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Environment Champions celebrate once again!

Solihull's Environment Champions were thanked by the Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull last week at a re-opening Tea Party celebration following the successful refurbishment of Crabtree Hall.

49 Environment Champion volunteers helped transform Crabtree Hall, situated in Chelmsley Wood, back in April with a completely new coat of paint, including hallway, toilets, committee room, kitchen and main hall. The refurbishment was topped off with new heating and flooring, blinds, tables and padded chairs. All the work was carried out in just a single day.



A celebratory tea party was held on 20 July where the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts and Mayoress Mrs Sheila Courts joined members of staff to thank all the volunteers for their commitment and hard work to the project. Staff and volunteers from the hall organised a selection of cakes and tea for everyone involved.

Volunteers included helpers from Npower, E2E programmes from Solihull College and Kingshurst Training Academy, Park Rangers, Solihull Community Housing's Anti Graffiti Team, Champions from Knowle and Elmdon, Bam Facilities Management, and Fordbridge Youth Council.

The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, said: "I would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work and commitment to this project. The reinvigorated building and improved facilities demonstrates what can be achieved by organisations

working together in partnership with local people and communities. People can now continue to benefit from a greater range of activities to be run from the hall.”

This project was supported by Solihull Council, Solihull Community Housing and other local bodies involved in the Solihull Partnership.



The social activity hall is now being used by various community

groups including a Dance Troop, Karate Club and Pensioner’s Bingo Club, as well as a drop-in centre for a range of planned activities.

Solihull’s Environment Champions also celebrated their first anniversary this summer, and over the past year have worked on a range of projects across the borough, from small litter-picks to major park clean-ups. A range of people have signed up as Champions, with residents, businesses, and schools all getting involved.

The Environment Champions regularly help protect and improve Solihull’s environment. For more information or to find out how to become a Champion yourself, contact Trish Willetts on 0121 704 6534 or email pwilletts@solihull.gov.uk

PIC CAPTION 1: Well done! The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, thanks volunteers for making a difference to Crabtree Hall.

PIC CAPTION 2: The Mayor of Solihull (centred-right) and Mayoress Mrs Sheila Courts (far left) with Environment Champion volunteers and partners who helped refurbish Crabtree Hall.

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