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Quinn Estates Funds New Community Space for Gardeners at Village Allotments

Quinn Estates has created a new community meeting space for the green fingered residents of Littlebourne, near Canterbury.

The village allotments produce a bumper crop of fruit, vegetables and flowers every year – weather permitting – but until now, there was nowhere for allotment owners to come together.

Quinn Estates answered the call, funding an all-weather cabin for members of the Littlebourne Horticultural Society that will provide the perfect space for meetings, storage and shelter.

The new building, built using the manpower of some of the 60 communal gardeners, took four months to build.

The allotments are available to any resident of Littlebourne, although high demand means there is often a waiting list. Recently, larger allotments have been split into smaller plots to give more people a chance to grow their own. Littlebourne Primary School and Littlebourne Pre-School are among the groups maintaining allotments, encouraging a love for gardening from an early age. There are 85 plots in total, with a target of 100.

Mark Quinn, Managing Director, Quinn Estates said: “We are delighted to support Littlebourne with the new community cabin in the allotment gardens. As a resident of the village myself, I am keen to see the local community come together with initiatives such as this. The Horticultural Society is a fantastic club and they regularly meet to hold social events. I am pleased that Quinn Estates has been able to contribute towards the future of the club and ensure its continuing success.”

Vivienne Spratt MBE, Chairman of the Littlebourne Ladybird Preschool and leading member of the community, said: “Previously, the Horticultural Society residents didn’t have anywhere to hold their community meetings or annual general meetings – they had to rent a room in the village hall. The cabin will have such a huge impact for the future; it is now serving so many purposes. It is lovely for the residents to have an undercover space onsite and it means planned events can always go ahead, regardless of weather.

“Mark is a well-known figure within the village, thanks to the previous support of local projects which he has contributed through Quinn Estates. This has included his ongoing sponsorship of the Littlebourne junior cricket team, providing a gas boiler for the village hall and providing outbuildings for Littlebourne Ladybird Preschool.

“Quinn Estates has created a communal environment with the cabin that 60 people will now benefit from. The general allotment community spirit is soaring now that they have a gathering space, so we would just like to thank Mark and the team again for making this vision become a reality.”

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