



GASP
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**Hands on learning
that helps drive change**

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Happy Retirement!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Lynne Regan as our Programmes Coordinator. Having joined GASP in September 2016, Lynne has been an exceptional member of the team. She has significantly developed our relationships with schools and referring organisations, created the single referral courses, and has been instrumental in the growth of our curriculum from 6 to 39 weeks. Her passion for GASP is evident to all who speak with her. She will be very much missed.



We are absolutely thrilled to be working in partnership with Ringway, the new company contracted to Surrey Highways for road maintenance. Having been contacted by Carolyn Jay, Community and Place Manager, we have had Jimmy attend the Albury workshop with his gritter on numerous occasions! The students get the opportunity to see how the vehicle works, and ask questions about the process of gritting and the cost!



In the summer term, we will be taking students to the Merrow site to participate in a traffic management exercise, supported by Ringway staff. In addition, the students will be shown around the Highways 'hub', learning how Ringway coordinate the maintenance of Surrey's roads. We are so grateful for the incredible experience Ringway are giving our students.



Thanks to support from No Fear Bridge, GASP was delighted to host Surrey Young Carers during February half term. The group of boys and girls worked on the go-karts with Howard – completing a full MOT and service check before travelling to Dunsfold and driving them around the 'Top Gear' track. The feedback was amazing and we hope to run similar events during the summer.



GASP was overjoyed to receive an incredible £12,000 from Guildford Golf Club, following 12 months as the Captains' Charity of the Year. Brendan Regan organized a significant number of fundraising events including a promise auction, Captains Day, Christmas Ball and various raffles. The generosity of Brendan and Guildford Golf Clubs members was really amazing. It was great to have Jubilee High school attend the cheque presentation. Some of the funds will be allocated to buying a new GASP Mobile Classroom.

New Volunteers

We are always incredibly grateful for the support of our evening volunteers, who enable us to run our Engineering Youth Clubs.

This term we are really happy to welcome Steve, Andy and Mark to our Wednesday evening group. Following on from the departure of Rob Cooke who had been with GASP for almost 6 years, the new team are getting themselves ready for the first GreenPower Race of the season on 30th April. Rob has been amazing and has continued to support the group as they prepare the car for Goodwood, sharing his expertise and knowledge with everyone.

Good Luck on the 30th!

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our fantastic team. If you would like to join us, or know someone who might, please email admin@gaspmotorproject.org



Queen's Award Presentation for Stanhope-Seta

GASP is extremely grateful to Stanhope-Seta for their support over many years – offering our students a unique opportunity to engage with real life engineering production and design. Students from Jubilee High School have been attending this term, learning about CAD and designing their own electrical systems.

On 28th March, Stanhope-Seta hosted HRH The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, to confer the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade Category on the company. We were grateful to be asked if our Jubilee High students could attend the event to represent GASP and our thriving partnership. The students spoke about their experience with Stanhope and the incredible opportunity afforded to them. They also enjoyed a high tea and watched the presentations. An incredible experience for everyone.



Welcome to the GASP staff Team!

Alex Pettitt – Tutor



Alex joined GASP as an evening student, and represented GASP as an ambassador at many events. From an attendee, Alex went on to volunteer at our Monday evening youth club. Having completed his level 3 BTEC in vehicle maintenance at Brooklands College, and following a role at Repaircraft, he now joins GASP as a full-time tutor. Alex has recently completed his Level 3 Award in Education and Training as part of his GASP induction.

Laura Lloyd – Programmes Coordinator



Having previously worked in administration roles in health care settings, Laura took a career break to raise her two sons Finlay and Ezra. She is really excited about joining the GASP team as she is particularly passionate about children's education and mental wellbeing. She brings a wealth of knowledge around IT and administration systems, and is looking forward to meeting our schools, funders and students.

Moyra Matravers – Fundraiser



Moyra joins GASP with over 20 years of fundraising experience, most recently having worked for 10 years as Head of Fundraising at Guilford's mental health charity, Oakleaf Enterprise. She is already enjoying working at a small, dynamic and growing charity. With four youngsters herself, she feels passionate about joining a staff team focusing on positive opportunities for young people.

GASP CEO Alex was honoured to have been invited to speak at the Farnham Rotary Club in March and Lions Clubs Zone meeting in April. It was a great opportunity to engage with our local communities and share information about the work GASP does. Alex explained to both groups how the demand for GASP courses has increased so significantly over the last few years, evidencing the real need for alternative education in Surrey.

