

## Supporting green fingers at Fowey School

Pupils at Fowey Primary School have been planting up new raised beds that have been built especially for them by Gilbert & Goode Construction, the building arm of Ocean Housing. As part of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Gilbert & Goode has also taken pupils on site visits and given health and safety talks.



Construction Director Simon Caklais says Gilbert & Goode is committed to working closely with the local community: "This is a great opportunity for us to support Fowey School. We are extremely pleased that we could contribute to the gardening club, which gives children valuable skills and an appreciation about where food comes from".

" With the help of a life size cartoon character, Ivor Goodsite, we have also been able to get the message across in a fun way that building sites can be dangerous. We are holding a poster competition and some of the winning posters will be professionally printed and used as health & safety information notices on Gilbert & Goode sites."

"This is all part of the Considerate Constructors programme, an industry recognised scheme, which seeks to minimise the impact of construction works on local neighbourhoods and the environment. The Fowey site was recently assessed on various working practices including safety, cleanliness and respect for the surrounding neighbours. It was ranked in the top 1% - 2% of construction sites nation-wide, which is a fantastic achievement for Gilbert & Goode."

Year 1 teacher and gardening club leader, Penny Parsons, says the school is incredibly grateful for Gilbert & Goode's support: "The newly constructed raised beds are so much easier for the children to maintain being waist height. They are ideal for a range of crops, both for produce and experimental growing and it has made a better use of the space. Also our Year 1 class are studying materials and their uses in Science. As part of their topic work they are looking at Houses and Homes so the site visit and healthy and safety talk fitted perfectly into our learning."

Gilbert & Goode is building seven affordable homes at Readymoney in Fowey. The Homes & Communities Agency (which has replaced the Housing Corporation) is grant funding the scheme which is a mixture of five homes for rent and two HomeBuy houses for shared ownership. All the homes will benefit from a parking space and a rear garden. The scheme will be completed on 10 June.