

GASP Motor Project

Easter 2025

GASP Evening students win the Ford Engineering Award!



Once again, our incredible team of evening volunteers Andy, Steve, Darren, Raggy and Brian led our young people to amazing success at the recent GreenPower Education Trust event at Goodwood.

As a charity we entered two of our Greenpower cars, from the Monday and Wednesday night teams, Brightspark and Go GASP respectively.

These cars have undergone a significant amount of modification, upgrade and testing all being completed by the students in their two hour sessions. The work completed has been either, necessary due to regulation changes, failures or issues noted by the team during prior race days, or simply because the students wanted to.

The students have been fundamental in the identification of and solutions to the vehicle fixes and upgrades, and are becoming incredibly self-sufficient in the maintenance and improvement of the cars. All of the volunteers are very impressed and proud of how the students are progressing.

Raggy, who supports the Monday team said: "We have just completed a race at Goodwood, and we're delighted to get an eighth overall in class. We have decided to strip the back end down again and we are now looking at making some major changes to the electrical system. We have decided to fit a speed controller to better regulate the energy draw from the batteries and hopefully this will increase the distance that we can run at the next meeting. The students are heavily involved in all the work that we have carried out so far and it has been great to see them develop their skills and knowledge. We will hopefully be able to challenge for a podium place in the next race!"

Of the Wednesday Team, Andy says "The students in the last 6 months have completely stripped the car down to bare chassis and wiring, narrowed the front axle, reinforced suspension struts, relocated motor to a central point, relocated the batteries, designed and created a new steering wheel, created a new throttle, installed a motor controller to trim off the voltage impulse upon initial acceleration, created new bonnet, front wings and side panels by laying up glass fibre reinforced plastic and a new chain guard for the new chain location. The students have been relentless in their work and have been fundamental in getting the Go GASP car working and on the track after so many modifications."



Jubilee High Visit Station Garage Skoda Dealership in Horsham

We are extremely grateful to Steve from Cranleigh XRT and the team at Station Garage for hosting a brilliant visit for our Jubilee High students. Five students had the opportunity to learn more about the motor industry, find out about the employment opportunities within the dealership and experience vehicle servicing and MOT testing. The students were incredibly engaged, and all expressed an interest in working for Skoda in the future!



Woking Rotary are great friends of GASP, and we were delighted to be one of the charities to receive funding from their annual Swimathon.

The funds, together with a donation from The Percy Bilton Charityhave been used to purchase new equipment for the GASP Workshop to further the student learning and increase their industry recognised skills.





We are always delighted to welcome visitors to the workshop, to show the incredible work of our students.

This term, we welcomed Charlotte Grobian OBE, CEO of Give It Away. Charlotte set up Give it Away, a property development company, with the sole intention of, well, giving all the profits away! Charlotte has given away over £2 million to local Surrey and South East London charities.

Talking to Charlotte about what we do, the outcomes our students achieve and our ambitions for the future, she stunned us all by pulling out her famous 'Pink Envelope' and presented GASP with a donation towards our work with Surrey Police and Young Offenders!





As we have extended our curriculum, we have been hugely grateful to our funders who have provided new and exciting equipment for our young people to work with.

We welcomed Paul and Trevor from The Wisley Foundation who provided the funding for three brand new motorbikes. This is the first time we have had full-size bikes and they have been very enthusiastically welcomed by the students!









In June, GASP will be celebrating our 20th anniversary! Having started as a small evening youth club for young people in the local villages who were engaging in antisocial behaviours, we now work with over 400 children a year. GASP delivers 38 teaching sessions a week, with over 50 schools, charities and partners referring.

Our CEO has spent the last few weeks catching up with alumni including staff, volunteers and of course, young people.

We will be celebrating our anniversary at a special event at Mercedes-Benz World, hosted by F1 Champion Damon Hill, OBE.

If you have any stories to share, or have memories of GASP please do get in touch with

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Bookings are now open for the 2025 / 26 academic year. We have already been inundated with requests for courses and our timetables for both the workshop and the three mobile classrooms are filling fast. If you would like to secure a course for next year, please complete the following Google Form:

https://forms.gle/K9TSdyQ2zX8scSft6



We are extremely grateful to those who support GASP through volunteering, offering vocational experiences and providing financial support.

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