



Impact Report

3rd March 2020

Court Hey Park
Roby Road
L16 3NA



Community Action Day



The reasons behind the community action day

Incredible Edible Knowsley's site at Court Hey Park had been the target of criminal damage by youths over a period of time. This resulted in poly tunnels being destroyed, a fire that caused damage to a seating area and pizza oven, amongst other damages.

The Swanside and Roby Councillors organise "Community Action Days" throughout the year and they offered their support to the project and to coordinate this community action day to include Incredible Edible Knowsley. The focus would be to repair the damage as well as to improve the site so that the project could support the community with their aims.

The aim of the day

Swanside and Roby Councillors worked with Karen Mower, organisations and businesses to plan and resource the day.

The aforementioned team surveyed the site, identified tasks that could be delivered in a day and would achieve maximum benefit for the project and its service users. The project list then enabled the companies to secure through their supply chains, materials, labour, equipment and financial donations.

Some of the tasks were; new poly tunnels, raised beds, painting, removal of rubbish, install a new irrigation system and cut back overgrown vegetation.



A Day of Action Transforms former Wildflower site

A team of volunteers gathered at Court Hey Park to transform the community garden space on the site of the former National Wildflower Centre completing a huge range of works that in terms of man-hours, materials and services has a value in excess of £370,700.

The site fell into disrepair following its closure in 2017. In summer 2019 the council announced Incredible Edible Knowsley would be taking on an area of the site in Court Hey Park.

On Tuesday 3rd March, representatives from both the public and private sector took part in a "Community Action Day" organised by the Roby and Swanside Councillors.

The 130-strong team of volunteers completed major works at the site in a single day including repairing a poly tunnel, fitting a brand new water irrigation system, tarmac pathways, painting and lining more than 50 raised planting beds, weeding, strimming and pruning overgrown areas of the site, clearing compost bays and renovating planting bays, a seating area and many more tasks needed to get the site ready to benefit the community.

Councillor Graham Morgan, leader of Knowsley Council said:

"The effort put in at Court Hey Park during the Community Day of Action is truly remarkable. Through the hard work and dedication of the volunteers and businesses the project has come on leaps and bounds and gets ever closer to being ready for the community to use the space - which I know has been an aspiration for a long time.

"This project is the very embodiment of Knowsley Better Together, a shining example of how communities, businesses and council can work together to deliver something that would be beyond the reach of any single organisation. Thank you to everyone who gave time, resources and skills. I feel incredibly proud to have been a part of this day and am eagerly anticipating the next steps for Court Hey Park."

With major improvements to the site now completed, Incredible Edible will be working closely with the Friends of Court Hey park to support their community events, including celebrations for VE Day in May.



Over a 130
Volunteers

Social value of the work achieved on the day was 377,700.00

20 Companies &
Organisations

Organisation involved in the community action day

- Altbank
- Atkins
- Barclays Bank
- Colour matrix group
- Community payback
- Court Hey Methodist Church
- Crime and communities team
- Faiths4Change
- Huyton Lane Garage
- Idverde

- KHT (LIVV)/Vivark
- Kimptons
- Knowsley Works
- Myerscough College
- NatWest Bank
- One Knowsley
- SSE
- St Barts Volunteers
- Tarmac
- Knowsley Council



Company - Huyton Lane
Garage
Liverpool Rd, Prescot,
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Brand new water irrigation system

This is fantastic and will make the watering of the plants so much more easier and less time consuming. This has saved Incredible Edible Knowsley £2175.00 + VAT if we had have been charged for this.

Our time at Incredible Edible was easily one of the most fulfilling days we've had as a business in our 50 year history. We're still very much family owned, so to be able to help a project like yours that genuinely helps other families, so directly, is a real privilege.

New pathway is amazing as it now means people in wheelchairs can easily access the poly tunnel

This has saved Incredible Edible Knowsley £1800.00 + VAT if we had have been charged for this.

We have installed new pipe work and controls for the Irrigation system. We welcome this opportunity for the Kimpton Team to make a positive impact.

Raised beds and shelving painted is brilliant as it now means we can plant up over 50 beds with food

This has saved Incredible Edible Knowsley a lot of hours and can now grow food earlier than expected

A massive thanks to Incredible Edible Knowsley for housing the community action day organised by Swanside & Roby Councillors. Well done to all the volunteers that participated – our team had an amazing day. Amanda Manning Kht/Firstark (Livv)



The large Poly Tunnel Is fantastic as we can now grow a lot of and donate it to the community

The weather failed to dampen spirits as we all came together for this worthwhile cause. The food was excellent and the atmosphere throughout the day made it an enjoyable experience for all.

Eddie Daley Operations Manager Knowsley PFI SSE Contracting

It was such an amazing day with not so good weather!!!! A lot of amazing people turned out which is heart warming, really enjoyed the day it was a lot of fun and such an amazing place.

Donna Wellbelove Faiths4Change

"I would like to thank Karen and her team letting us being involved in the day, it was extremely well organised and felt like we really did make an impact in a short space of time. It was a real privilege supporting the community and this great project".

Andy Green | Relationship Director | Barclays



The work carried out in the compost bays is brilliant as we can now prepare our own compost

"Myself and my team had a great day, working together doing numerous activities to improve the site for the charity and through this we also got to understand more about how it supports those within our local communities, often those most in need - it was a pleasure to contribute and be involved" Keep up the great work

Karen. Chris Lawrenson Director Business Banking Liverpool & Cheshire

I found the day to be very well organised and attended by a variety of different people, from different back grounds all united to help bring the Incredible Edible forward. *Sean Callow Knowsley Works*

Huyton lane garage has supported the community action days over many years and we are proud to be part of this worthwhile initiative. *Anthony Dwyer, Managing director*



Lot more tasks carried out on site by all the groups who volunteered their time today. It has been an amazing day

Thought it was an amazing day, well organised from refreshments, food, equipment needed, PPE. Great atmosphere as we all sang as we worked, laughing and joking. I was part of the painting team, but here was lots more going on all over the site. *Carol Peeney Crime & Communities*

It was a fantastic turn out and we are so happy with everything that was achieved! *Emma Rittenberg One Knowsley.*

I genuinely cannot believe ho much has been achieved today at Court Hey park. A hugely successful day of action in which members of the community & volunteers From organisations across the borough have dug deep and got their hands dirty to transform. *Leader of Knowsley council; Graham Morgan*

Shelving for the large poly tunnel
painted & installed

Compost wheel barrowed from
the park into the compost bays



Large poly tunnel re-skinned

Water irrigation system installed

Compost bays cleaned & organised

Tyre flower wall created

Pathway tarmacked

50+ raised beds painted & lined

Community cohesion

Pathways weeded

Rubbish removed



Impact

Businesses support our project

Businesses promoting our project

Businesses introducing us to other
businesses to support our project

Wheelchair accessible

Easier watering system

Food can now be grown

Fresh food being donated to
The food bank

Seedlings donated to homes,
schools etc.

A site that is now safe for others to come onto and enjoy