

## Prince's Trust Team completes Merrow community project

Following the end of a successful Prince's Trust Team based in Reigate, the latest Guildford Team is well underway, based at Plantation. The 13 strong team are very motivated and making the most of the challenges being thrown at them. Their latest success has been the completion of a community project in the churchyard of St John the Evangelist, Merrow.

Past teams have had the luxury of two weeks to complete a project, but the work experience of the course has been extended to a fortnight, reducing the community project to one week - and in this case Bank Holiday Monday meant only four days were available.

However the young people aged 16-24 have risen to the challenge and pulled together to achieve as much as they possibly could. Revamping the overgrown Garden of Remembrance and painting a fence and railings - all this and more was attacked with enthusiasm.



Graeme (17) is on the Team. Like several other Team members he left school last summer. He didn't want to continue studying, and fell in and out of a couple of jobs. "Looking back I regret not going to college. Before I started on this course I was at home doing nothing. But now I hope I can find work experience in a garage and I'm talking to Guildford College about a mechanic's apprenticeship. I'm enjoying the challenges of this course. Our week on Dartmoor took us all out of our comfort zones, but it was a really good experience."

The Team's next challenges will centre around finalising their work experience placements and preparing for them. Experience tells us that this 12 week course will prepare these young people well for moving forward with more confidence and direction. Do you or someone you know need that? The next Guildford course will start on Monday 20 September. Please call Art on 01483 888122 for more information.