



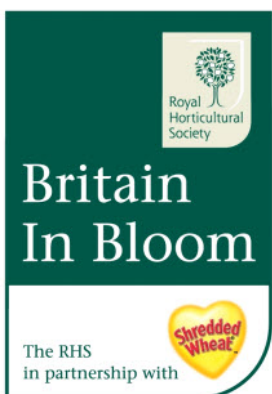
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Paignton in Bloom 2012



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Introduction

A Warm Welcome To ~ Tracy Wilson MBE and Michael Foy

This is the Paignton's 2012 Portfolio for our South West in Bloom entry.

Here we have endeavoured to portray a small sample of what Paignton has to offer in the way of horticultural achievements, environmental responsibility and of course community participation.

This portfolio is far too short to tell the whole story of what Paignton has to offer, but I hope you both enjoy this small taster.

Just three of the main successful initiatives that have come to fruition this past year, which have obtained funding from different sources are:-

- ❖ Completion of the £500,000 Geo-play Park
- ❖ Opening of the South Devon University campus.
- ❖ New dipping platform for Young's Park Conservation area



Judges Route 2012

PAIGNTON IN BLOOM

South West in Bloom Judging Route 2012

Judges Tracy Wilson & Michael Foy

Friday 20th July

Judging Time 3.5 hours + Neighbourhood awards (30min) = 4 hours

Its Your Neighbourhood Award judging

9.00 Growing for Life

9.30 Geoplay Park

10.00 Hayes Road School

10.30 Palace Avenue Gardens

11.00 South Devon College

South West in Bloom judging

12.00 Commence at South Devon College with formal greeting

12.03 Pictorial Presentation of Paignton Gardens past & in Spring 2012 by Tim Eley

12.10 Recycling Talk by Carol Arthur

12.25 Tour round South Devon College garden training area

12.40 Drive along Long Road & view White Rock Business Park landscape plantings

12.45 Arrive at White Rock School and be shown around

1.05 Back to Goodrington Road & into Beverley Park Holiday Park to view plantings

1.10 Continue down Goodrington Road viewing established gardens & turn left into Dartmouth Road & view hanging baskets at the Waterside pub

1.15 Arrive at Clennon Valley allotments and look around

1.30 On to Tanners Road and into Youngs Park & look round Conservation Wet area first

1.55 Leave Young's Park & drive to Harbour view plantings



Judges Route 2012 continued

2.00 Arrive at Apollo cinema & view landscaping at Crazy Golf, Torbay Park, Memorial, Crest Bed & point out sustainable planting in Apollo bed

2.10 Arrive at Geoplay Park

2.20 Continue on to Beach Road and view displays. Entrant in the local Bay Blooms Competition.

2.25 Back to Esplanade Road & point out solar/ wind powered lights & on to Marine Drive & view Redcliffe Hotel front garden

2.30 Arrive at Parkfield & be shown around

2.45 Up Manor Road & into Torbay Road past Preston Gardens

2.50 Arrive at Hollicombe Training Centre

3.10 On leaving drive to Oldway Mansion & view main driveway beds from the car

3.15 Drive through Station Square & on to Dartmouth Road & up Penwill Way

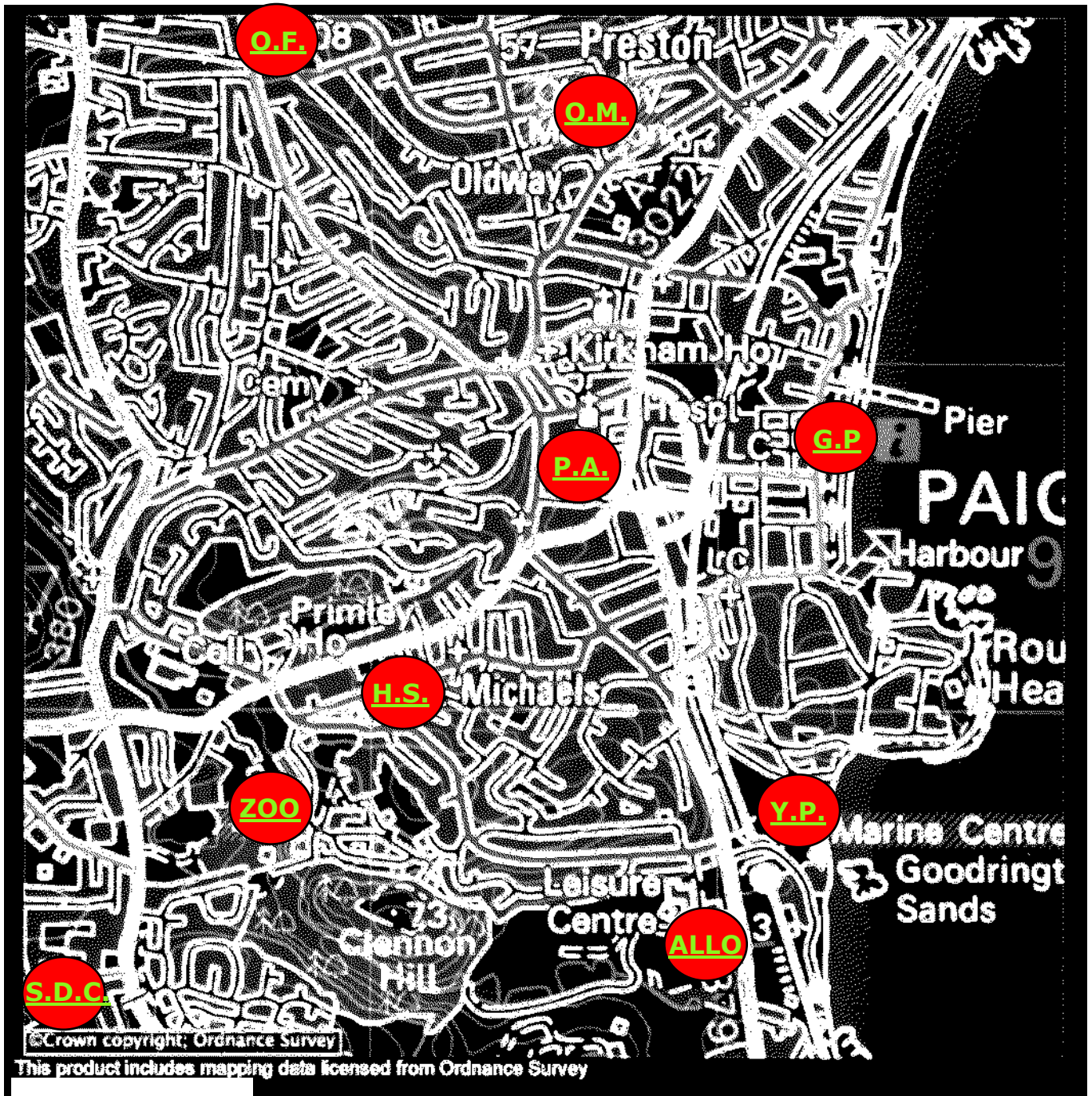
3.25 Arrive at Zoo & be shown around

4.00 Judging Ends

4.30 Its Your Neighbourhood Award – St Mary's Park, Brixham



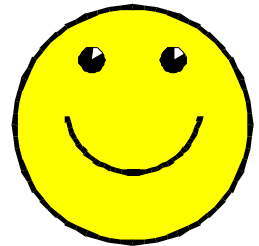
Planned Route 2012



- KEY:
- G.P. = Geo-Play Park
 - O.M. = Oldway Mansion
 - S.D.C. = South Devon College
 - ALLO = Allotments
 - H.S. = Hayes School
 - O.F. = Occombe Farm
 - P.A. = Palace Avenue
 - Y.P. = Young's Park



GREAT NEWS AGAIN



For the 2nd year running Young's Park in Paignton has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award by the Keep Britain Tidy Organisation. Young's Park People ~ the park group that works with the council ~ would like to thank all park users for their help in keeping this lovely park clean and tidy. Special thanks also to the TOR2 gardeners and litter-pickers for without their help, the park would not gain this award.



TOR2 gardeners Bob & Ray proudly show the flag before hoisting it up the flagpole.

Torbay Concert Brass display the Green Flag to an audience of over 180, just prior to their concert on Wednesday 3rd August 2011



Sutton Seeds Paignton ~ Major Sponsor

(extract from Sutton's web-site)

The History of Suttons

Suttons Seeds is an internationally renowned supplier of flower and vegetable seeds, young plants, bulbs, fruit bushes and other horticultural products to amateur gardeners. They have a reputation for quality and service that is second to none, and a remarkable history that goes back over two hundred years.

The company was founded in 1806 by John Sutton (1777-1863) who named it the 'House of Sutton' of King Street, Reading, supplying corn. In 1832 he was joined by his sons, Martin Hope (1815-1901) and Alfred. A few years later in 1837 the business was transferred to the Market Place, when they induced their father to launch out into the flower and vegetable seed trade. From this time on the firm progressed and expanded rapidly, being the first seed house to supply pure, unadulterated seed. By untiring energy and business acumen they laid the foundations of the great firm as it is today. The determination to supply only the best seed has been carried on by their successors, and through the years the name of 'Sutton' has become known the world over.

Suttons received Royal patronage in 1858, when Queen Victoria requested Martin Hope Sutton to supply seeds to the Royal household; the honour of the Royal Warrant has been bestowed on the firm ever since - right up to the present day with Her Majesty the Queen.

In 1962 Suttons moved again to new premises on the then main London-Bath (A4) road. The design and modern building had all the necessary features to run a successful business. At the time the premises were the most up-to-date of their kind in the country.

Flower and vegetable seeds are produced for Suttons in many parts of the world. This is because of the need for long summers and guaranteed dry harvesting conditions, thus ensuring that the seeds are of the highest quality.

In 1965 Suttons were the first company to offer foil packets to the amateur gardener in the UK, after developing the Harvest Fresh Foil seed packet system over many previous years.

The company relocated to Torquay in Devon from Reading in 1976. In December 1998 Suttons moved to brand new premises in Paignton where all packaging and distribution is now carried out.

Today Suttons is part of the international company Vilmorin who are the largest packet seed distributors in the world.



Norah Stucken Award



The Institute of Horticulture annually presents the Norah Stucken Award for outstanding projects which have made a significant impact on horticulture to the most pre-eminent candidate selected from a vast field of potential winners. The Award commemorates Norah Stucken who was the long-standing publisher of *The Grower*. The project has been devised with input from Curator of Plants and Gardens Kevin Frediani and Cornish company Valcent (EU) Ltd. It has helped offset the Zoo's food bills, improved food security, formed a basis for research and supplemented the diet of animals.

It features a 3 metre high stack of growing trays suspended from an overhead rack with 2 different sizes to facilitate a reduced spacing between hangers. The tray design can also accommodate a wide range of leaf crops with options of different spacing's. The trays are supplied with time-dosed liquids whose nutrient content is electronically varied depending on the selected crop.

The use of vertical space reduces the floor area required to grow crops. The technique is not new but the application is an extremely innovative one and helps demonstrate how integral horticulture is to life, welfare and education.

In addition, the approach to water conservation and space-saving may provide solutions for problems in other parts of the world where resources are scarce. The project itself is highly visible and exposes horticulture and crop production to a wider audience, including those with an urban/non rural background. People can see food does not just come from a supermarket but can be grown to sustain a diversity of life and species throughout the world.

Paignton Zoological and Botanical Garden has developed this project over the last 12 months since the project was last considered for an Award by the Institute of Horticulture. They have established a Teacher Training Scheme to help schools understand new and traditional methods for growing food. The Verti-Crop system helps explain hydroponic crop production as part of this initiative and allows food production to be included in the school children's curriculum.

They have also promoted the Zoo as an environmental park with their education staff inviting local people to 'Twilight Sessions' promoting the growing of food in school gardens and at home, with input from their staff on how to become a 'Master Gardener' and a tour and explanation of the Verti-Crop system. This is engaging more and more people in understanding what plants need to grow, the demands of worldwide food production and the balance that needs to be struck to sustain supply and demand.



It remains a highly visible public display of high density food production that can represent a practical, sustainable solution for the 21st century. It also represents a practical tool in engaging the public in the important aspects of horticultural production techniques and the value of plant conservation promoted by Paignton Zoological and Botanical Gardens.



Forest School Group

Forest Schools

A Paignton woodland is echoing with the noise of school children learning about the great outdoors.

Primley Park, opposite Paignton Zoo, is being used by forest schools leaders in Torbay. The forest school movement is an innovative educational approach to outdoor play and learning. The idea is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

Primley is a local nature reserve managed by the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust, which runs Paignton Zoo, Living Coasts in Torquay and Newquay Zoo in Cornwall.

The partnership between the Trust and Torbay Council started when Primley Park was used to train local teachers as forest schools practitioners. As part of the deal, the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust contributed the woodland space, prepared the site and helped liaise with partners.

Trust reserves warden Dave Ellacott states: "This is part of our mission to educate. The children get so much out of it — they are broadening their horizons for the future. Plus, we hope that if we can get children to enjoy woodland responsibly at an early age, they will have more respect for their natural surroundings later in life."

With the forest schools approach, children get to work, play, learn and grow in confidence outside the classroom. Teachers see changes in behaviour and what they do feeds back into work in the classroom.

Schools have been using the reserve informally for a while, but the forest schools movement has gathered pace in recent years, with many more supervisors being trained in the area. This is since Torbay Council staff approached the Trust wanting to carry out more formalised visits to the woods under the 'Forest Schools' banner.

Primley is a good place for Forest Schools sessions because it is on the doorstep for many schools. There are two woodland areas where groups can have their own space but also play freely. On top of that there is open grassland which allows groups to run wild before returning to the classroom.

The children carry out practical tasks and creative activities in a woodland environment, including 'bug hunts' and weaving, thus developing personal skills.



Tor₂ Recycling Centre



Torbay Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

Commercial and Trade Waste is not permitted to enter the public HWRC but will be redirected to the Waste Transfer Station on the same site, where Commercial and Trade Waste can be processed.

Household Waste

This site is for Torbay residents only and is available for you to recycle or dispose of most household bulky waste and garden waste. Please note the opening hours & restrictions below.

All the following recycling items are accepted free of charge:

- Paper, junk mail, newspapers and magazines
- Cardboard
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Plastics
- Large Domestic appliances, including cookers, microwaves, washing machines etc
- Small Domestic appliances, including toasters, hairdryers, music players
- Fridges and Freezers
- TV's, PC's including monitors
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plate glass
- Steel and aluminium cans and foil
- Clothing, textiles and shoes
- Car batteries
- Waste engine oil, cooking oil and other lubricants
- Green Waste
- Wood, wood derivatives and timber
- Liquid cartons known as Tetrapak
- Paint
- Furniture
- Tyres (but the number of tyres shall be restricted to five (5) only per Contract Year per Customer)
- Gas bottles
- Household batteries
- Fluorescent tubes
- Light bulbs
- Household chemicals and other Household Hazardous Waste

Restricted Wastes

Rubble, Hardcore, Soil (DIY)

Such wastes are legally classed as industrial even though these may have arisen from the home. However, up to 12 normal size bags will be accepted as long as the owner is prepared to place them in the proper area for recycling purposes. Visits with these materials will also be restricted to one in any 6 month period



Paignton BID



Lions and giraffes could be settling down in the streets of Paignton in an ambitious project to help boost the appeal of the town centre to shoppers and visitors. Models of animals could find new homes in the town as part of a novel joint promotion between businesses and Paignton Zoo. It is one of the ideas proposed in the town centre's new Business Improvement District business plan.

The Torbay Town Centres Company, Paignton businesses and the zoo could also work together on creating "safari" competitions, coming up with special offers and prizes to attract more families to explore the town centre area. The aim is to raise the profile of Paignton, including with the tens of thousands who visit Paignton Zoo just five minutes drive away.

Improved marketing of the town centre is the top target for the proposed BID for which the business plan has been published ahead of a ballot of businesses in the area in February. It is hoped that if enough traders vote 'yes', the BID will be able to raise £125,000 each year for five years to be spent on physical and promotional improvements with a total of £608,000 spent over five years. Town Centres Company chief executive Lucy Ball said: "Paignton Zoo attracts huge numbers of visitors and it would be great to get some of those people visiting the town centre. After all, it's just five minutes from the town and it seems a lost opportunity. The zoo is also keen to work with us."

Another of the BID projects is to lay on more events to increase spending in the town and extend the tourist season. These new activities are aimed at reinforcing Paignton's role as a family-orientated town. The BID organisation will work in conjunction with other bodies, for example the Palace Theatre, Paignton Carnival and Children's Week.

Palace Avenue Gardens will become an entertainment space and the aim will be to make sure the benefits of activities are felt throughout the BID area from the seafront to Winner Street. Off season there could be themed activities, such as farmers markets, flea markets and auto markets. The aim is to work with the English Riviera Tourism Company to promote these. It is also planned to invest more than £20,000 a year improving the town's Christmas lights over the next five years.

Improved marketing is the number one priority for the BID, developing a brand for the town, a new website, a directory and map of all businesses in the area, the marketing of empty units and a bi-monthly newsletter for BID members. This could cost £35,200 in the first year and £205,000 over five years. Improving the street scene is another project, including new permanent year-round lighting, replacement trees in Victoria Street, a lighting feature at the gateway to Winner Street, banners and bunting, using vacant shopfronts for exhibitions or promotions, improving street furniture and signage. This could cost just under £30,000 in the first year and around £100,000 over five years. In addition, the BID will give the local businesses involved a powerful voice to influence the way services are run and policy on key issues in the town.

All BID funded projects will be on top of the services already provided by Torbay Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and other statutory providers.

A BID steering group will be set up to deliver the plan. A part-time BID co-ordinator is to be appointed, who will ensure that the Paignton traders' views are represented to the Torbay Town Centres Company. The cost of managing the BID will be £36,000 in year one, and £34,000 for the remaining years

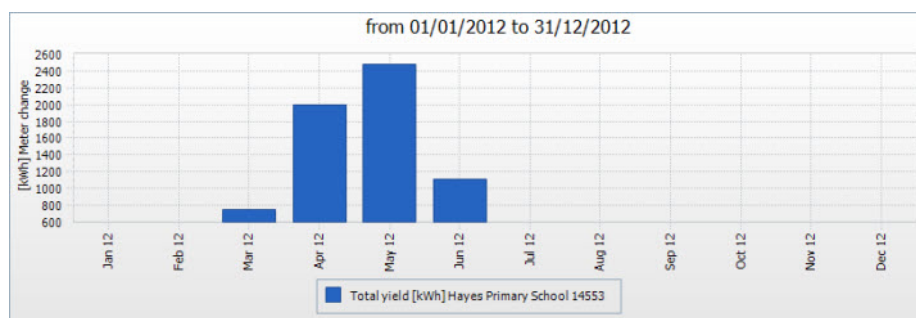
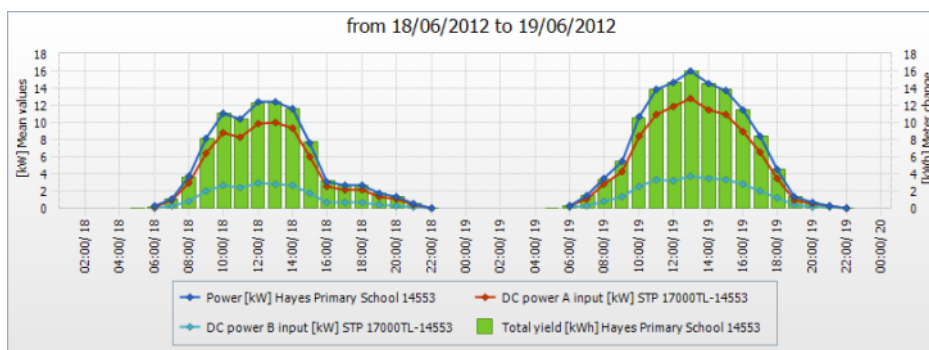


Hayes School Solar Panels



Hayes School Reduces its' Carbon Footprint!

Hayes School is teaching the importance of alternative energy to its pupils in the best possible way. In late March 2012, they had a solar PV array fitted to the main building roofs. It is anticipated that this will provide a good proportion of the school's electricity usage and help to further reduce their carbon footprint.



The graphs above show how much energy they have produced in just three months from late March to late June 2012. In that short time the school have produced a total of 6,636 kwh and reduced their carbon emissions by 4,435 kg.



Blue Flag Accolades

This long stretch of red sandy beach is situated either side of Paignton Pier. It is backed by an area of parkland which is used for various activities and events during the summer season, and is capable of accommodating large numbers of people. Year upon year the long sandy beach, friendly atmosphere and great choice of facilities at Paignton Sands attracts families looking for a traditional seaside resort. The shallow sea is ideal for paddling and with pedalos and boats for hire, hours of fun can be had in the clean, safe waters. Entertainment is the key feature of this beach with activities and events guaranteed to entertain the family throughout the year. Paignton boasts an annual regatta, carnival and funfair. Plus, all year round the fun filled pier, variety of amusements and choice of shops and cafes will keep the family happy. Next to the beach is the bustling Paignton Green offering the perfect spot for a game of football or cricket and in the summer months there are a number of exciting family events staged here. At the southern end of Paignton there is a lively harbour offering countless boat trips along the dramatic Devon coastline. For details of all Blue Flag beaches in England and Northern Ireland please go to www.blueflag.org.uk

The Blue Flag criteria

Beaches are awarded the Blue Flag based on compliance with 32 criteria covering the following:

- ❖ Environmental Education and Information
- ❖ Water Quality
- ❖ Environmental Management
- ❖ Safety and Services

All Blue Flags are awarded for one season at a time.

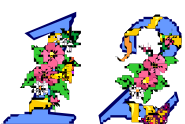
If the criteria are not fulfilled during the season or the conditions change, the Blue Flag may be withdrawn.



BLUE FLAG



Paignton Pier
and Beach



Oldway Development

extract from the BBC web-site
1st May 2012

Oldway Mansion in Paignton to become hotel

The original mansion was rebuilt in the style of the Palace of Versailles

A 19th Century mansion modelled on the Palace of Versailles is to be turned into a 57 bedroom hotel.

Former owners the Singer family moved out of Oldway Mansion in Paignton in 1918 and most recently it has been used as council offices.

But owners Torbay Council cannot afford the £7-8m cost of repairs.

Now Akkeron Group has got planning permission to turn it into a four star hotel and build 46 homes in the grounds of the Grade II* listed building.

Akkeron also won permission to build 57 retirement homes on the site of the former 1960s Fernham Nursing Home.

Oldway Mansion was built in in 1875 by Isaac Singer, founder of the sewing machine firm.

Akkeron hopes to start work on Oldway Mansion later this year

It was later rebuilt by the Singer family in the style of the Palace of Versailles.

It will remain in the ownership of Torbay Council which approved the plans.

James Brent, chairman of Akkeron, said: "With the enabling development of 46 family homes and some retirement accommodation in the old Fernham development, that does just about balance the books and justify putting investment in to create a very high quality hotel."

The change has been supported by English Heritage and Friends of Oldway Mansion.

Paul Hawthorne, chair of the Friends, said it was "the best way forward" and a "good deal" for Oldway.

He said: "For the first time we can begin to start thinking about how we might start saving Oldway and how it might be restored and what benefits there will be in the future rather than if it can be restored."

Akkeron, which has 36 hotels and owns Plymouth Argyle Football Club, hopes to start work later this year.



Unique Paignton

HERE ARE SOME OF THE UNIQUE PIECES OF ARTWORK AND STREET FURNITURE THAT MAKE PAIGNTON DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL



Queen's Diamond Jubilee & Music Festival in popular Paignton Park



Paignton joined in with the rest of the country to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Over 4 days in early June events such as street parties and musical performances were arranged throughout the town.



Young's Park People



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th June 2012
at the YPP Bandstand in Young's Park Paignton
Come and enjoy this free event – everyone welcome
Bring a picnic and listen to some great live music.

Sunday 3rd June:~	
1.30pm	The Tremors ~ 60's music & more
4.00pm	Jubilee Church Service led by St George's & Goodrington Methodists
5.30pm	Catherine Feri ~ vocalist
Monday 4th June:~	
12.00pm	Hayes School Reception Classes
1.00pm	Niek Thomsen ~ keyboard
2.00pm	Dan & Katy Stokes ~ guitar & vocals
3.00pm	Hamer & Isaacs ~ Gypsy Swing
5.30pm	Local young musicians





Please note all times and performances are subject to last minute change



CURLIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PAIGNTON: Taking over the street TOAS20120530B-003



Tourism Industry

The English Riviera Tourism Company, which markets Torbay, hopes to maximise the number of extra UK visitors for the Olympics and the Queen's diamond jubilee. It has invested in www.englishriviera.co.uk to highlight the UNESCO-recognised Global Geopark as a must-visit destination.

ERTC chief executive Carolyn Custerson said: "We are confident this will now put us in a stronger position to better promote the English Riviera and deliver our powerful new tourism strategy successfully."

The resort's iconic palm tree logo has been redesigned in the colours of the British flag, and the company has launched an iPhone app and Facebook page. A host of ranger-led Geopark Discovery Packages such as canoeing and coastering will be made available to visitors and a food and drink trail is being launched at Easter.

The ERTC has also launched a Welcome English Riviera training course for the hospitality industry and hopes that at least 1,000 workers will be fully trained in the "art of the welcome" by the February.

Paignton Attractions

Famed for its vibrant atmosphere, seafront merriments and glorious sandy beaches, Paignton is a lively seaside resort that has managed to retain its traditional charm and character.

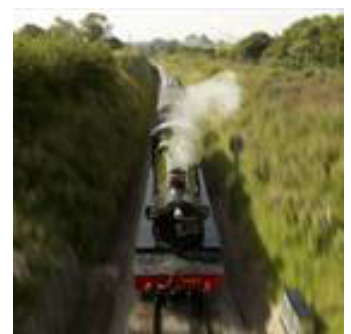
The hub of this town is undoubtedly the bustling and colourful pier and its surrounding waterfront. Jam-packed with attractions for all the family including waterslides and crazy golf, Paignton provides a fun-filled feast for holidaymakers of all ages.

Life's a beach

Days out in Paignton can be largely taken up around the beachfront, which is alive with entertainment, activities and traditional seaside fun. As well as the gloriously sandy shores and paddle-friendly waters, there's also a multitude of watersports available with opportunities to learn to sail or dive or to charter a boat for the day. The seafront green also hosts many festivals, fairs and musical events throughout the year and as night falls the promenade restaurants and bars come to life under the soft light of the beachfront illuminations.

Away from the beach

Although renowned as a traditional seaside resort, away from the shores there are still plenty of things to do in Paignton. Take a trip on the steam railway and enjoy the spectacular coastal vistas, visit Paignton Zoo for a glimpse of thousands of animals and endangered species as well as the acres of activities, take in a performance at the Palace Theatre or discover one of the superb walking routes and cycle paths which stretch along the South West



Hayes Road Primary School

Hayes Road reception class opened the Jubilee musical two day event in the YPP Bandstand ~ Young's Park Paignton on Sunday 2nd June 2012. Later in June they returned to visit the Wildfowl Conservation Area and have a picnic lunch in the Bandstand.



Sam the Seahorse

Performing songs

Proud Parents

Picnic in the Bandstand

YPP Welcome



MYSPACE Project



Parkfield House is a grade II listed building dating back to approximately 1830, standing in spacious well wooded grounds in approximately 9 acres of land and is set 200 metres from the seafront, in a prime beach front location in Paignton. Bounded on one side by a railway line, the site measures approximately 17000 square metres excluding the House and gardens.

Torbay's vision is to develop a state of the art, World Class, Olympic Youth Hub specialising in adventurous activities and performing arts on a prime beach front location. It will incorporate new and old tastefully together; the modern in youth culture activities and the historical and innovative architecture within a spectacular back drop of the seafront of family friendly Paignton.

Facilities

Climbing Walls

An external horizontal climbing wall. Plus an internal climbing and boulder room.

Sports Hall/Theatre

For individuals, community and school groups. To hold concerts and performances as well as basketball and 5-a-side football games.

BMX Track

International standard track to include a split track for beginners to advanced.

Media Suite

To incorporate control room for the theatre/sports hall, recording studio, internet cafe area, DJ and VJ booths.

Café/Kitchen

A training kitchen for young people to learn catering skills to cook produce that is grown in the Victorian garden on site.

Information, Guidance and Support

Services supporting young people will be based at Parkfield with workshops and drop-in sessions.

Skate Park

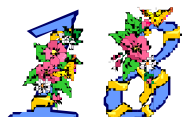
Hybrid external and indoor park to include street base and plaza type skating. The layout can be seen in the Skate Park Plan.

Kitchen Garden

To grow fresh produce that can be used in the kitchens of Parkfield.

Conservation Area

Woodland walkway with streams and ponds



IGOMANGO



The igoMANGO Trust has kindly agreed to bring their knowledge, expertise and volunteers to help in the Young's Park Wild Fowl Conservation Area in Paignton.

The igoMANGO Trust

(taken from the igomango website)

The focus is on Environmental Conservation - and because we need conservation to counter inappropriate human activity, our involvement includes much community and educational work.

The Trust exists to enhance the value of volunteering experience, both for the volunteer and the recipients of volunteer effort. We form partnerships, provide guidance and seek funding in order to stimulate positive change through effective use of volunteer effort. Much of our work is directed through Ambios Ltd, a not-for-profit science-based company dedicated to connecting science and society, and helping all people who work *with* nature.



YOUNG'S PARK
Young's Park People
www.ypp.me.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help conserve nature in your local area by saving an important wetland habitat

Get involved in outdoor activities and events throughout 2011 at Young's Park and make a real difference to your local community

You'll contribute to local wildlife, learn new skills, stay active and make new friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS

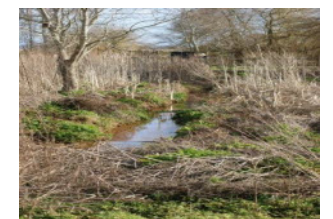
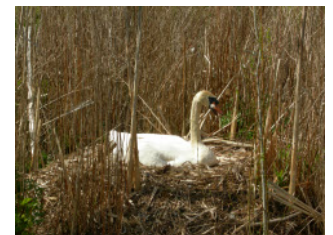
Volunteer days will involve a variety of practical habitat management tasks and will run from 10pm - 4pm in the conservation area

Upcoming volunteer day dates:

- Wednesday 16th February
- Saturday 19th February
- Wednesday 23rd February

Please use contact info below for further details

Call Bill 07769665500
email billyrley@igomango.com
YOUNG'S PARK, TANNERS ROAD, GOODRINGTON, PAIGNTON, DEVON



Paignton Green Geo-Play Park extract from **Herald Express**

PAIGNTON'S £500,000 Geoplay park has been such a success it has been invited to bid for more cash.

An application is being drawn up for a further £40,000 funding to spread the word and impact of the park and the English Riviera Geopark still further.

The play park was mobbed by children when it was officially opened by Prof Iain Stewart following a special fancy dress parade which also launched the annual English Riviera Geopark Festival.

Nick Powe, chairman of the English Riviera Geopark Organisation, said at the opening: "Many people around the world are looking at our Geopark with a certain amount of envy.

"We do some great stuff here in the community linked to geology and now we have the largest geologically-themed children's play area in the world.

"The English Riviera is a very special place and it's yours. The future of these rocks and the natural landscape are in your hands. Be proud of it."

Prof Stewart, the Geopark patron and presenter of BBC documentaries on the planet's geology including most recently How to Grow a Planet, judged the fancy dress entries.

Tracey Cabache, community partnership manager who is drawing up the new funding bid for Paignton Community Partnership, explained that among their ideas are a family trilobite trail into Bishops Place in Paignton, another Paignton heritage trail, and information caravan for the geopark and consultation with disabled children about what facilities would suit them.

She said the money could not be used for new play equipment but to maximise the impact of the playpark on the Geopark itself and on the town.

She said: "Because of the success of the project we have been invited to put in a bid and should hear in August whether we have been successful."

The bid is to the Big Lottery Community Spaces Grant Fund which provided £447,000 funding for the play park.



**Geo-play Park
Paignton Green**



Olympic Torch Relay through Paignton

20th May 2012 ~ New Street



Four Seasons of Paignton



Autumn in Paignton



Spring in Paignton





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