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**Margot's Garden**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Healthy garden donated to local charity!**

**The Dame Vera Lynn Trust & Ingfield Manor School gets 'Green Fingers' thanks to Margot's Garden**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, a new project began at The Dame Vera Trust (DVLТ) & Ingfield Manor School in Five Oaks all thanks to Margot's Garden who are building a new allotment for the school which includes five raised beds that produce a variety of fruit and vegetable to benefit the children, parents and staff.

West Sussex based company, Margot's Garden, is a new business that designs, installs, grows, maintains and harvests organic vegetable and fruit beds in people's gardens, schools and businesses allowing those who wish to live the 'good life' to relax and enjoy the benefits of home grown organic produce without lifting a finger. In celebration of their launch they wanted to ensure their first full garden was donated to a worthwhile cause within the community and they chose The Dame Vera Trust (DVLТ) & Ingfield Manor School who provide a fantastic school service to children with cerebral palsy.

The directors of Margot's Garden Mike Walliss and Richard Hillery visited the DVLТ which works closely with Ingfield Manor at the beginning of May to offer their services to the charity. Steven Lane, Executive Manager at the DVLТ welcomed the idea and set aside over half an acre of land for Margot's Garden to create a place where the children, parents and staff could learn about the benefits of healthy eating whilst relaxing in natural surroundings.

"We are delighted to be working in partnership with Margot's Garden. The pupils at Ingfield will be involved in all aspects of the project and will be able to incorporate their work into the curriculum and expand their knowledge of healthy eating. The produce will be used in the school dinners and at a later date we will be looking to invite other local schools to visit the project" commented Steven.

Work on the garden has already begun with plant and machine hire company Gambles of Horsham kindly offering their services free of charge to clear and prepare the grounds with their four tonne digger. The completion of the garden will include five raised vegetable beds of which the timber and soil was supplied by Chandlers Building Supplies and the plants donated by Newbridge Nurseries of which two will be custom made to allow access and

ease of use for wheelchair users. In addition a woodchip path will be laid leading from the school to a new allotment area along with a beautiful cherry tree both of which were generously donated by Country Tree Surgeons in Crawley.

Richard Hillery, Co-Director of Margot's Garden commented: "As a local company we wanted to launch Margot's Garden with a very special project and the garden at Ingfield School will be just that. We hope that the vegetable beds will not only help educate the children and their families in a relaxing environment but also allow the school to save money on ordering in food from a supplier."

The garden is now fully underway with the first two beds near completion. Margot's Garden aim for the work to be finished in the first few weeks of July when Dame Vera Lynn herself will cut the red ribbon to open the garden to the children and parents in style.

For more information on Margot's Garden please visit [www.margotsgarden.co.uk](http://www.margotsgarden.co.uk)

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**Note to Editor:**

- The Dame Vera Lynn Trust is a unique service for families of young children with cerebral palsy. Parents and children learn daily living skills together using the principles of Conductive Education. Ingfield Manor School which shares the same grounds as the trust is a nationally recognised, independent day and residential school catering for boys and girls with cerebral palsy aged 3-16.

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