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Morgan Sindall helps Salisbury primary school children to restore garden

Green-fingered staff from Morgan Sindall have helped pupils at Old Sarum primary school in Salisbury to transform their school garden into a tranquil area for outdoor learning.

Ten volunteers from Morgan Sindall donned their gardening gloves and donated 80 hours of their time to restore the school's overgrown garden and allotment area, encouraging pupils to embrace a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

The team of construction workers were helped by the school's head teacher, John Jones, and Eco-Representatives from years 3-6. The Eco-Representative pupils are part of the wider Eco-Schools programme, which is pupil-led and involves hands-on learning to encourage the school and wider community to get involved in environment projects.

Morgan Sindall is currently delivering major expansion work to the school, which will see its pupil capacity double and provide a vibrant new academic environment. The project for Wiltshire Council will enable the school to expand from a one to a two-form entry facility for 420 pupils - it also includes the delivery of additional playground areas, car parking and a drop-off zone at the south end of the school.

Old Sarum's improved garden area will be used to introduce the children to gardening and teach them how to grow their own produce as part of a drive to raise awareness around the environment and healthy living.

The effort was also supported by donations from local businesses. Hilliers Garden Centre donated their time and plants to support the Morgan Sindall team, while building merchants Travis Perkins donated £1,000 worth of goods towards the school garden.

Tool hire firm Brandon Hire provided the team with strimmers, ground workers Kavells donated extra supplies and waste management company AWS provided skip services.

John Jones, head teacher at Old Sarum primary school, said: "Thank you to the whole team at Morgan Sindall. The children will love enjoying learning about nature in the garden. The team have done a wonderful job!

"We would also like to thank Morgan Sindall for their fantastic work on our school expansion. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them on the project. They have always been so considerate and professional."

The Morgan Sindall team involved in the garden project included operations manager Derek Jackson, contracts manager Jason Gifford, site manager Robert Easton and site engineer Lee Chandler. The Old Sarum site manager Robert Lesbirel was also involved on the day.

Jon Daines, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We hope that the school can use the garden as a unique outdoor learning space to teach pupils about our collective responsibility to take care of the environment and the importance of leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

"We're pleased that works are progressing well for this important scheme, which will help to

alleviate the demand for primary school places in Salisbury. While we are on site we try to give back to the school where possible and we felt that a garden area that the children can enjoy and learn from in the future would be a great way to do this.”

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