and Julie, thank you so much.

Kindest regards, Cheryl.

Hi Cheryl,

I am so glad we got to be part of the AGM! It was great to see the work that the green team do for other organisations! Chris and Jonathan loved being up there with me and rightly so, it is all about them.

I have attached a copy of the presentation and the notes I had on the day.

Many thanks

Danielle.