

Shirley Stream Care Project

Shirley Stream Care began six years ago, when three local families took their kids out to pick up rubbish along the stream. Next they tried some home-made stream water quality measuring devices and recently have used a proper clarity tube loaned to them by ECan for measuring water quality. They were shown how to pick samples off the bottom sediment to check for invertebrates. Over time they got much better at finding insect life in the stream. Now most species present are indicative of fairly low water quality but they are always excited to make a new discovery.

In 2017, the City Council allocated a budget and support for the restoration of Shirley Stream. A local landscape architect designed a planting scheme and over 900 natives have been planted by locals, including Shirley Primary School students and A Rocha volunteers. These plantings need ongoing maintenance until they get big enough to overtake grass and weeds. A Quinns Rd resident kindly mows the grass edges regularly. The next working bee is Sunday 13 September, 1:30-3pm – weeding, planting and litter collecting. All helpers are welcome. Meet at the Quinns Rd foot bridge between Orion St and Orcades St; bring gardening gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Afternoon tea provided. For more information you can find Shirley Stream Care on facebook, email shirleystreamcare@gmail.com or contact Bec on 021 125 7846.

Jordan is one of the volunteers for the Shirley Stream Project. He was asked the following:

How did you become involved in the stream care project and how many hours have you given?

I got asked to come down and help by Bec Roper-Gee, and I would say about 15 hours if you include the other stream clean-ups.

What do you enjoy about being involved?

It inspires me to create a better environment for the future.

What have you learnt from working in this project?

I have learnt the effects litter can have on the environment.

Thank you everyone involved in this project. You are doing an awesome job.



Stream planting 2018



This music and movement group for pre-schoolers is held each Monday during school term at the MacFarlane Park Centre, Acheson Ave. The morning starts at 9:30 with play, and the half-hour music session starts at 10:00 am, followed by morning tea, craft and more play.

A fun place for your pre-schooler to enjoy music and movement, plus a great place to meet other parents/caregivers.

For more information contact Ann 027 470 0442 or Carol 027 282 0693.



Congratulations and Thank You!



Each week this group of volunteers enjoy morning tea together after packing close to 100 fruit and veg bags. These dedicated volunteers have recently been awarded a Volunteering Canterbury award which acknowledges their valuable contribution to the community. Ian Dunbar was involved with the Fruit & Veges each week and enjoyed knowing the Shirley community benefited from these packs.'

These \$15 fruit and veg bags are available from the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesdays from 11am – 2pm. To order one, please contact Sharyn on 022 621 8269.

The Shirley Scene

A free after-school programme for youth in years 7-9. It runs on Tuesdays during term time from 3.15-4.30pm at the MacFarlane Park Centre.

The Scene has a relaxed environment, where the youth can choose to hang inside playing games or doing colouring/drawing, or play some basketball or touch outside. Afternoon tea is provided.

If you are keen to know more, please contact Aimee on 027 568 0833.



Celebrating Thankfulness: The theme for the Shirley Community 2020



September question:
What are you grateful for today?

This question will be up at both the Park and Neighbourhood Centres. Please share your responses on the paper provided, or text Sharyn on 022 621 8269 who will put them up for you.

'Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.'
Melody Beattie

Shirley Village Project



Residents and organisations working together for a 'caring, colourful and connected' Shirley Community.

Shirley Village Facebook

We are working to capture local stories with photo and video and can't wait to share these on the Shirley Village Facebook page. If you haven't already, check out the page.



Community Mask Making

On 15 August over 60 people came along to make face masks for themselves and whanau. It was fantastic to see the sharing of skills, knowledge and resources, and seeing unique colourful masks heading out into the community. About 20 more masks have been completed for families who couldn't join in because they are isolating to protect vulnerable family members.

Penguin in Shirley

This year, penguin sculptures will be popping up around the city. Christchurch City Council has arranged for Shirley to have our very own community penguin. It arrived at Bunnings on 21 August, where you can call in and see it being painted by Vanessa Heaver. Once complete it will be on display in the community for around 3 months before being auctioned for charity. You can still vote for the display location on the Shirley Village Facebook page.



Shirley Community Lawnmower

Spring is here and the grass is growing fast. Mow your lawns early so they do not get out of control. The Shirley Community Lawn Mower is available at \$10 per use (comes with a full tank of fuel). Also available is a weed eater, some gardening tools, leaf rake and leaf blower/vacuum. Text Grant 021 049 5610 to arrange use of the mower/tools.



Create a home garden

With spring fast approaching, now is the time to set up a home vegetable garden. The Shirley Village Project has some seeds available and people willing to help Shirley residents to set up their own vegetable garden. For more info email shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com or text Steve on 021 186 3645.

