

Community Awareness

Some highlights of Shipley College's contribution to Saltaire and the wider community.



Volunteering in the local community Biodiversity

As part of their courses, our students volunteer in a wide range of organisations both locally and across the district. These include primary schools, care homes, nurseries, community centres, youth clubs/cafes, sports clubs and charities.

Organisations include Saltaire & Wycliffe Primary schools, HIVE, The Cellar Trust, Shipley Juniors, Age Concern, Scouts, Brownies, Shipley Youth Cafe and Highcroft Youth Centre. In addition, our students support local events such as the Tour de Yorkshire, Bingley Festival, Saltaire Festival, Saltaire Arts Trail, World Heritage Weekend and The Dragon Boat Festival.

Students and staff also regularly fundraise for good causes.

Prince's Trust Community Projects

After fundraising, students have completed 3 projects so far:

- ~ at High-Croft Youth Centre students created a cinema room for young people to use.
- ~ students built a sandpit, created a reading area and painted two large murals to brighten up the space at Northcliffe toddler group .
- ~ at Crag Road Community Allotment students built a large picnic table with two planters made out of donated timber. They planted sensory plants and herbs.

Students support people in the local community, for example creating and participating in Christmas activities with the elderly in the Kirkgate Centre.

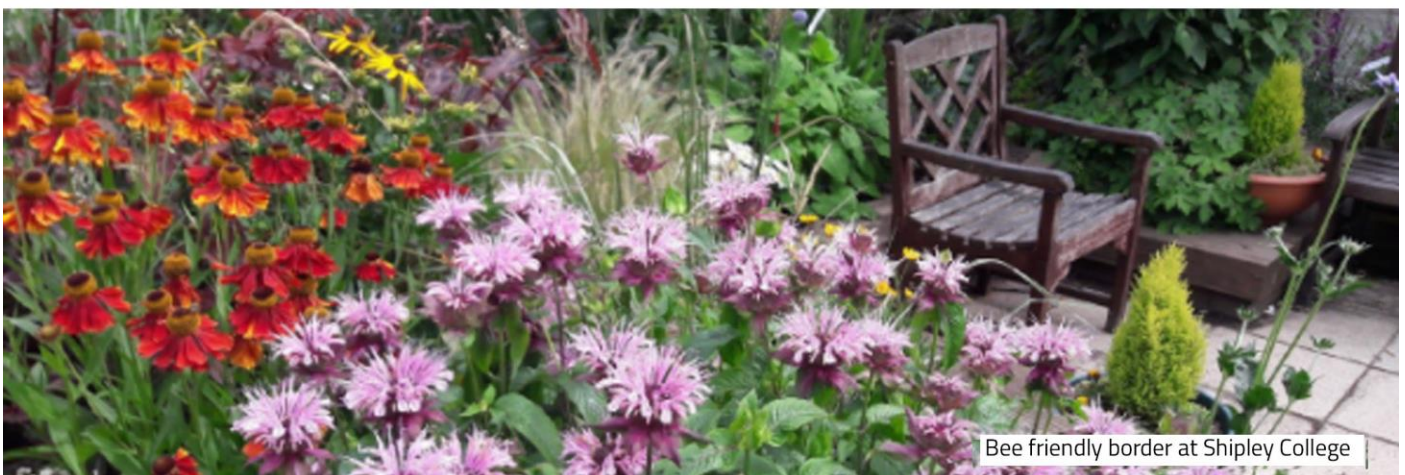
We began creating a range of wildlife habitats in the Railway Garden in 1996. These included ponds, a dry stone wall, wildflower areas and a mixed hedge. The idea was to link our garden with other green spaces next to the railway line in Saltaire and develop a 'wildlife corridor' that would help many different species of plants and animals to thrive.



Wildflower meadow at Railway Garden

Since then we have worked to increase the diversity of plant life in all of our grounds and manage them with environmental principles in mind. Our plan is to increase plant and animal life on all our sites and to make people aware of the benefit these bring to the environment, health and wellbeing.

We are building a collection of plants around the Exhibition & Jonathan Silver Buildings for students to research. We also work in partnership with local community group Veg on the Edge to create growing spaces around the village. Group members can grow and harvest fresh veg and fruit from raised beds. We also plant flowers to attract bees and other pollinators. In the future we would like to create an ecological map of all our green spaces and show how these link with the green spaces in the whole of Saltaire.



Bee friendly border at Shipley College

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Accord



The SDG Accord was launched by the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) recently at a conference in Vancouver, Canada. We are proud to be the first college worldwide to commit to this initiative dedicated to improving people, the planet and prosperity. They will share best practice with other institutions worldwide and report on the progress they make. Once a year this progress will be collated and presented to the UN High Level Political Forum.

Nav Chohan, Principal at Shipley College, said:

“The Sustainable Development Goals are integral to Shipley College's mission to make a positive difference for our College community and the wider area, inspiring continuous improvement in both our educational and operational activities. An example is that as custodians of the heritage buildings we occupy in Saltaire, we started with a comprehensive Carbon Management plan 5 years ago that has reduced our Carbon footprint by 28%. Signing up to the Accord is a natural extension of our broad based sustainability activities to work towards a better future for the next generation.”

Iain Patton, Chief Executive of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), said:

“This Accord is a huge step in the right direction to better show the world the value of colleges, universities and students. Colleges like Shipley are responsible for moulding the minds of the next generation of leaders and change agents and we are so pleased they have accepted a central role in ending some of the most critical global challenges. Together – we, the post 16 education sector, will do everything in our power to address the most pressing issues of our time and pave the way for change.”

Did you know?

- All green waste produced by our grounds maintenance operations is composted and used as mulch.
- Members of the College management team take regular walks around Saltaire to ensure our students are behaving in the positive manner we expect.

Saltaire Archive

Shipley College is committed to maintaining and promoting Saltaire's heritage. Saltaire Archive is a unique collection owned by the College offering insight in to the history and development of the village. Volunteers and members of the Saltaire History Club are actively involved. Personal memory files and many more interesting artefacts are available for loan such as books, research papers, pamphlets and DVDs. Saltaire Archive welcomes visitors and researchers by prior appointment.

Saltaire Stories is the education programme of Saltaire World Heritage Education Association (SWHEA) formed by three partner organisations, the Salt Foundation, Shipley College, and Saltaire United Reformed Church. See the website salttairstories.org



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