



Gosport Fairtrade Action

Promoting Fairtrade in the Borough of Gosport

Newsletter 2018

Incorporating the
illustrated Annual Report
April 2017 – March 2018
+ updates to December 2018



In 2017 we completed the second year of our two year action plan 2015-17 and renewed our Fairtrade Borough Status. Since then we have been working on our 2017-19 Action Plan



**During Fairtrade Fortnight 2018
We celebrated 10 years of
Fairtrade Borough Status.**

The Basepoint Business Centre

hosted a Fairtrade Break event in April, 2017

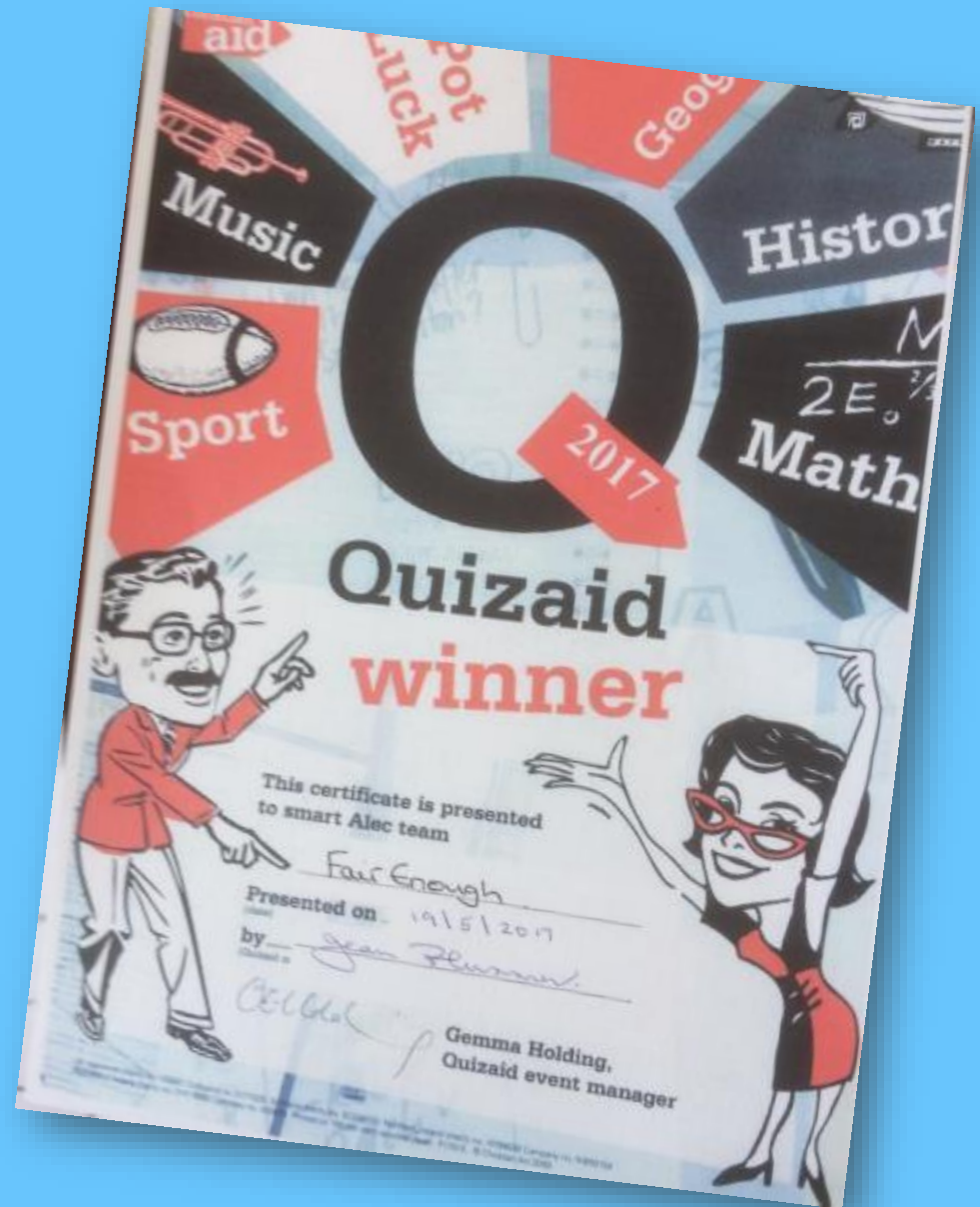
Samples of products to enjoy as a Fairtrade Break were available to taste including:

Fairtrade Quinola and Mango Fruit salad, Chocolate Bites -home-made from Fairtrade ingredients; FairBreak cookies, Liberation nuts, Fairtrade Palestinian dates and savoury snacks

A display about the products featured and their producers remained in the Centre for 10 days.



In May 2017
the GFA team
was again
successful in
the Christian
Aid Week
Quiz



South Downs Sustainability Fair 8th May, 2017

GFA and Portsmouth Fairtrade Forum members had an information stall at the Sustainability Centre on behalf of



HAMPSHIRE FAIRTRADE NETWORK



GFA delegates participated in HFN's AGM in July, 2017 hosted by Havant.

There were opportunities to share ideas and experience with other groups and meet Fairtrade Foundation Staff, Adam Gardner and Chrysi Dimaki.

Monica Garcia of Cred Jewellery talked movingly about the conditions of Peruvian Gold miners and how Fairtrade has helped improve their lives.



GOOD NEIGHBOURS at Gosport Discovery Centre

My World Depends on Us



GFA picked up on the 2017 OWW theme to publicise Fairtrade Gold : with an exhibition for the month of October and Talk in One World Week.

EVENT - Tuesday 24 October 7.30 pm

**Fairtrade GOLD -
How to buy beautiful products
without exploitation.**

Alan Frampton, owner of CRED (Fairtrade gold jeweller in Chichester and London) will talk about his pioneering work with small-scale artisanal mining communities in Peru and Uganda to gain Fairtrade accreditation.

Gosport Fairtrade Action will serve Fairtrade fizz and light refreshments on the Mezzanine floor of the Discovery Centre before the talk.

Tickets from the Discovery Centre: £5 per head



Photo credit: Alan Frampton

Discover Fairtrade Gold



Gold is a symbol of love, power and wealth the world-over.
But look behind the glitz and the reality is not so glamorous.

This photo exhibition brings to life the challenges facing small-scale gold miners and the difference that Fairtrade can make.



Photo credit: Fairtrade Foundation

Striking images and quotes tell the stories from gold mining communities in South America and East Africa.

Free Entry

Gosport Fairtrade Action is pulling on these events as part of One World Week's 'Good Neighbours' programme. We explore how choosing Fairtrade products – in this instance gold – enables us to become good global neighbours.



Leesland ParkFest September 2017

Lots of chat over
Fairtrade hot drinks
and Fairbreaks



Santa in the Park December 2017

Fairtrade tea and
coffee kept people
warm in the queue
to see Santa



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



GFA
Celebrated
10 years as a
Fairtrade
Borough
during
Fairtrade
Fortnight

COME ON IN TO
FAIRTRADE



The Mayor
hosted a
party in
the
Council
Chamber



We had 2 exhibitions in
the Discovery Centre and
one in the Town Hall
throughout the Fortnight

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Town Hall

We had a display of posters explaining how producers had benefitted from Fairtrade.

These were displayed in the reception area of the Town Hall during the Fortnight.



**FOR YEARS WE
WERE RIPPED OFF.
NOW WE CAN COVER
OUR COSTS AND SEE
A PROFIT, THANKS TO
FAIRTRADE BANANAS.
GROWN BY ME.
BOUGHT BY YOU.**

COME ON IN.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 at the Discovery Centre



We put on two exhibitions:
1- 10 years of Fairtrade in the Borough

2008

Fairtrade in Gosport
 shops, Cafes, Pubs & Restaurants

We celebrated becoming a Fairtrade Borough with a party in the Town Hall and by planting a tree in the Falkland Gardens & published a Gosport Directory leaflet.

124 members took part in the A16 and 1600g parade.

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2012 A very busy year! Inspirational Palestinian rice producers visited B-line Farm, we celebrated the use of Fairtrade products at the Olympic Games, we presented all the 100,000s worth of products in our but trays we took a Fairtrade of Wheat variety to the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. Our 'Wine and Chocolate' event was a great success and BIAS team triumphed in the Christmas Fair. We won an Award from the Fairtrade Foundation!

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Four of the ten panels

2014

Our make made 100 was the theme of the Fortnight. We featured a different product each day. Our MP visited the stand in the Town Hall. The Mayor hosted a tasting event in the Town Hall.

Fairtrade wine and local cheese for the event, informed by research into South American Chile. A joint event with Gosport Chamber of Commerce challenged our local students to create a Fairtrade meal.

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2017

Another big day event in the Discovery Centre, eating, games, information about new products and all the Southern Co-ops Fairtrade treats, with lots of help from local and island and St Vincent College student volunteers.

SIF worked with One World Week to publicise Fairtrade Gold.

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2 – Come on in to Fairtrade – posters illustrating the impact of Fairtrade on the lives of producers



At a reception hosted by the Mayor in the Council Chamber



Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 and schools

GFA made a short Powerpoint, for use in assemblies etc.,
to invite people to

“Come on in to Fairtrade”.

and to encourage schools to take part in our
“Decorate a Door” competition



The Mayor presents prizes to the winning teams at Brune Park Community School.



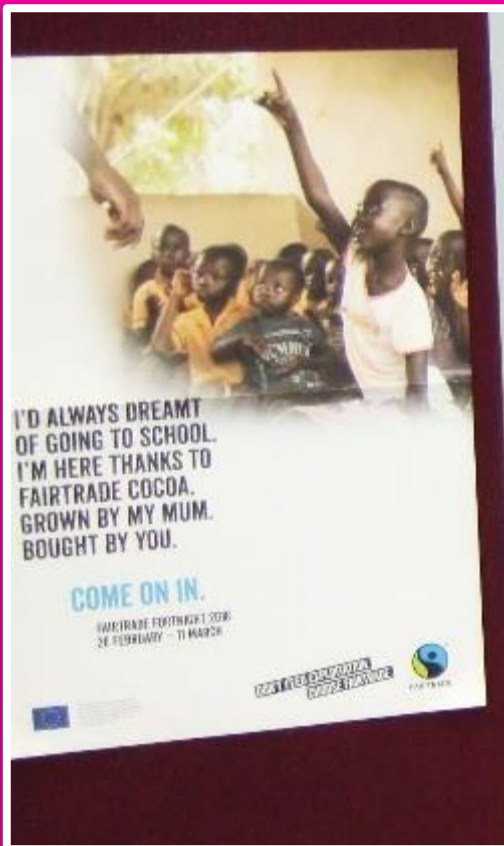
Our thanks to the Southern Co-operative who supplied the prizes of Fairtrade goodies.

The Basepoint Gosport Business Centre

invited its licensees to

‘Come on in to Fairtrade’

to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight 2018



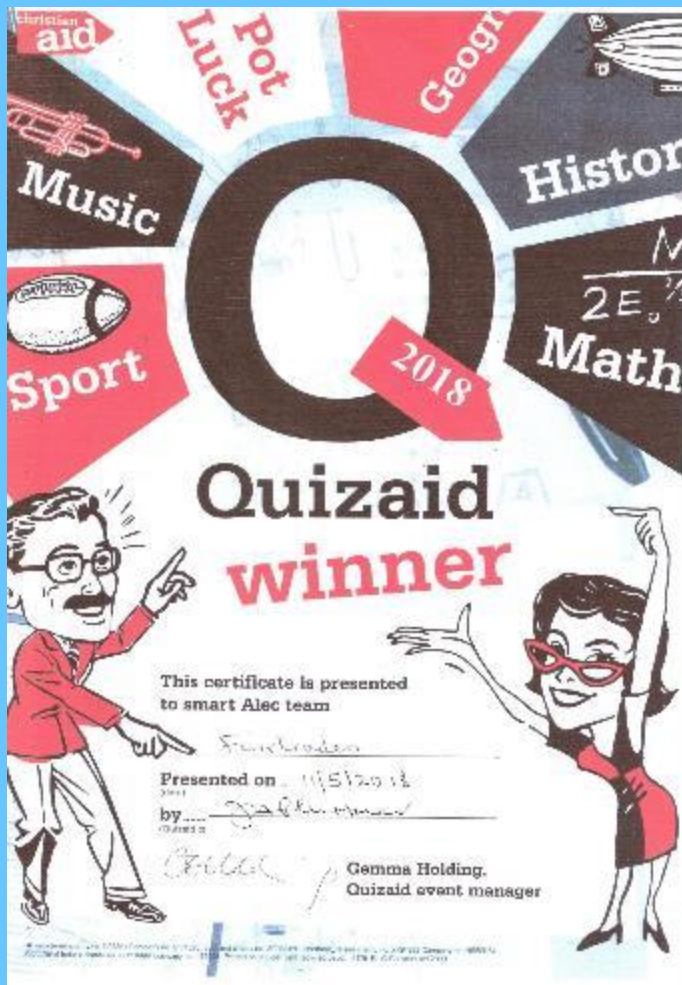
The Centre hosted a coffee morning with Fairtrade coffee and tea, biscuits (including homemade) and snacks.

Licensees dropped in for a taste and a chat, including three guys hoping for the Palestinian snack of bread, olive oil and Za'atar, which they remembered from last year – they weren't disappointed!

Information, about how Fairtrade improves lives, in posters and displays, remained at the Centre for a week.

Christian Aid Quiz

May 2018 at Bridgemaury Methodist Church



Yet again, our trusty team, though a different combination from last year, retained their title.

It was good fun in a good cause and GFA contributed some Fairtrade chocolate to the raffle.

The exhibition
‘Celebrating 10 years as a Fairtrade Borough’
spent two weeks in each of
Bridgemyary and Elson libraries in May-June 2018



At Elson

July – December 2018

GFA members have been promoting Fairtrade products by helping with regular and occasional **Traidcraft** stalls and **Help Palestine** stalls at community festivals, church fetes and fairs in Gosport and elsewhere in Hampshire. E.g. in May we were at the South Downs Green Fair and in November at Lee-on-the-Solent Christmas Fair, with others in between.

We've just had our AGM, in December, and started planning for

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 – the themes will be:

- **Cocoa and chocolate;**
- **Women's empowerment**
- **A living income for producers**

WATCH THIS SPACE !

Comments?
Questions?

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