



Gateacre in Bloom 2008

Our Village:

The village of Gateacre grew up where a track from Much Woolton and Little Woolton crossed an old pack horse trail which led from the River Mersey at Hale to West Derby, before Liverpool itself existed. Although there are buildings dating from the 17th century in the village, in the late nineteenth century a change in architectural fashion led to Gateacre village being associated with the 'black-and-white' or 'mock Tudor' style which makes it such a distinctive place today. Gateacre became part of the City of Liverpool in 1913. The village was designated as one of Liverpool's first Conservation Areas.

Gateacre is proud to be part of the vibrant city of Liverpool, and is enjoying being part of this "Capital of Culture" year.



Who We Are:

Our group is called "Friends of Gateacre". Our aim is to improve the village environment for all residents and to encourage and promote a pride in our lovely village. This year we have been successful in developing links with other communities in Gateacre, who have worked with us on many of our projects. At our Annual General Meeting in January, there was a change to the committee, with Sub-Groups being set up for:

- ☆ Planting
- ☆ Environment
- ☆ Fund-raising,
- ☆ Communication
- ☆ Community Engagement

These groups manage all aspects of the work that we do in the community. The group meets every month, with additional meetings of the whole group, or a sub-group when necessary. Our major projects this year have been environmental ones and our involvement in the 'Go Superlambanana' project, which is part of Liverpool's year as Capital of Culture.

The Friends of Gateacre

Neighbourhoods:

As well as entering our village in "Northwest in Bloom" this year, we also have several "Neighbourhoods" which are planning to enter too. These are:

- ☆ Dale Mews
- ☆ Grange Mews
- ☆ Turner's Court



Patrons:

Gateacre Community Comprehensive
The Gateacre Society
Gateacre Unitarian Chapel
Gateacre Brow Medical Practice
The Gateacre Institute

Committee:

Chair	Terri Holcroft
Treasurer	Jacqui Hutchins
Secretary	Geraldine McAndrew
	Barbara Collinge
	Barbara Mace
	Joan Chidlow
	Pauline Rose
	Ernie Hodgkinson
	Nira Hodgkinson
	Beryl McLaren
	Pat Webb
	Joan Downey
	Alma Gorst
	Dave Holcroft
	Chris Fitzpatrick
	Martin Mackarel



Diary 2007



In autumn and winter 2007, our group held many activities in the village, including a winter planting day, a quiz night and buffet, a Christmas fayre with Father Christmas, carol singing on the village green with members of a local choir and the school too - shame about the pouring rain! We also produced a calendar, showing off our pretty village and showing the work that had happened throughout the year.

In Turner's Court, one of the 'Neighbourhood' entries, some of the residents set up a Gardening Committee Group. They acquired a garden plot and ran quiz evenings for residents, to raise funds for planting their flower garden and 'Sensory Garden Trough', as several of their residents have limited vision. The residents can now feel and smell the pretty garden - and are welcome to take some of the herbs for cooking too!



Diary 2008



Timetable for 2008:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Planned Events</u>
January	18/01/2008	AGM
	18/01/2008	Quiz Night
March	08/03/2008	Bird/Bat Boxes set up
	18/03/2008	Superlambanana Exhibition
	26/03/2008	Superlambanana Talk
		Clean-Up Day (and Container Painting);
April	26/04/2008	Planting Wildflowers (Brownies assisting)
	26/04/2008	6 Monthly Newsletter
May	28/05/2008	AGM
	End of May	Planting Days
	During May	Lambanana Painting
		School Visit - Allotment and Garden
June	09/06/2008	Superlambanana Reception
	13/06/08 - 14/06/08	Tudorlambanana sited
	14/06/2008	Planting
	04/06/08 - ongoing	Planting
July	06/07/2008	Clean Up Day
	19/07/2008	Northwest in Bloom Judging
	23/07/2008	Superlambanana Leaving/ Moving
August	26/08/2008	Superlambanana Auction
September	TBC	Quiz Night
	26/09/2008	Village Service at Gateacre Chapel
October	05/10/2008	6 Monthly Newsletter
November	TBC	Bulb Planting

2008 has been a busy year for Friends of Gateacre. In January we held an AGM, with a change to some of our committee members and our way of working, including an agreement to hold future AGMs in May, to bring them in line with the financial year and the Northwest in Bloom timetable, so that the meeting would better reflect the current work.

This was followed by a quiz night and buffet, which was a great success and introduced other local groups to the Friends, including two local Brownie packs and staff from Gateacre Comprehensive School.

In March, bird and bat boxes were put up around the Cricket Field. We also began our major project for the year, our involvement with the 'Go Superlambanana' project, which is part of Liverpool's Capital of Culture celebrations.

In April, we began preparing for our summer planting, by having a 'Spring Clean Day', supported by members of Sustran, Liverpool Cycling Club and Liverpool Charity and Voluntary services as part of the "Your Community Matters" initiative. In the afternoon, Friends of Gateacre were joined by local Brownies to plant wild flowers in the Cricket Field. This was followed by refreshments in the Social Club. It was a lovely day and brought young and old from the village together.

May and June were busy months, with planting days, visits to the school Learning Zone Garden Project and work on the Superlambanana. Friends of Gateacre invited Gateacre Community Comprehensive school to work with us in designing and painting our Superlambanana. It was agreed that, to fit in with the Northwest in Bloom theme of 'Local Roots', the design of the Superlambanana should reflect the village's Mock Tudor style. Feedback from the members who attended the workshops in the school was that the students were extremely enthusiastic and there were plenty of really good ideas.

This was a really successful venture, resulting in Tudorlambanana being created and located on the village green. The GoSuperlambanana project has been widely publicised across Liverpool and has generated much interest, with Tudorlambanana being 'featured' in the Trailmap. There had been two launch events in June, which were attended by members of Friends of Gateacre and those involved from the school as well. Tudorlambanana was very well received in the village, by both residents and visitors alike.

Sadly, early in the morning of 13th July, our Tudorlambanana was removed from its location and vandalised. As it was beyond repair, it was agreed that a replacement should be made, so Friends of Gateacre members and the school art department worked hard to recreate Tudorlambanana.

In July we had a further clean-up day with more than 20 people working around the village - everyone was delighted with the work done - and the planting is blooming too! Plans for later in the year are still being developed, but we are already organising a further quiz night, a village community service in Gateacre Chapel, carol singing and bulb planting. The following pages show some of our activities this year - and how we let people know what was going on!



Enhancing the
Village Community

Friends of Gateacre

Fun Quiz Night

Friday, 18th January 2008 - 7.30 pm
(following the AGM at 7 pm)

The Gateacre Institute
Grange Lane
(opposite shopping parade)

Proceeds to Gateacre in Bloom 2008

Please bring a team or just come along and
help to enhance Gateacre Village

Buffet Supper
Raffle

Tickets £3.00
Payment can be made on the door

It would be helpful if you could ring 722 6862 to let us
know if you can come for catering purposes

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Geraldine McAndrew on 428 5897



Friends of Gateacre

working with

Liverpool Community Network

are having a

Spring Cleaning Day

in

Gateacre Village

on

26th April 2008 between 10am and 3pm

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Ernie Hodgkinson on 428 3044

or come to the Village Green on the day to help

(equipment provided)

SOUTH LIVERPOOL **Merseymart**

Clean-up day boosts village

Volunteers join forces

A SPECIAL clean up day was held in Gateacre village earlier this month.

The day was organised by the Friends of Gateacre and they were joined by a representative from Liverpool Charity and Voluntary services, as part of the "Your Community Matters" initiative, and pupils from Gateacre Community Comprehensive School to give the area a spring clean up.

Brownies from Our Lady of Assumption and Belle Vale also helped by planting wild flower seeds and plants in the cricket field, while members of Sustran and Liverpool Cycling Club worked on the Loop Line and cleared the subway between Station Road and



● Volunteers join forces at the Gateacre clean-up



Clean-up Day

EARLIER this month, a Clean-up Day was held in Gateacre village, organised by the Friends of Gateacre.

They were supported by a representative from Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services as part of the Your Community Matters Initiative. In addition to the members of the Friends of Gateacre and Gateacre Community Comprehensive School, the local Brownies from Our Lady of Assumption and Belle Vale planted wild flower seeds and plants in the cricket field. Members of Sustran and Liverpool Cycling Club worked on the Loop Line and cleared the subway between Station Road and Belle Vale.

Refreshments were provided for all at the Woolton social club. It is intended to have another clean-up day later in the year. For details visit www.liverpool.ndo.co.uk/gatsoc/friends.



Tudorlambanana

Friends of Gateacre decided that a great way to take part in this year's Capital of Culture celebrations was to create a piece of art for the village. They invited Gateacre Community Comprehensive School and two local artists to design and produce a Superlambanana as part of the Go Superlambanana initiative. Twenty students (13-15 year olds), members of the community and local councillors attended workshops to create the design for our very own Superlambanana. After the initial workshop the ideas were taken away and a final design was created.

The inspiration behind this design came from its surroundings - the village itself. In the late nineteenth century, a change in architectural fashion led to Gateacre village being associated with the 'black-and-white' or 'mock Tudor' style which makes it such a distinctive place today. We felt that this had to be reflected by our "Tudorlambanana". The collaged handprints on the spine represent the community coming together, showing photos of the surrounding area as well as images of importance to members of the community, and the staff and students taking part.

Everybody involved has enjoyed being part of the project. It has obviously been a great focus of interest and amusement within the community and for people passing through the village.

Friends of Gateacre members helped with the designs



Students working with the Artists



"Taking part in the Superlamb was a super experience. We got a chance to work with some Super people!"
Toni Milward
Year 10



"Working on the Superlambanana project was a great experience. The entire thing was fun to do and in the end we made our Tudorlambanana which I think looks great! Being able to work in a group to do it helped us bring our ideas together to result in a great Superlambanana!"

Beth Hunt, year 9



"The Superlambanana project has been one of the most fun and stimulating events for the Capital of Culture. We are immensely proud to be a part of such a high profile enterprise."

Mr Gerard Lonergan, Headteacher

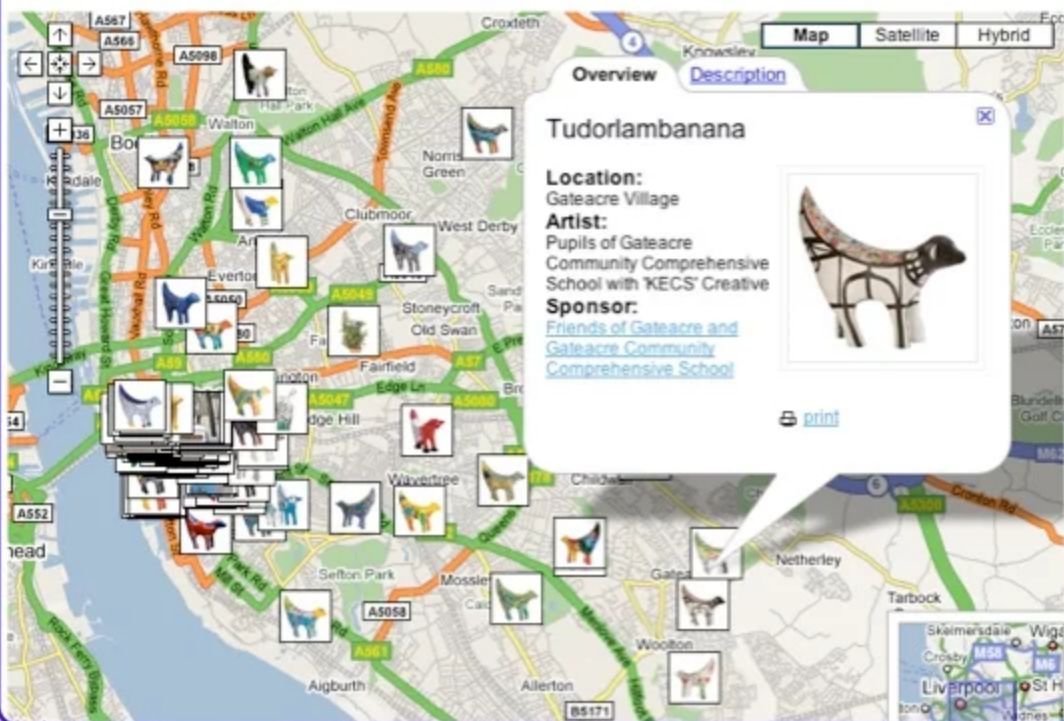


Go Superlambananas

16 June - 25 August

One of the most eagerly awaited events of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture celebrations is now live and on the streets for 10 glorious weeks! Over 100 two meter-tall replicas of the iconic SuperLambBanana sculpture have been painted and created by local artists, schools and community groups to bring a free to view, open air, public art spectacular. A designated Superlambanana trail is winding its way all over Liverpool. Throughout the City's neighbourhoods, flocks of fun-sized Superlams are astonishing visitors and encouraging residents to see their home in a new and exciting light. Walk around any corner and there's a good chance you'll come across a visual feast of individual art.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)





Friends of Gateacre News

Spring 2008

www.friendsofgateacre.org

Tudorlambanana Arrives in Gateacre

Inspired by the black and white architecture of Gateacre Village, students of Gateacre Comp have created a fabulous Superlambanana. Sponsored by Friends of Gateacre, he has panels and a collage on his spine representing images of village life, the young people's view of their community and Liverpool as Capital of Culture.

Said Terri Holcroft, Chair of Friends of Gateacre, "We want to make this our celebration of Capital of Culture and involve everyone in the community. The young

people, helped by professional artists, have produced an iconic design we can all be proud of. From 16th June until 25th August, Gateacre Village is part of the Go Superlambananas Trail, which will be a great opportunity to show off our Village." (see www.gosuperlambananas.co.uk for details)



Community Action for the Environment

Friends of Gateacre are entering the North West in Bloom Competition again this year. Plants are being grown on for the tubs, hanging baskets and barrier planters and you can help to make it a success. Putting up a basket, tending your shop, house front or garden and just generally tidying up can make a big difference



Planting for Posterity

The competition is not just about pretty flowers. It is about sustainable planting which takes account of our changing climate. We aim to create wildlife friendly habitats and achieve a litter and graffiti-free village, which understands the need for preserving and recycling resources.

Village Pride

Most importantly, our work is not just about winning awards. It is great to have our efforts recognised but we believe that attractive surroundings can enhance the quality of life for everyone in our Neighbourhood.

Your Bloomin' Neighbourhood

Britain in Bloom holds a separate competition for local Neighbourhoods. Gateacre & Woolton were the first area to enter four years ago and there are now around 200 Liverpool entries. Dale Mews, Grange Mews, Soarer Cottages, Stone Cottages and Turners Court won Awards last year and are entering again.

Your Village, Your Community, Your Bloom

Cleaning and Greening Gateacre

Community Organisations Working Together

Our first clean up day in April was a big success, thanks to our Environment Organiser, Ernie Hodgkinson. Many volunteers came forward and we were able to clear large areas, including the Cricket Field and the approaches to the Loopline.

It was a wonderful example of community co-operation. Ernie brought together Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services and the City Council, as well as young people from Gateacre Comp and local youth organisations. The Loopline proprietors, Sustrans, introduced members of the Merseyside Cycle Campaign, who have a special interest in reclaiming the loopline path. Together they cleaned up the approaches and the passageway on Station Road.



Brownies Go Wildflower Planting

After a welcome lunch in the Social Club, the younger members went to work around the edge of the Cricket Field. They planted cowslips, lesser celandine, ground ivy, greater stitchwort, wild strawberries and sweet violets along the edges under the trees.

Our thanks go to everyone who took part and helped to make it a fantastic day.



Another community clean up will be held on Saturday 19th July. Please come along.

Meet the Friends

Your friends and neighbours are members of 'The Friends' Committee. Councillors Barbara Mace and Barbara Collinge give support, as does Mike Chitty, Environment Secretary of the Gateacre Society. We are lucky to have the support of local organisations and would like to thank

Gateacre Chapel, Woolton Social Club, Gateacre Institute, and the Village business community.

Chair: Terri Holcroft
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Geraldine McAndrew
Treasurer: Jacqui Meadows



Environment: Ernie Hodgkinson, Beryl McLaren
Planting: Pauline Rose, Geraldine McAndrew
Fund Raising Barbara Mace, Jacqui Meadows
Newsletter Barbara Collinge, Mike Chitty

Help us to Help Gateacre:

I would like to help Friends of Gateacre improve our Village.

I would like join in with

Planting and maintaining green areas

Making Gateacre's environment cleaner, litter and graffiti free

Helping with social events and fund raising

Encouraging young people

Doing clerical, art or computer work

Making a contribution to the cost of plants, planters, bird boxes etc

Cheques payable to 'Friends of Gateacre'

Name.....Tel. No

Address.....

Email.....

Dear Neighbour

FOG is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, fund raising events and small grants.

- ☐ The members work hard to improve our village. If you can help with a financial contribution or help of any kind, it will be much appreciated.

Terri Holcroft,
Chair of FOG

Please take a moment to fill in this form and return to Terri Holcroft, 13 Sandfield Road

**Gateacre Community
Comprehensive - Learning Zone
Garden Project - linking with
Friends of Gateacre**

This spring, the old millennium garden in the school was redeveloped and taken over by the Learning Zone Garden Project. A greenhouse and shed were purchased and erected, and four plots were laid out. These were then fertilised and planted with potatoes, carrots, leeks, radishes, broad beans, garlic and onions.

Tomatoes and chillies are grown in the greenhouse. The aim is to have fresh, healthy produce to distribute around the school later in the year.

Lavender, donated by Friends of Gateacre on a visit to the garden, has been planted near the school's main entrance.





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