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BORDERLINE BRILLIANT

Green-fingered kids and volunteers dig in to spruce up school gardens

GREEN-FINGERED volunteers dug deep to improve a Jarrow school.

Parents, members of the community and local business supported the green scheme at Epinau Business and Enterprise School, in Clervaux Terrace.

As part of the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Get Your Grown-up Growing scheme, the school invited volunteers to support its big border event.

Jane Cargill, who is leading the

gardening project at the school, said: "We were looking for ways in which we could improve the school gardens and build in lasting facilities that could be kept neat and tidy by our school's gardening group."

"Then we realised that we needed a little bit of help, so through the RHS, we decided to hold a volunteering gardening event."

Apart from family volunteers, the school also received help and support from Groundwork, Dobbies Garden Centre, Wilkinsons, Mitie Facilities Management and MH Southern.

"The school would like to thank all those people who have helped to make this happen. Free seed packs were also donated by Kings Seeds,

via the RHS. By the end of the day, the volunteers had made significant improvements to the borders around the entrance of the school.

"The school will also be entering the RHS Grown-Up Gardening Competition, with a chance to win a fantastic greenhouse."

Andy Fletcher, dad of twins at Epinau School, who helped out on the day, said: "I had the day off work and decided to give up a few hours for the project. It seemed a good way of giving something back to the school, which has done such a lot for my twin boys, Charlie and George."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my morning helping out, and some beautiful autumn weather made it even better."



GREAT DAY... Epinau School gardening club members and volunteers.