

Newsletter



The spring term has been as busy as ever, with demand for GASP courses continuing to increase. To meet this need, and with thanks to the Hadley Foundation, in January we launched our third Mobile Classroom. GASP is now delivering 27 teaching sessions a week to over 255 young people. With courses being delivered in Middlesex, Surrey and Hampshire, GASP is meeting the increasingly diverse needs of young people struggling in mainstream education. So far this academic year we have delivered teaching sessions to over 400 students and issued 416 AQA unit awards, with a full term still to go!

As our students continue to diversify, so do our activities and projects. We are delighted to have been joined by Alan Wells, former head of Motor Mechanics at Brooklands College. He brings a huge wealth of knowledge and expertise, and is working with our team to develop our curriculum topics and create new teaching apparatus including gears, pulleys and brakes. The tutor team attended two training days during the Easter break in anticipation of rolling out the new activities to our students.



GASP announced as a Surrey County Council Preferred Supplier

We were delighted to receive the news that, following a formal tender application process and review, Surrey have approved GASP as a preferred supplier for Alternative Provision. This means that all Surrey support workers and staff will be able to refer young people to the GASP provision. The commissioning process reviewed quality of provision, professional qualifications and expertise, safeguarding, health and safety, data protection and financial competency.

Guildford Lions Classic Car Show

GASP was delighted to be part of the first ever Guildford Lions Classic Car show. Held on the historic Guildford high street, the event attracted 75 classic cars from the 1920's to the 1980's. It was wonderful to meet so many car enthusiasts and families out for the day.



Guildford
Lions Club

Fundraising Corner!

As GASP continues to expand and develop its training provision for local children and young people, so the huge contribution from our funders becomes ever more important to us. Without their commitment and support, our work simply would not be possible, so we extend our sincere thanks to all donors.

This term we are very grateful to many wonderful funders, which have contributed to specific courses, to the essential background costs of our work and to the purchase of new tools and equipment.

We extend our particular thanks this spring to the Community Foundation for Surrey for two grants, one of which will enable us to deliver two terms of training within Epsom and Ewell – and also for funding which we will use to purchase a new database. The latter will revolutionise our record-keeping, enabling us to keep our data up-to-date and quickly accessible across the charity.

It was a great pleasure this term to welcome two members of Unum's 'Responsible Business' team to GASP. We always find that visits to our garage workshop provide the best insight into our work, so it was a wonderful opportunity to meet with Sue Sanderson and Holly French. We were delighted to have the chance to tell them about GASP's mission – and for them to see at first hand a group of engaged young people training in the workshop. We are grateful to Unum for their continued support of GASP and for funding one of our courses this year.



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Welcome!

As we continue to extend our teaching provision, we are delighted to have welcomed four new members of staff to the team!

As noted above, with over 30 years in the motor industry, and most recently as Head of Motor Mechanics at Brooklands College, Alan Wells (top Left) joins us as a Curriculum Consultant. Alan is also working with the Board of Trustees and CEO to inform our long-term strategy around education levels and qualifications.



David Wiltshire (top right) joins GASP with a strong background in Mechanics, having worked with Toyota for over 10 years, followed by a career restoring classic cars. With years of experience training apprentices, he is enthusiastic to pass on his expertise to our young people.



Chris Plummer (below right) ran his own business before retiring in 2022. Specialising in BMWs, Chris has a breadth of mechanical and technical no-how and passionate work with challenged young people.



Gus Ferenczy (below left) joins us from the Guildford Bike Project. A passionate cyclist, Gus has taught young people bicycle maintenance, servicing and restoration for a number of years, following retirement as a Solicitor. Gus is keen to support the development of GASP and bring his knowledge to our students.



Surrey Police - Community Engagement Team

During the Easter School holidays GASP partnered with Surrey Police to deliver a course to a group of Young Offenders. Hosted by Collingwood College, the young people attended from across the county for a four intensive days of motorbikes, pit bikes, and quad bikes!

Could you volunteer?

If you would be interested in hearing about any of our volunteering opportunities, please do get in touch -
admin@gaspmotorproject.org.
We would love to hear from you!

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