

Tree copse and Mosaic bench in Phear Park to remember the Coronation of King Charles III

Young people in Exmouth have been involved in planting 10 special trees and designing and making a mosaic bench in Phear Park as a legacy for the Coronation of King Charles III.

This project, initiated by Exmouth Town Council, was to encourage young people to get involved and a sense of ownership in seeing something they have made and designed as a lasting legacy.

The project consisted of two parts, tree planting and designing and making of mosaic panels for a bench.



Ten trees, one for each school in Exmouth, were planted in April in a semi-circle shape to form a copse. The children that attended heard why it is important to have trees, the benefits they bring to the environment and wildlife and were taught how best to plant a tree.

Mosaic panels were designed and made by young people at the Hive's youth group sessions with the help of artists Allan Punton and Manya McMahon. The designs were created by the young people from Space Youth Services, led by the artists who also taught them how to use mosaics and to transform the designs into mosaic art.

Councillor Olly Davey, Mayor of Exmouth, said: "We're very excited to have helped the young people plant these trees and make the beautiful mosaic panels which will be a reminder for many years to come. We are grateful to EDDC for allowing us to create this wonderful legacy in Phear Park."





Councillor Joe Whibley, Deputy Mayor of Exmouth added "It was great to see so many young people of Exmouth involved. The young people from Space's youth groups worked hard, with the help of Allan and Manya to create the mosaic panels. Thanks go to Mark Gerry, a youth leader for Space, for his help to enable the young people to take part in this fabulous project. We welcome opportunities to work with community groups on similar projects so get in touch to discuss how we can help."

If you would like any further information on projects like this and working together or would like to join or get involved with the youth group or tree planting, please contact Exmouth Town Council by emailing us reception@exmouth.gov.uk or giving us a call on 01395 276167.