

# Official Opening of the Sensory Garden at the Hub Community Centre

## Verwood

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the sensory garden was opened by the Mayor of Verwood together with representatives from all who have been involved in building and funding it.

The funding was provided jointly from the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Viola Landfill Company.

The project was started in March 2008 by Mr Martin Holmes who works at Verwood Day Service in partnership with Mr Noel Bergin from Dorset Wildlife Trust and Ms Shelley Morris of Inspiral Gardens.

The construction of the garden was completed with help from the service users who attend Verwood Opportunities Centre, pupils from local schools and volunteers from the community.

It is a wheelchair accessible wildlife garden in the shape of a spiral/snail with separate rooms for each of the five senses. It enhances the Hub Community garden with emphasis on sensory impact, wildlife and sustainability.

The Verwood Opportunities Group have made bird and bat boxes and bug hotels for the garden and will continue to maintain it in the future with the help of the local community.

Report from Mr Shane Carter from Verwood Opportunities Group  
“The planting of the beds is nearly complete and the plants are really looking and smelling wonderful. A visit to the Hub will now give everybody the chance to enjoy the garden either through the window or with a walk around.”

It has been a great project for partnership working and community inclusion.

Alison Rumble... Manager Verwood Day Service and Project Sponsor