



Age Concern chairman Deputy Lester Queripel with Elizabeth College students who have been helping pensioners with their gardening. (Picture by Juliet Pouteaux, 9429265)

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# Garden good turn for OAPs

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STUDENTS got their hands dirty to help pensioners with their gardening.

Elizabeth College boys have the option to spend their Friday afternoons as part of the college's Combined Cadet Force or doing community service work.

Eleven boys volunteered for the gardening project.

They also spent the mornings of their activity week taking on overgrown spaces.

The teacher in charge of community service, Helen Mauger, said one of the students suggested the idea and Age Concern had helped to get it organised.

'It is all part of the college's ethos to get more involved in the community,' she said.

Jamie Hall, 15, was one of the students taking part. He said they were given a variety of tasks.

'We went to one person's house and they had these two giant plants which were entrenched by a wall,' he said. 'We needed to get rid of the bushes. They were very resistant, so we had to go at the base using a spade, pitchfork and rake. We got them both out in the end.'

He said the people they helped were very pleased to have been given a hand.

Age Concern chairman Deputy Lester Queripel said it was great to be approached by the school.

'It was a wonderful surprise and they have provided a much-needed service to pensioners who simply want to get out into their gardens,' he said.

Six pensioners agreed to have the boys come and help clear their gardens as a trial during the school's activity week.

It is hoped that more older islanders will now come forward so that projects can be lined up for the students' Friday afternoon community service sessions in the autumn.

Older islanders wanting help with their garden can contact the school on 726544 and leave a message, with it being the summer holidays, or contact Deputy Queripel on 729399, even if they are not a member of Age Concern.