



From left: Hugh Anderson (in front), Charlie Anderson and Angela Grove, of Priory Trust, and Rotarian Alan Pett

# Volunteers help start work on medieval kitchen garden



Hugh Anderson (left), of Priory Trust, and Andrew Webb, manager of Lewes Tesco, enjoy a break



The finished compost bins and raised beds



John Clark and Catherine Palmer, of the Rotary Club

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The first phase of a new community kitchen garden has well and truly begun.

On Saturday and Sunday (October 8 and 9) keen volunteers from Lewes Priory Trust, Lewes and District Garden Society, Lewes Castle Rotary Club and Tesco joined forces to embark on the work. Friends and family were also roped in.

They cleared and levelled the site, prepared the timber and built six raised beds and a triple compost bin.

The garden is in Lewes Priory Park, the site of a large medieval Priory of monks and this history will be central to the design and planting of the garden.

What the monks grew and what they ate will be the heart of the project.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the next stage of the project. If you are interested in history, in gardening, in food or if you just want to come and chat and share ideas then this might suit you.

It is a community-led, community-run venture.

The programme of events and activities will begin next spring and there will be



From left: Alan Pett, of the rotary club, and Hugh Anderson, Charlie Anderson and Angela Grove, of Priory Trust

workshops, garden-related events, talks and activities.

Between now and then, however, work continues with the filling of beds with topsoil, laying turf and constructing wattle fencing and gates to enclose the garden.

A medieval turf bench is also planned. Look at Lewes Priory Trust's website for news related to this project. [www.lewespriory.org.uk](http://www.lewespriory.org.uk)

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