

# District Clean-Up Competition Update



The St Helena District Clean-up competition came to an end in October 2016. Many of the districts have continued to maintain their beautified areas and some have progressed with further projects to those they had focused on during the competition. We contacted the districts for an update and here's what a few of them had to say.



## Longwood and Alarm Forest

After the competition ended, we decided to continue meeting and working within the community districts. A committee was formed to ensure that the prize money was spent effectively. We felt it was very important to honour the commitments made during the competition to the participating residents of Longwood and Alarm Forest. Our number one priority was to maintain the work done so far. To support this effort, we employed a local person part time to help with weeding, grass cutting and planting in the Longwood Avenue area, purchased some hand tools, a strimmer and 2 large rain water tanks. One tank is now in place and collects otherwise unused roof water from the Guide Hall. We worked with ENRD when locating public litter bins on the Green and provided a locker in the public toilet so that cleaning equipment could be stored safely.

Elsewhere we plan to create a picnic area with a table near Alarm Forest bus shelter and spray returning weeds at Hutts Gate to keep a public pathway open. We aim to gather once a week to continue the work and appreciate it when local residents take time to help or contribute. You are not required to join the group or commit a lot of time to take part, picking up litter outside your garden or on the way to the shop is still a contribution and makes the community a better place.

## St Pauls

St Pauls would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped to keep each of the area's in the district tidy, in particular Derek, Gilbert and Joy for ensuring that Red Hill and New Ground plants were watered as much as possible during the drought. Works are now continuing with maintenance and new planting at Red Hill, New Ground and White Gate. In Cleugh's Plain, residents have been keeping the area free of weeds and are looking forward to the construction of a bus shelter soon which will make the area much safer for all transport users.

The prize money is being utilized between all areas to maintain and further enhance each area.

If you have an hour to spare and you would like to help us keep our island beautiful please do get in touch with one of the volunteers or email [cgp@helanta.co.sh](mailto:cgp@helanta.co.sh).



## Blue Hill

We have continued with the upkeep of the outdoor area's throughout Blue Hill and are delighted to see that the plants and picnic areas that we prepared during the competition are now growing and looking very presentable as we had foreseen with the recent rains. The grass is cut regularly with litter collected, and these services are continuous as a part of keeping our district "clean & green".

It is a pleasure to see that visitors and children attending the Forest School enjoy using our fairy tables and log stools. These are often dislodged and need to be checked and secured regularly.

The winning funds we received will be used towards providing petrol and payment for maintaining the outdoor services of cutting the grass



etc. Some funds will be used for the maintenance of the Community Centre. As challenging as the Clean-up Competition was, we are delighted with the outcome which raised our awareness of the countryside surrounding us and made us appreciate the beautiful district we call home.

## Levelwood

Levelwood will be maintaining the areas that were beautified during the competition. After the heavy rains the island has experienced, there is work to be done around the sites including weeding. The District will continue their efforts to maintain the sites for the community to enjoy.



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