



## Press Release: ExxonMobil Fawley helps keep parish blooming!

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A popular Parish in Bloom project will continue to flourish for another year after winning support once again from local councillors and businesses.

The collaborative scheme was launched in the spring of 2016 by Fawley Parish Council and has brought a splash of colour to the local community ever since. The project is supported by local businesses like ExxonMobil Fawley which has contributed £1,000 towards this year's planting.

When the scheme was first launched, attractive wooden planters were installed at strategic points across the ward by the parish council's grounds team. The aim was to brighten up the area and promote a feeling of pride in the local environment. This year, the colourful community backdrop has seen the addition of two new five-tier planters, one positioned outside the former library in Blackfield, and the other outside the Co-op, in Holbury.

Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk of Fawley Parish Council, said: "The new planters were bought using grant funding secured by our local Hampshire County Councillor Alexis McEvoy while the Co-op kindly purchased the plants. In addition to this, the grounds team have installed plant troughs on the ward entry signs around the parish which look great."

The planting is carried out twice a year by the team at Copthorne Nursery in Fawley. The nursery supports adults with learning disabilities to develop horticultural skills and has been an integral part of the project from the start. Fawley Parish Council Chairman Alan Alvey said: "We are immensely grateful to ExxonMobil Fawley and all the other local businesses which have contributed towards the Parish in Bloom project. The scheme is extremely popular with local residents, and we regularly receive positive comments about it. This is a wonderful example of partnership working and shows what we can achieve when the community comes together."

Angharad Vaughan, Community Affairs Adviser for ExxonMobil Fawley, said: "The Fawley site has supported the Parish in Bloom scheme for several years and we have been excited to see it flourish year on year. We are delighted that our latest contribution of £1,000 will continue to bring colour to our community and put a smile on people's faces."

- Pictured: Jason Mansbridge, Grounds Manager for Fawley Parish Council, with one of the new plant troughs on the ward boundary between Blackfield and Langley.