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Friends of Hill House Gardens Awarded at Community Action Wirral Volunteer Thank You Event

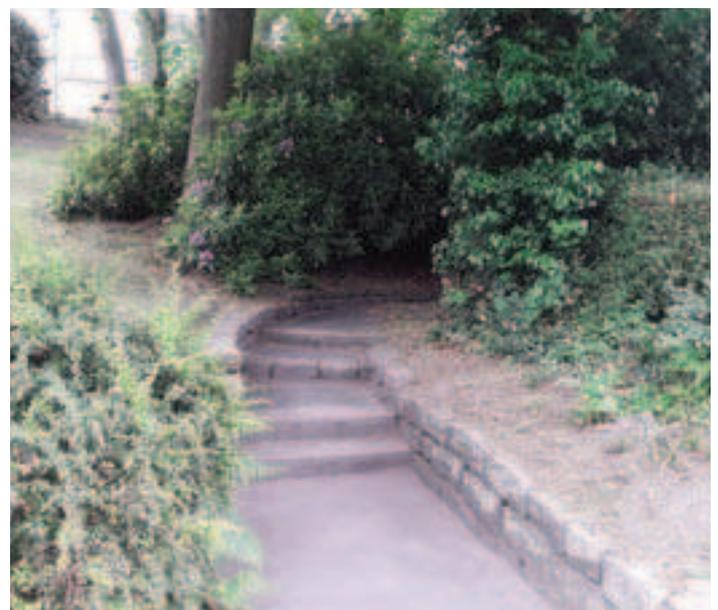


Volunteers from local wildlife and gardening community group Friends of Hill House Gardens Heswall have been announced as the inaugural recipients of Community Action Wirral's 'Wirral Volunteering Standard'. The announcement was made at Community Action Wirral's Volunteer Thank You celebration at Wallasey Town Hall, on Friday 7th June.

Over 150 guests attended the annual event to come together and say 'thank you' to volunteers throughout Wirral who support their local community to make it a better place to live, work and be social.

The Wirral Volunteering Standard was recently launched to showcase great governance regarding volunteer management and support provided to volunteers. The Standard is a physical and digital certificate awarded to organisations which show that their volunteering programme follows the principles set out in Community Action Wirral's 'Best Practice in Volunteering' toolkit.

In essence, the Wirral Volunteering Standard ensures that your policies and procedures are up to date, reduces your risks and assist you to plan for the future as it provides a benchmark against which you can measure performance, identify gaps, and promote the value of volunteers to your organisation.



Keelan Early, Volunteering Development Manager at Community Action Wirral stated: "Awarding Friends of Hill House Gardens was such an easy decision. I am extremely impressed by how meticulous their policies and procedures are... everything is just so clear. This is incredibly important, especially for new volunteers, as it clearly sets out the boundaries that are in place and what support is provided to ensure everyone is safe and, more importantly, everyone has a great time whilst volunteering. That is the true spirit of volunteering... making sure that everyone is included but everyone is having fun and plenty of cake."

If you are interested in volunteering with Friends of Hill House Gardens, contact Margaret Milner email heswallwildlife@aol.com

If you are involved with an organisation that may be interested in working towards the Wirral Volunteering Standard, Keelan can be contacted on info@communityactionwirral.org.uk or by telephone on 0151 353 9700.