

Press Release

Water company assists charity with new garden project

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Greg Pienaar, Water Strategy Manager, Sembcorp Bournemouth Water, presents the water butts to Rosemary Stevens, BSVI's Chief Executive Officer, and Philip Tarrant, Finance Manager, watched by BSVI members.

A new garden area that has been created by Bournemouth's oldest charity will be kept well watered thanks to one of the town's longest-established companies.

Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) has donated three water butts to Bournemouth Society for the Visually Impaired (BSVI).

The Moordown-based charity requested SBW's help after replanting a garden area for the enjoyment of the many blind and partially sighted people who use its services each week.

The garden includes a variety of colourful plants, including geraniums, bizzie lizzies, dahlias and French marigolds and offers a sensory experience to its partially sighted members through careful planting of highly scented roses, stocks and lavenders.

Rosemary Stevens, BSVI's Chief Executive Officer, said: "Bournemouth Society for the Visually Impaired much appreciates the generosity of Sembcorp Bournemouth Water, which is enabling the Society to conserve water supplies for a very worthwhile project to benefit visually impaired people."

Founded as Bournemouth Blind Aid Society in 1911, BSVI celebrates its centenary next month (October).

SBW has been associated with the charity since 2005 and was officially recognised as a corporate friend two years ago.

Roger Harrington, Managing Director, said SBW, which traces its roots in Bournemouth back to 1863, was proud of its links with BSVI.

These included donating money and raffle prizes, taking part in fundraising activities and giving special assistance to BSVI members as and when required.

Mr Harrington added: "We work closely with BSVI because of the need to tailor our services for those who might have special needs.

"It is great to also have an opportunity to help in another way in facilitating the efficient use of water in the newly re-planted garden. We wish BSVI and its members much enjoyment of the facility."