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Compass Project Newsletter

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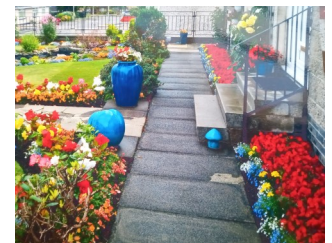
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Bertha's Begonias

Compass has received a rather **colourful donation** from **local begonia enthusiast** Bertha Brand!

Wishing to support our outdoor project, Bertha met with our Project Coordinator, Joe McVey and Outdoor Areas Manager, Svetislav Kondic (pictured right with Bertha) last month to deliver **72 begonia corms** ready for planting in 2022. These **vintage varieties** will provide Compass with a wonderful opportunity, not only to increase the colour onsite in the summer months, but also to **share knowledge with our volunteers** as we teach them about the specific growing conditions required for successful begonia growing.

We hope to care for and successfully increase the stock of Bertha's rare begonias so that volunteers can have a go in their own gardens. Come along to our next volunteer day on **Saturday 7th May** to help **plant Bertha's Begonias!**



Bee Hives at Compass

On discovery of an established bee hive within the ceiling of the Science Block, Outdoor Areas Manager, Svetislav Kondic, and Clinical Lead, Dr Stefan Geider (pictured below, left to right), utilised their bee-keeping experience to **successfully move the hive** to a more appropriate location at Compass. With the **first bee hive** now set up and functioning well, we hope to introduce **Compass honey** to the **Produce Pop-Ups** for the community to enjoy later in the year.



To ensure the bees settle in their new home, and for the safety of walkers of the area, **please keep away from the bee-keeping area** onsite.

The hive has been placed well away from the public route through the site so there should be no disruption when walking the core path.



New Thursday Volunteering Sessions

To complement our current Wednesday afternoon session, we are now offering weekly volunteering opportunities on a **Thursday morning** from **9.30am - 12noon**. Please let us know you are coming by emailing: compass@cwt.scot by Wednesday.



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Buildings

- **Main Building:** Now wind and watertight, we need help to **sort moveable indoor items** for reuse or recycle. Can you help? Get in touch on: compass@cwt.scot
- **Multi-Purpose Hall:** We are currently finalising the plans and hope to appoint a main contractor in May. We continue to work towards an Autumn 2022 opening.
- **Kindergarten / Science Block:** Help is required to **strip out damaged plasterboard and fittings** so that refurbishment plans can progress. Can you help? Get in touch on: compass@cwt.scot
- **Interested in renting indoor space?** Note your **interest in renting indoor space** at Compass for purposes related to health / sustainability by emailing us: compass@cwt.scot.

Outdoor Spaces

- **Social Juice supports Compass:** Aberdeenshire project 'Social Juice' has donated a selection of fruit trees to Compass. We have 4 pear trees and 5 full size apple trees to plant with 9 bush apple trees already in our community orchard.
- **Seed Funding:** We have received just under **£500** from **NESCAN** (North East Climate Action Network) to **purchase seeds** for our garden and to encourage growing in the local community. This will provide a great start to growing produce in our new polytunnel once built. Come along on **Saturday 7th May 2022** and help us get started!
- **What's Growing at Compass:** We've introduced a new section to our website page so you can see what is being planted in the community garden throughout the year. Visit www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass to see April's growing plans and use this as a guide for your garden too!
- **Dry Stone Walling:** workshop **dates are coming soon!**



Volunteers

- **Local support:** We've now reached an incredible **2427 hours** of time donated to the project from the support of **175 volunteers** - a big thank-you to all!
- **Engaging the Local Community:** Our Compass Steering Group will soon be holding their first meeting with a focus on **how to engage the local community** at Compass. Share your thoughts on how you see Compass becoming part of the local area by completing our [online questionnaire](#) or talk to us about your ideas when you see us onsite or email us: compass@cwt.scot.

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Volunteer days:

Week Days: We offer regular **week day opportunities** to volunteer at Compass:

↗ **Wednesday afternoon: 2pm - 4.30pm**

↗ **Thursday morning: 9.30am - 12noon**

If you are interested in coming along mid-week, please get in touch by email: compass@cwt.scot and we can keep you updated with the planned tasks.

Sign up as a
Volunteer!

Saturdays: Our next date has been set for **Saturday 7th May 2022!** Come and help us plant Bertha's Begonias, potatoes, onions and fruit trees / bushes. You can also learn more about the project in our **'Focus on Compass'** breaktime talks around 11am.



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Fundraising

Phase 1: achieved £200,000

Phase 2: ends September 2023 | Current amount raised: £488,763 | Target: £800,000

- **Phase 2 Funding:** Our next fundraising goal is to raise **£800,000** by September 2023. We have **raised an incredible £488,763*** so far thanks to the support of grants and an anonymous donor. [*figure does not include lottery funding of £150,000 over three years!*]



Donate now!

- **Can you help?** Our online fundraising page is live! **Donate online** through our **LocalGiving [campaign page](#)** or by cheque to: Compass Project, Camphill Wellbeing Trust, St Devenicks, Murtle Estate, Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9EN.
- **Grant Awards:** Compass are delighted to have been awarded an incredible **£48,993** from Aberdeen City Council's **Common Good Fund!** This fund will go towards the installation of Compass' **Zero Waste Kitchen** which will utilise the food generated from our community garden.
- **Support us when you shop at the Co-op!** Remember to **choose Compass** as your **Co-op cause** to help raise money for a **shed with composting toilet** for our **therapeutic gardening project** and **volunteers**. **Find out how much we've raised and how to support us through Co-op purchases here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61982>**



PR

- **Website:** Find the latest updates at www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass including our **Photo & Video Gallery**.
- **Facebook page:** Follow us here: www.facebook.com/CWTCompass
- **Next steps:** We are always interested in opportunities to raise the profile of the project. If you or any contacts you have would like to get involved, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- **Our next volunteer event** is: **Saturday 7th May 2022: 9.30am - 4pm**

We have **toilet facilities** and **indoor shelter** for volunteers along with a range of indoor activities should the weather be unsuitable for outdoor work.

Remember to **bring cash** if you'd like to take home any **Compass items**. We will have Compass trees, bushes, strawberry plants and wood as well as pure beeswax candles available on a donation basis.

Focus on Compass: Learn more about the project and its developments during our break-time at around 11am on Saturday. Free **Weleda body care samples** and **Deeside Water** will also be available to keep our volunteers refreshed. Events are in line with current COVID guidelines.

If you can't make a Saturday, we also offer **Wednesday afternoon (2pm - 4.30pm)** and **Thursday morning (9.30am - 12noon)** volunteering opportunities. Just get in touch: compass@cwt.scot

- Sign up as a volunteer using our [online form](#) to receive email reminders of upcoming events and future dates!

Sign up as a Volunteer!

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