



27 July 2023

British Garden Centres seeds the future with Shine Lincolnshire's Celebrating Our Communities event

British Garden Centres has shown its support to Shine Lincolnshire's annual event with a donation of over 300 packets of seed for attendees.

The Celebrating Our Communities Event took place on the 12th of July at the Lincolnshire Showground with the UK's largest family-run garden centre group donating the seeds for the goody bags. With delegates from both the statutory and voluntary sectors, the aim of the day was to celebrate the fantastic work being done by VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) organisations to support the health and well-being of communities across Lincolnshire.

Those that visited the event were treated to two rousing performances by SoundLINCS and Aukesta, inspiration from the Stepping Stone Theatre for Mental Health as well as fantastic insight into a Peer Support Workers journey, from Shine Lincolnshire's Gemma Moore.

There was also an incredible array of workshops being run by organisations that work in communities across Lincolnshire. This gave the organisations a chance to demonstrate the fantastic work they have been doing, it also allowed other community and statutory providers to experience their incredible work.

Amy Stubbs, Project and Development Manager at British Garden Centres said: "As a business that started in Lincolnshire and is firmly rooted in the community, it gives us great pride to support a great, local cause as Shine Lincolnshire which connects people and communities by promoting mental health and wellbeing. With gardening and getting outdoors known to improve the outlook on life for nearly everyone, we were delighted to sow the seeds of wellness by donating to the Celebrating Our Communities event."

CEO of Shine Lincolnshire, Rachel Wright said: "It was fantastic to see so many community and statutory organisations coming together to celebrate the fantastic work being done to support mental health and wellbeing in communities across Lincolnshire. At Shine, we are passionate about people and the Celebrating Our Communities event allowed us to come together to celebrate professionals, experts by experience and individuals across the



27 July 2023

county. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended, had stalls, performed and helped out on the day and we can't wait for the opportunity to do it all again next year!"

ENDS:

WORD COUNT: 364

Notes to Editors:

About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 62 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by The Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre funded by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018 it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now with 62 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

The group has a team of 2,700 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres and Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

Social Media

Facebook: British Garden Centres

Twitter: @BGCentres

Instagram: @BritishGardenCentres

Website: www.britishgardencentres.com

Cassie King

PR Officer

cking@britishgardencentres.com

07875 337290