



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

SANDOWN'S BROADWAY CENTRE WILL SOON BE BLOOMING

Valentine's Day was celebrated by the Town Council with a tree planting in the grounds of the Broadway Centre. Town Councillors joined with members of Sandown Green Town Volunteers to plant over 20 young native trees (whips) enhancing the wasteland at the back of the Centre. This area is being brought back into use for the benefit of residents and wildlife. The greening of this area will create an outdoor space for users of the Centre and local residents. The Broadway Centre is an increasingly popular venue for local organisations.

Mayor, Gary Young, said 'the Green Town volunteers do a tremendous amount for the Sandown community. We are grateful for their help about the town and hope to develop this further in the future.'

Sandown Green Town Volunteers' Chair reported, 'We have a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers who believe in Sandown and are happy to give their time and energy to improving the town. We are bursting with ideas for how this can be achieved, such as additional planters and hanging baskets as well as continued coastal re-wilding.'

Vice-Chair, Ben Holbrook concluded, 'Planting a tree is one way in which we can all make a difference to the environment and to Sandown. With Sandown nominated as a finalist in the RHS's Britain in Bloom 2020 now is the time to make that extra effort. It is good to see the community coming together and working together. We are grateful for the support of the Town Council. Our aims are the same: to improve the town we all love.'



Picture (Centre) Ben Holbrook with local councillors and Green Town Volunteers

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