



# News update

*'Growing together'* at the heart of the community

Missenden Walled Garden is 'Growing together'. Our Charity now supports close to 40 people each week, enabling them to access horticultural and associated educational and social opportunities here at Missenden Abbey. With the support of the local community, and our fantastic volunteers, we are helping to improve the lives of so many who would otherwise be at risk of isolation and exclusion. Thank you all.

## Missenden Walled Garden are proud to introduce our new Charity Director



Hello everyone and welcome to our Summer newsletter. My name is Kyle Banks and for the last month, I have begun work as our Charity Director. I have spent 10 years working in the private sector (financial journalism and marketing) and the last 20 in Adult Social Care (teaching, managing, commissioning and funding services for adults). I also volunteer as a Trustee for [Enrych Buckinghamshire](#), as a Non-Executive Director for the Social Enterprise, [Empower to Cook](#) and as a Time to Change Champion. You can see more about this (and me) in the 4 minute I made: [Kyle Time to Change](#).

A passionate believer in the power of nature, Mark Twain wrote the often shared phrase, 'Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life.' Spending my days in our garden in the company of our gardeners, staff and volunteers has brought these words to life for me. The Walled Garden charity is a special place with special people and it is an absolute privilege to be here.

Thank you for expressing an interest in our charity and please do get in touch – we welcome visits and have so much for everyone to share in, support and celebrate!

My best wishes to you,

Kyle

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### Match Day 2

### Social Link Win !!!!

Our friends at **Social Link** won the latest football match against MWG

### Chiltern Music Therapy Fun Day

MWG were proud to host the **Chiltern Music Therapy** family fun day. It was a huge success and lots of fun. Katie and Rebecca organised a fabulous event. It was lovely to see the young and old enjoying themselves together.



Come in and visit us, we have plants for sale - Opening times Mon - Fri 9.30am – 4.00pm

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## Thank You for your support

Our mission is to provide the best possible opportunities, pathways, and activities for people with disabilities. This includes educational and vocational courses, for our gardeners, staff and volunteers.

With the help of our supporters, grants and fundraising, we are focused on delivering this.



### Music at MWG

Come and see the Walled Garden Band play live, a real community joint effort of: staff, volunteers, local traders and supporters



A huge thank you to **Katie Horgan** and the team at **BBOWT**, for their kind and generous donation of **£750** for wildflower seed. Courtesy of the National Lottery Heritage Fund



### Bucks County Council

**MWG** welcomed 'The All Age Disability and Mental Health Commissioners, for a day volunteering. *"I'm sure some of us will be returning back as customers in future. It was a brilliant day and we would recommend it to anyone as a volunteering or team-building activity"*.



With 2 weeks of poor weather, the bees have eaten a lot of their stores (honey) but we have successfully started a new colony and have 2 hives with queens and we are hopeful if the weather stays with us we will have some honey.



[Alzheimer's Society - South East England](#) Super day with our Gardeners and the Alzheimer's Bucks' Focus On Dementia group. Thank you to Angela, Nick and the team for all their advice and support about all things Dementia

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Our very own 'Gardener Band'



**Big Thank You** To **Anne Kaneko** from The Source HP16, for her generous donation, and thank you to the **'Croquet Ladies'** for their support with a cake and coffee morning for MWG

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