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**HOWBERY PARK'S HERO**

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# The 'Howberries' kick-off Christmas

If you were in the Howbery Park area on the 18th December you would have heard the local community and the business park getting together to sing Christmas Carols and buy those extra last minute gifts at our Christmas Craft Fair and Carol Concert.

A special band called, 'The Howberries', made up of musicians from across the park, was put together especially for the event and performed a variety of our festive favourites. Additionally, alongside our craft-fair our, Turnstyle users got creative, designing and selling Christmas Cards, Christmas Trees and baking an array of festive treats.

To top the day off we drew our Hamper Raffle winners! We had two hampers up for the grabs, filled with some fantastic goodies donated to us by Costa, Rowse Honey and Didcot Tesco and Sainsburys! Thank you ever so much to all these companies for their wonderful donations and congratulations to our winners.

**The whole day raised a fantastic £582.57!**

See you again next year, at the Manor, on the 9th December 2016!



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## Reflexology at the Park

Lisa Hogger – Reflexologist @ Howbery  
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# Pumpkin carving competition

Howbery Park held a Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition, Nurture, our grounds company provided the pumpkins and we had a great response from staff and tenants on site.

The winning pumpkin was carved by Tom Rigden who won Christmas lunch for two in the Manor House.





# Christmas Jumper Day

Howbery Business Park supported Christmas jumper day on Friday 18th December, together we raised £71.10

Thank you to Andy and Callum from Aerial Motion Pictures Ltd who kindly took the aerial pictures for us.



# StyleAcre - unwanted items/clothes bank...

**Style Acre one of our on-site charities have a box in the entrance of the Manor House Post Room for donation of items such as:-**

Old Phones/ Sat Navs/Games Consoles/Cameras/Laptops/ Ipods/Video Cameras

Jewellery – costume, gold, silver, watches, even damaged items and odd earrings

Currency – UK or foreign - old and new banknotes or coins

There is also a clothing bank outside of the Style Acre offices by Evenlode – save you a trip to town – drop your bags of unwanted clothing outside (by the Gravel car park)



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## News and Events from The Manor House Catering Team

Come and join us for our themed menu days where we do our best to provide a little something different for your taste buds:-

### 8th February Chinese New Year

Come and celebrate with us with a selection of Chinese dishes.

### 9th February Pancake Day

Pancakes for dessert with a selection of toppings.

### 1st March St David's Day

Celebrate with a selection of traditional Welsh dishes.

### 17th March St Patrick's Day

Celebrate with a selection of traditional Irish dishes.



### 14th April Italian Theme Day

A Selection of Italian Dishes.

So why not make a date to join us on these days?



# Nurturing the Park...

**The grounds team Ben and Paul (right), managed by Rob Sergi, continue to keep the site to the standard we expect.**

Keeping on top of the leaves alone in Autumn/Winter is a hard task, considering the 880 trees we have on site!

On December the 7th, Rob and the team ran a wreath making workshop, this was great fun and a great achievement being able to take home the wreath you made.

**Look out for more workshops coming up including summer baskets...**



## Wreath making

# In our next issue...

Eddie Forsyth, of fire protection specialists Firecrest Services Limited, talks about his business and the advantages of being based on beautiful Howbery Business Park.

Look out for the article in Parklife and the video on our website.





# Wallingford School on another Kenya mission



**Wallingford School is sending another party of Year 11s to Kenya in conjunction with locally-based charity The Nasio Trust. The Trust runs day centres for orphaned and vulnerable children and young people in Western Kenya. Working as “Wallingford Young People for Kenya” (WYPK), 15 students will travel in October 2016.**

The school is seeking to establish this as a regular Year 11 expedition, but the students must raise a considerable sum to cover their costs. One way that Howbery Park residents can help is by signing up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Every online purchase you make



via easyfundraising will result in a donation to WYPK. Use this link to sign-up on their behalf - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wyp4k/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a> All funds raised enable WYPK to travel and to give our monies, and our time, to those most vulnerable.

James Hooper, from GTI Recruiting Solutions, accompanied the October 2015 group, which, assisted at a Jiggers clinic with the Red Cross and built a house for an orphan and his guardian: "It was a privilege to see young people's lives changed by the experience – from both Kenya and the UK. We could really see the impact that the Nasio Trust has on the local community." The 2016 group can expect to be involved in similar life-changing activities.

If any Howbery Park employers or individuals want to assist Wallingford Young People for Kenya, or to donate directly, please contact [wallingfordschoolnasio@gmail.com](mailto:wallingfordschoolnasio@gmail.com)

# HR Wallingford scientist receives US government award for heroism

**HR Wallingford's Professor Andrew Manning has been awarded the Exemplary Act Award by the United States Department of the Interior, US Geological Survey in recognition of a heroic act which resulted in lives being saved.**



*Professor Andrew Manning (left) receives his Exemplary Act Award from Professor David Schoellhamer, US Geological Survey.*

As part of a Cooperative Agreement between HR Wallingford and the USGS California Water Science Center, Andrew (Andy) regularly joins forces US

Geological Survey (USGS) staff to carry out sediment transport surveys off the coast of the US. Andy was returning by boat in rough water from a survey in the southernmost part of San Francisco Bay on the evening of 17 April 2014, when he and three USGS colleagues (Kurt Weidich, David Schoellhamer and William Chan) saw a sailboat entangled in one of the Port of Redwood City channel markers. When a nearby vessel signalled and requested assistance, the survey team stepped in and transported five injured people to shore. One person receiving CPR unfortunately did not survive, but a man with a severe head wound did recover.

For his decisive and immediate action in the rescue operation, Andy was granted the Exemplary Act Award of the Department of the Interior. Andy explains: "Fieldwork in any marine environment can be a hazardous pursuit and you always have to be prepared for any eventuality. We were all just pleased that we could be of assistance during this emergency situation."

The awards were officially issued during the 2015 USGS Honors Awards Ceremony held at Reston, Virginia. Andy was unable to attend the official ceremony, due to further fieldwork commitments, and was therefore recently presented with his award by Professor David Schoellhamer, the Chief Scientist for the San Francisco Estuary Sediment Transport Project, from the US Geological Survey California Water Science Center.

Usually only granted to US Federal employees, it is very rare for a UK citizen to be granted such an award, and Andy was the only UK citizen to receive such an award during 2015.

# Tenant Focus - Venture Harbour

An inspirational 24 year-old marketing and technology entrepreneur has set-up shop at Howbery Business Park in Wallingford to continue building on the strength of his eight businesses in addition to launching new ventures.

Venture Harbour, founded by Marcus Taylor, is about to celebrate its third birthday and is an umbrella brand for several e-commerce websites spanning a number of sectors including luxury travel (Qosy.co) music (MusicLawContracts.com) and finance – a venture that

matches investors and traders with brokers (Brokernotes.co).

Mr Taylor developed a natural interest in technology from a young age and left school at just 17 to join a digital marketing agency whilst developing his own ventures in his spare time.

“My businesses really stem from my interests. I started a record label at 17 and realised that a lot of people in the business were not really aware of how to make the most

of digital marketing, but I was fascinated by it, and it all really went from there.”

Mr Taylor honed his digital marketing skills before leaving his job to start-up Venture Harbour and has won a number of awards since, including: ‘Young Search Professional of the Year’ at UK Search Awards 2013 and ‘Young Visionary of the Year’ at MIDEM 2013, Cannes, France.

Venture Harbour now provides employment to three employees in addition to several contractors and have recently taken office space within Howbery Business Park’s historic Manor House.

Mr Taylor continues: “Finding a creative space was really important for us and fortunately we have discovered that at Howbery. We often take a walk through the park grounds at lunchtime and have been given the freedom to make our office a non-corporate and creative environment. There is a great work-life balance here.”

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Look out for the video interview with Marcus on the Howbery Business Park website soon.

## Vacancies on the Park

### Finance Director



We have a vacancy for a Finance Director to join us at an exciting time for the Charity. We are looking for a Qualified Accountant (ACA, ACCA or CIMA) to join our senior management team. Reporting to the Chief Executive this role will oversee the finance and payroll functions and provide commercial and strategic direction to our expanding portfolio of social enterprises.

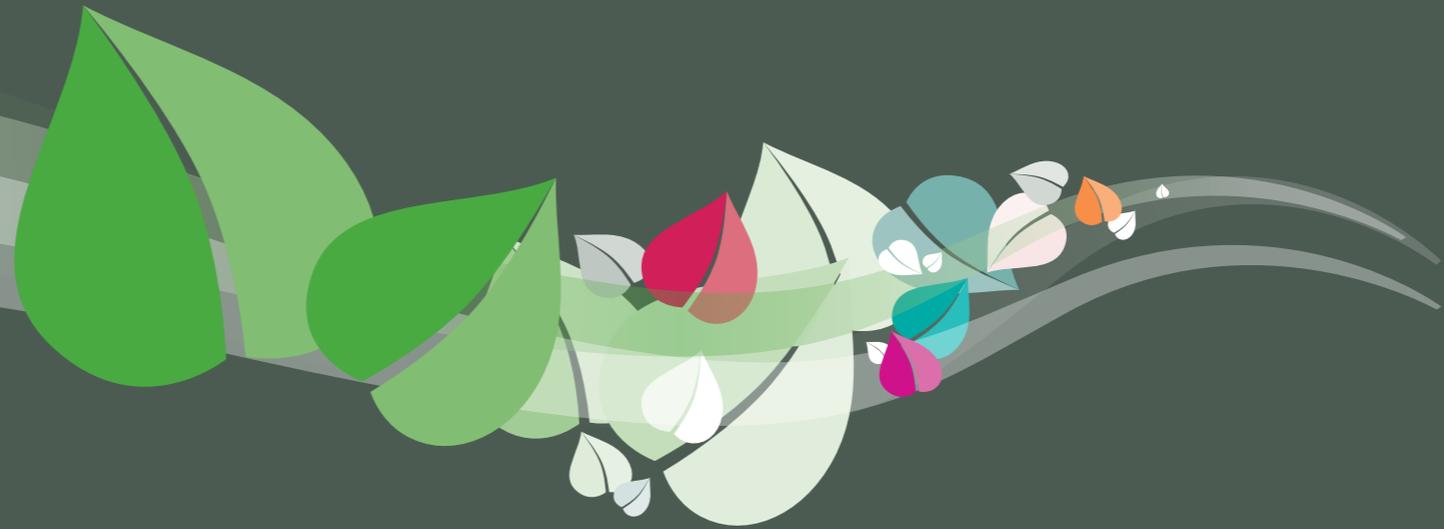
**For more details or to discuss the role please contact Chris Ingram on 01491 838760,**

**Please apply by CV and covering letter to [cingram@styleacre.org.uk](mailto:c Ingram@styleacre.org.uk)**

## New to the Park

Seriously PR welcome Lily to their growing team based in The Stables. The company specialises in PR & Social Media for travel brands.





# News... News... News

## A Note From The Editor:



Keep us posted – to include your news and stories in Parklife, please email them to me, Donna Bowles [d.bowles@howberypark.com](mailto:d.bowles@howberypark.com)

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