



GASP
Motor
Project

**Hands on learning
that helps drive change**

**Summer
2022**

Once again, I am delighted to report on an incredibly successful academic year for GASP and the amazing students we have worked with. Our longer courses have facilitated extended learning, and mixed groups allowed individuals to meet new peers, and develop those incredibly important life traits of teamworking and communication skills alongside the vocational engineer and mechanics knowledge.

This year over 300 young people attended GASP. We delivered over 540 daytime teaching sessions either on site at our Albury workshop, or via our Mobile Classrooms. Our volunteers have run almost 80 evening engineering clubs and led 'Go GASP' and 'Team Brightspark' to medal success at GreenPower!

June saw the official opening of our New Classroom and Wellbeing space, and we were honored to have so many of our prestigious funders and supporters there to celebrate with us.

It is thanks to our incredible volunteers, staff, funders and supporters who enable GASP to be such an extraordinarily positive and proactive charity. Working together, we ensure GASP continues to meet the ever-evolving needs of Surrey's disadvantage and disengaged youth.

Opening new opportunities for Surrey's disadvantaged and disengaged youth.

On June 30th, we were delighted to host the official opening of the new GASP classroom and wellbeing space. The ribbon was official cut by GASP President, HM Lord Lieutenant of Surrey Mr Michael More-Molyneux and GASP student Oli. Oli spoke passionately about how attending GASP has made such a positive impact on him and delighted those attending with news he has been accepted to college to complete a motor mechanics course. We were also honored to have GASP Patron HH Christopher Critchlow DL High Sheriff of Surrey and his wife Wendy in attendance, as well as representatives from education, the corporate sector, funders and GASP students.





Clockwise from top left: HH Christopher Critchlow DL High Sheriff of Surrey with GASP students Lorenzo and Dylan; GASP Volunteer Alex with Founder Patron Sally Varah MBE DL; L to R Jane Pocock (BMTA Trust), Alex Thompson (GASP CEO), Ellie Vasey-Thompson (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner); L to R Alex Thompson, James Fox (Cinch/BCA), Dr Beccy Bowden (Community Foundation for Surrey CEO). Middle: L to R: Ian Dignam (GASP Trustee), Lewis (GASP Student), James Fox, Simeon Thompson (Sun Chemical)



Wellbeing space for group and 1:1 support. Also acts as a breakout room for informal discussions and meetings



Formal classroom set up for digital learning (IT equipment funded by the Community Foundation for Surrey)

Welcome To team GASP!

We are delighted that Lucy Weber has joined GASP as our Operations Manager. Having previously worked at Jubilee High School, Lucy comes to us with a wealth of educational experience, particularly focused upon those with SEND and alternative educational needs. Prior to Jubilee High, Lucy had an extensive career at senior management level within Facilities Management. Lucy has been attending GASP with students for over three years and we are thrilled to welcome her onboard.



We are also excited to have Dave Thomas join us as a volunteer, supporting our Monday evening Engineering club. Dave is currently an IT consultant and has previously worked at Toyota as a technical specialist. He has a real passion for cars, especially Land Rovers and is really keen to get involved with GreenPower racing!

Goodbye.

Sadly, whilst we are delighted to welcome new members of the team to GASP, we must also say goodbye to three of our team. James Martin and Bruce Shaw have been fantastic volunteers for GASP, supporting the Monday and Wednesday Engineering clubs, respectively. James has been with GASP for over 6 years, and Bruce for over 4. Both have committed an incredible amount of their time and expertise to our students, resulting in successive podium placements for both Greenpower teams and have encouraged and supported numerous students to pursue motor mechanics and engineering at higher and further education. We all at GASP thank them sincerely for everything they have done to support our charity and young people.

Amy joined GASP in 2021 as our Fundraising Manager. She has made fantastic partnerships and brought new funders to GASP. We knew that with such an incredible skill-set she wouldn't be with us long and we are delighted that she has joined the Community Foundation for Surrey as a Fund Development Manager. Of course, we hope that Amy will always keep GASP in the back of her mind when talking to new funders....!



Our Silver Mobile Classroom has been sign written! Having had a number of delays due to Covid we are delighted with the result – the blue and black on the silver looks fantastic!



As demand for courses continues to increase, we anticipate needing a further mobile classroom this academic year. Of course, we will need to fundraise, but already we are timetabling sessions for a second mobile in the Spring 2023.

As a charity, we are reliant upon the generosity of funders, grant givers, staff and volunteers. We are always looking for people to join our team either formally or informally. If you would like to become involved with GASP, please contact our CEO Alex Thompson:

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