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## Princes Trust young people reap the rewards of their hard work

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A group of young people from the Prince's Trust will be receiving a well deserved pat on the back from the Gaywood Park Community Allotment Project on Tuesday 2nd September. The 18-25 year olds will be presented with certificates at the allotments between Gaywood Park and Fairstead to thank them for their dedication in cleaning up and transforming the overgrown space.

Alan Boyer, Co-ordinator for Gaywood Park Action Group, explained: "We were all taken aback when we re-visited the allotment, it has been completely transformed! The group were really great and worked so hard for us and because of them we now have another space for members of the community to use. Without their help this project would have taken us a lot longer and we want to say a big thank you."

The group, who undertook the work as the community project element of their Prince's Trust course, braved all weathers to clear the allotment, erect fencing and provide a structure of pathways and mini plots. They managed to raise £400 on a bag pack at a local supermarket and additional money washing cars at the King's Lynn Fire Station which paid for the materials and equipment needed for the project.

Tony Lucas, Youth Development Team Leader from the Prince's Trust, said: "We were so pleased to have a chance to work with Improving Neighbourhoods and this was an amazing opportunity for the group to try something completely different. Some of them

hadn't even picked up a spade before this project! They were all so proud of what they achieved and many thanks to everyone involved and all who donated money in the fund raising activities."

The Borough Council's Neighbourhood Team provided advice, help and support during the project. The initiative was the idea of Sharon Ludford from the Improving Neighbourhoods team who approached the Prince's Trust to see if they could help clear the new allotments to add to the thriving community allotment project. Sharon Ludford commented "I am so impressed with the Prince's Trust courses, they give young people such an opportunity to learn and develop new skills and I do feel they really can change young peoples lives!"

The community allotment project, run by Gaywood Park Action Group, provides local families and residents with a mini plot, to try their hand at running an allotment. Funding was recently received from the Local Network Fund to assist with this work and support is received from a willing group of volunteers.

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Notes to Editor

The Improving Neighbourhoods Board is made up of residents and representatives from key service providers. It is tasked with making the decisions to allocate the £3.6m made available to the area through Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

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