

Newsletter



It has been a great start to the new academic year, with over 180 students participating in GASP courses. We are delivering 27 teaching sessions a week: 7 on site at our Albury workshop, and 20 via our two mobile classrooms. We cover all of Surrey, and are now in Hampshire and Middlesex. Our cohorts are referred from mainstream, special and short stay schools, as well as alternative learning providers and charity partners. Overall GASP has delivered over 850 teaching hours this term.

We have rolled out new activities, and thanks to our fantastic funders have purchased new tools and equipment including Pit Bikes, storage, protective gear and a full range of mechanical apparatus.

Our evening youth clubs have had incredible success this term, competing at the GreenPower event at Dunsfold in September, and then finishing 14th and 23rd at the international final (invite only) at Goodwood in October. The youth clubs are run solely by volunteers and without Dave, Alex, Jonathan, Oli, Andy and Steve they would not happen. Thank you so much for your commitment to our young people and for facilitating such positive outcomes.



Trustee Away Day

Each year the GASP Chair of Trustees hosts a strategic away day for all Trustees to attend. The focus is to review and assess current delivery and plan future growth in accordance with need. We are really grateful to all of our schools and students who completed in-depth feedback questionnaires ahead of the meeting to inform our strategy and ensure we continue to meet the needs of the young people we support.

GASP is truly fortunate to have such dedicated Trustees who offer their time and expertise voluntarily to support the charity.

Thank you

We would like to thank the following for their incredible support:

Shere Hill Climb

We were once again delighted to be asked to attend Shere Hill Climb in September. Such an incredible family event with classic and new cars, music, food and of course the challenging hill climb itself. We are so grateful to be beneficiaries of the event and were honoured to receive £1,000.



Thank you to our amazing volunteers for supporting us at this the event.

FieldFest

Thank you so much to the organisers and attendees at this years FieldFest. This incredible music festival took place in Gomshall on the 22nd July and as their Charity of the Year, GASP received an incredible £1,800. The funds have been used to purchase new Pit Bikes for our students to work on.

GASP is honoured to partner with the incredible family-run engineering company, Stanhope-Seta. As recipients of multiple Queens Awards, Seta are committed to community, youth training and sharing their expertise in field. This term, they hosted fantastic training sessions for GASP students introducing them to:

- Crimping, soldering and machining
- Digital design
- 3D parts
- Sub-assembly

The purpose of these sessions is to show students what they are capable of and give them support to make informative decisions past their formal education.



We have also been working with Surrey CC highways maintenance contractor, Ringway. Students visit the Merrow depot and participate in a traffic management training exercise (who knew all the rules around filling pot holes!). They have a tour around the site and learn about opportunities available to young people in the highways industry. Many thanks to the team for supporting our students.



We had our two new mobile classrooms sign written ready for the start of this academic term and are incredibly grateful to our wonderful funders who facilitated their purchase: The Axis Foundation, Community Foundation for Surrey, The Edward Gostling Foundation, Guildford Golf Club and The Hadley Trust. Tools and equipment for one classroom were kindly funded by the Percy Bilton Foundation, and the other was kitted out by The Hobson Charity.



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!

If you would like to make a donation, please use the QR code here to go to our JustGiving Page



As demand for our courses continues to increase, we are delighted to welcome two new members of staff – Trevor & Terry.



Trevor comes to us with over 20 years' experience working as a senior technician specialising in motorbikes. His passion for bikes is evident as he enthuses students to engage with learning and expand the curriculum with personal anecdotes and experience.

Terry has a very exciting work background, having worked on Ferrari's and Maserati's in his last role! His experience across the motor industry is vast, giving him a great ability to invite discussions to compare and contrast manufacturers and designers.



If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining our team, please contact Alexandra.Thompson@GASPMotorProject.org

We have enjoyed welcoming several of our funders to visit GASP this term. It is always such a pleasure to be able to show our work to funders so that they can see at first hand the impact of their support of GASP. Many enjoy having the opportunity to speak with those of our young people who are happy to share with them aspects of their learning. We look forward to receiving more visitors during 2024.



Finally, we were thrilled to host a Christmas party for our staff, volunteers and trustees.

It was so lovely to see everyone relaxing and enjoying some time off with friends and colleagues.



From all of us at GASP – our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas