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Mark Rogers
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Dear Mark

The Lodge Residential Care Home 8-10 Lower Road, Old Bedhampton, PO9 3LH

I am writing to thank you so very much for sending the volunteers to help in the garden at The Lodge on Thursday 18th July. Unfortunately I was unable to come along and speak to the them as I was called away unexpectedly.

However, I am pleased to say that Tony has reported that all appeared to go very well, and I have since heard from the residents at the Home, that they are pleased with the result of the volunteers' hard labour and they wish me to extend their grateful thanks as well.

Tony will have told you that he was struggling with such a huge garden and although we have since employed a second person for 8 hours a week the volunteers made such a huge difference to the overall appearance of the flower garden on the south side and helped to make Fiona's work (our second gardener) easier leaving her time to purchase some plants and to plant some of Tony's young plants grown from seed. They also helped in the vegetable garden.

The volunteers came around 0900, I am told, and I have heard that they worked through quite a heavy shower even though Tony suggested they wait in the shed for it to pass.

Amongst the work undertaken the volunteers washed pots and trays, weeded the vegetable beds, turned the compost bins, weeded the car park and some of the flower beds near where the residents' sit in the main lounge, hence the comments from the residents. They also straightened the edges of the rather large lawn areas.

We thank you also most sincerely for your kind donation of a garden fork, hand forks, trowels, and gloves.

Overall the volunteers worked for about 6 hours, with breaks I hope, and left at 1500.

Tony has since said that he felt they all enjoyed themselves and what a wonderful way to celebrate Sainsbury's 150 years!

On behalf of the Governing Board I extend our sincere thanks to Sainsbury's for choosing the Manor Trust Bedhampton for one of their projects during celebrating their 150 years and please extend our thanks and good wishes to the hard working volunteers.

Please see our website www.manortrust.org.uk for a mention of Sainsbury's. It won't be up until the photos have been handed in.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Maclaurin-Pratt
Trustee