

WELCOME!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOVE HOWICK - OCT/NOV

MATT'S MESSAGE: STOP. PAUSE. ENGAGE



Yes, this makes for great rugby, but I think it's also a great way to ensure we continually remain inspired in life!

One of the things that myself and the Love Howick teams constantly focus on is not how well we do in the short term, but how our impact is sustained over the long term.

STOP. PAUSE. ENGAGE. These three words teach us valuable lessons on how to last through the long haul and stay inspired (especially at this time of year!)

STOP

We have limited energy reserves, finite resources and often in the flurry of achieving short-term goals we fail to manage these reserves so that we have strength until the end. My advice is to take time to STOP and enjoy the fruit of all you have sown.

PAUSE

PAUSE - moments to pause and reflect are vital. This intentional space in our day, week and month offers time to be grateful for progress, reflect on solutions, grieve losses and just inhale.

ENGAGE

ENGAGE - the practice of stopping to recharge, and pausing to reflect will inevitably lead you to a place of inspiration so that you can get back out there and 'make a difference'. Our communities and nation need you right now, so take some time especially as the Christmas holidays approach to stop and pause so that you are ready for a wild ride as we head into the fresh possibilities awaiting us in 2023.



GREEN WEEK

Thanks to our Greenweek Waste Warriors! Teams from 13 businesses and schools took part in the coordinated effort to clean and beautify our town. Karkloof Canopy Tours and Midmar Hardware and Tiles also donated generously to the cause. This year we challenged our community to help us become South Africa's Cleanest Town and after seeing what just 12 local organisations accomplished, we believe it is possible! Come on Howick, let's do it!

Thank you to our waste warriors:

SOS CONTRACTORS

- Brushcut from Tweedie off-ramp to the hill
- Removed alien invasive plants near Natal Forest Nursery
- Replaced arrow signs

ST MICHAELS AMBULANCE

- Brushcut to the fence line cleared drains and removed alien invasive plants from the bottom of the hill up to the traffic lights at Greendale SuperSpar
- Cleared drains and road edges in Lakeview Park
- Brushcut straightened signs from the Curry's Post Intersection to Eagle Ridge Estate
- Brushcut and cleared drains from Curry's Post intersection to the Engen Garage

OASIS PREP SCHOOL

- Cleared along each side of the road and brush cut along Symmonds Lane



AQUAMAD SWIM SCHOOL

- Cleaned the verges in Ridge Road and removed graffiti in the vicinity

MIDLANDS EMS & MIDLANDS POWER EQUIPMENT

- Brushcut and fixed broken pavements from Power Park Lane to Prospect Lane

BUILD IT

- Brushcut and planted flowers along the retaining wall from the Karkloof Road intersection to the Ambers
- Planted gardens and cleared the perimeter of the Howick Police Station

GREEN WEEK cont..

LOVE HOWICK AND RENOVERGE

- Removed the broken steel bins and brushcut from Engen Intersection to Somme/Bell Street intersection
- Cleared litter, brushcut and tidied gardens from the bridge to the falls, removed broken cement bollards, cleaned and cleared the park, rock walls, verges, pavements and drains from the bridge up into Morling St

MIDMAR TILE AND HARDWARE

- Brushcut, tidied and replanted gardens, and cleared drains along the Bell/Somme/Harvard Gardens

OASIS CHURCH

- Cleaned verges, pavements, drains and planted flower beds from the Karkloof intersection to Engen

SUPASLAB MIDLANDS

- Eradicated bugweed, pruned all trees and brushcut up the hill at the Howick West intersection

KNIGHT SECURITY, XTRA MERRIVALE & VERGE MASTERS

- Bridge Bugweed eradication, cleared drains and brushcut in the Merrivale Bridge surrounds

MAYOR'S OFFICE

- Cleared and tidied the areas around the Howick West Library and Hall. Tidied gardens and did general maintenance

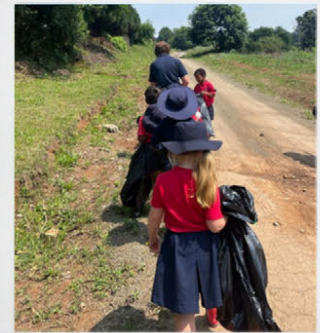
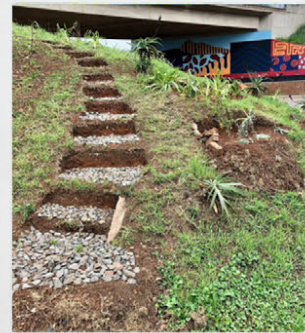
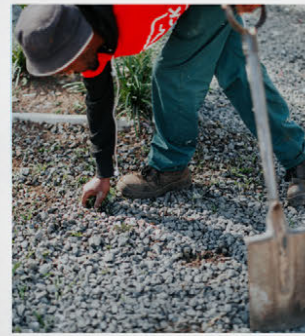
XTREME SKIPS

- Provided skips for refuse disposal points in Bell Street

HOWICK PREP SCHOOL ECO CLUB

- Cleared and cleared the verges of Harvard Street, Berea Road and Theed Street. Collected 6 black bags of rubbish.





Before



After





OUR FIRST MIDLANDS MARKET

So we did it. Our team is still buzzing, stunned, amazed, awed, a little shell shocked and exhausted. But most of all, we are proud of the Love Howick team that rose to the challenge.

There were a few last-minute curveballs, but we adapted smartly and smashed all expectations right out of the park... and then some as the event literally drew thousands of people - that's right, 1000s!

Nearly all the vendors sold out, the music was amazing and the kids had fun while the adults 'adulted' and chilled.

This monthly market will be at Midlands Fable again in November and January, before moving on to another exciting Midlands venue! The best thing about it is that this market will continue to create funding opportunities for the incredible work we do through Love Howick and Love Cities while achieving the objective of drawing people into the Midlands to help further stimulate the local tourism economy.

So if you are in or near the KZN Midlands on 26 November, we will be doing this again and trust me, it will be bigger and better!



Santa School Box 2022

Every year, we are thrilled at how readily businesses and residents jump on board to ensure that school kids in uMngeni have the stationery they need to start the new school year.

We already have several confirmed partners and drop-off points, and our first big (cuddly) donation - 160 teddy bears from the awesome kids of Howick Prep School

This year's collection will go to the precious Grade R students in the greater uMngeni area. You can get involved by either donating R250 or stationery.



LOVE HOWICK

2022/2023
STATIONERY DRIVE

SANTA'S Schoolbox Project

R250/box

Account Name: Love Howick NPC
Branch: FNB, Howick, KZN
Account Number: 62774727039
Branch Code: 220725
Reference: SANTA'S SCHOOLBOX

THE CURRENT DROP-OFF POINTS ACROSS UMNGENI ARE:

Village Talk Newspaper | The Oasis Church | Legacy Coffee Co.
PostNet Nottingham Road | Greendale Superspar & Tops | My SPAR - Merrivale | My SPAR - Hilton Quarry | My SPAR - Nottingham Road Spar & Tops | Robbins Stationers and Locksmith | St Michaels Ambulance



Portraits of COURAGE

Love Howick Dream Centre helped me so much, you changed my life... I got a job at Merrivale Spar!

Before I came to the Love Howick Dream Centre my life had no direction. I didn't know what to do. I felt helpless for myself and my family... you know the feeling of not having anything to eat before going to bed, not having toiletries but being scared to ask to mom as she is the only parent I have? It was difficult, but after I came to Dream Centre, I learnt so many things.

Being a volunteer was so hard, I won't lie, but Mr Ray's words led me to where I am today. A shout out to Mr Ray, I listened to everything he said to us in class, and I used it... AND it worked for me!

My name is Nosipho Nxumalo. I'm 19 years old. I'm now a deli assistant at Merrivale Spar, and they have also taught me to use the till.

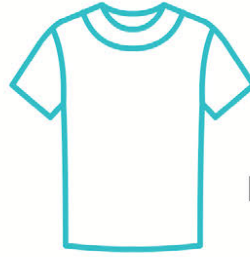
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Our October Impact!

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People graduated from courses at the Dream Centre



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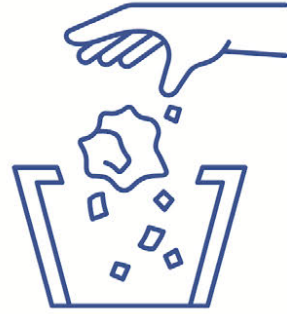
Items of clothing donated to the Street Store

Square metres of grass cut in public spaces

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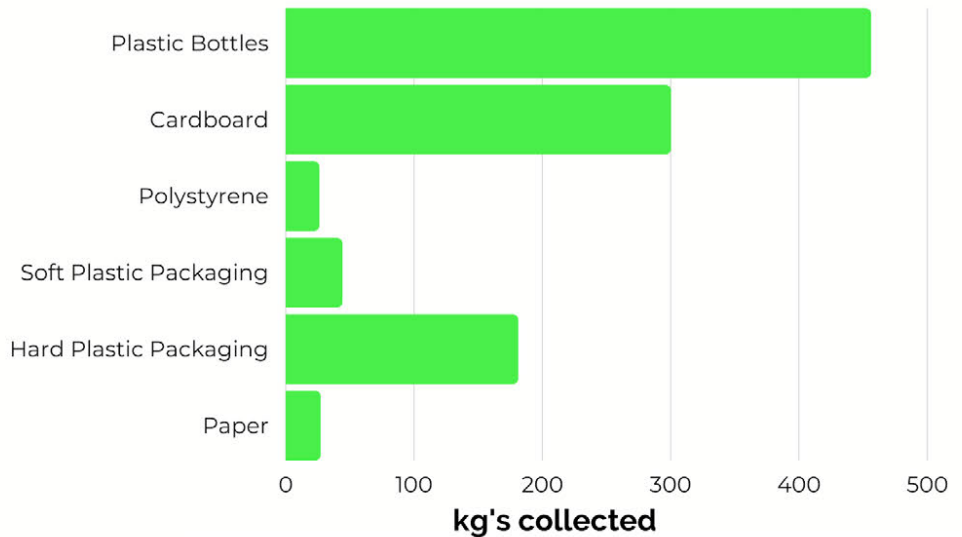
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tons of garden refuse & litter removed from CBD & public spaces



Our recycling initiative includes 40+ local businesses & organisations

Types of recycling collected



Portrait of Courage

My name is Zinhle Ndlovu and after completing my Job Readiness course, I was hired. I came to the Dream Centre in a desperate attempt to change my life. Since finding a job, I've accomplished things I never believed were possible, like obtaining a driver's license and purchasing land on which to build a little home. I've become a better person as a result of the Dream Centre; I now consider it my home. Thank you to all the Love Howick staff that do so much to provide us with opportunities for a better future.



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Meet one of our interns

Meet Lungile Jijwa, a 21-year-old intern who is part of our Renoverge team. He is originally from the Eastern Cape but now lives in Howick. Lungile arrived in KwaZulu Natal in search of employment and was fortunate enough to join the Love Howick team. We will see big things from Lungile in the future, as he works towards his goals of becoming a professional soccer player and businessman. We can't wait to see what your future brings, Lungile!

SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY RECYCLING

Our Street Store makes shopping easy for those without an income.

For every three bags of recycling they collect from the CBD, they receive five tokens. The tokens are used to "buy" clothing and food supplies from the Street Store.

Our main aim at Love Howick is to create a culture of empowerment & not dependency. Our Street Store concept gives those in desperate need of help the opportunity to make a contribution in exchange for these basic food/clothing items, thus restoring dignity and value to their lives. The spin-off is that our communities get cleaned in the process - a win-win for all.

Please continue to donate financially each month to enable us to purchase food supplies and don't stop dropping off good quality second-hand clothing at 19 Morling Street Howick in support of this cause.

The Street Store is open weekdays from 8-1pm.



OUR WISHLIST – CAN YOU HELP?

- 2x Kenwood Chefs (in working order for our baking course)
- Small run-around vehicle
- 40 Sturdy Black chairs
- Trailer – standard width about 3 metres in length. Must include sides, bars and ramp to load machinery
- L-Shaped reception counter for Dream Centre
- Water tank and pump (for a bakkie)
- Bakkie (double cab) proposal for Toyota/Isuzu
- Computers (Windows 10/11)
- Mpophomeni Dream Centre: TV, 30 single desks, 30 chairs, projector, sound bar, urn, 30 mugs, plates, fridge/freezer, outside picnic benches, microwave, whiteboard,
- Social Services: Android tablet
- 8 Veggie garden tunnels
- Midi bus
- Industrial vacuum cleaner
- 8x Brushcutters



Sponsored items may be delivered to Love Howick, 72 Main Road, Howick, or you may contribute via **ZAPPER** (Ref: wishlist) or **EFT** Love Howick NPC, FNB Howick, Cheq Account: 627 747 27 039. Reference: Wishlist

Please email queries, proof of payment as well as the list of item/s you wish to sponsor to marketing@lovehowick.com