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**Local firm volunteers for Horatio's Garden**

*R Moulding & Co to provide enabling work for garden at Salisbury Spinal Centre*

A local building firm has volunteered its services to carry out the site clearance for Horatio's Garden, the planned rehabilitation garden at the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury. R Moulding & Co will provide the enabling work for this innovative project free of charge, saving the Southern Spinal Injuries Trust over £4,500.

Horatio's Garden will be situated adjacent to the Spinal Treatment Centre in a fenced-off area. Moulding's work will include clearing the site of the existing tarmac, brick walls and fencing, and paving the way for building work to start on the garden.

SSIT Trustee Jeremy Major said: "This is a fantastically generous contribution from Mouldings. So many people have supported our appeal to fund Horatio's Garden – many of them from the Salisbury area - and we are grateful to every one of them. It is great to be working with a local company on this pioneering project for Salisbury and the region as a whole."

Tim Moulding, Contracts Director at R Moulding & Co said: "We are delighted to be involved in this visionary project. Mouldings has a long working relationship with Salisbury District Hospital and the garden at the Spinal Centre is a project that is close to our hearts. We hope very much that our contribution will encourage other companies to lend their support too."

Building work is due to commence in March and Horatio's Garden will be ready for use by patients, their families and friends, in the summer. Named in memory of Horatio Chapple, who had planned to study medicine and was a volunteer at the Spinal Treatment Centre, the garden will provide patients with a place of tranquillity and beauty to enjoy during their long stay in the Spinal Treatment Centre.

Horatio's Garden is being designed by Cleve West, the award-winning contemporary landscape designer. Cleve has a special association with the Spinal Treatment Centre having visited it on many occasions when his closest friend spent a year there following a spinal cord injury. Cleve's drawings for Horatio's Garden will be available to see on the SSIT website ([www.ssit.org.uk](http://www.ssit.org.uk)) soon.

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## **Editor's Notes**

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT) is a regional charity set up to support The Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre and people with spinal cord injury in the South and South West of England. The fundraising for Horatio's Garden is being led by SSIT.

R Moulding & Co is a family-owned and family-run company with a long tradition of building craftsmanship in Salisbury and the surrounding area.