

Plants for the people

helping some Council workers to plant bulbs
in the town centre of Wellingborough

2 - 4 years old, Highfield Nursery School & Croyland Nursery School - NORTHAMPTON (ENGLAND)

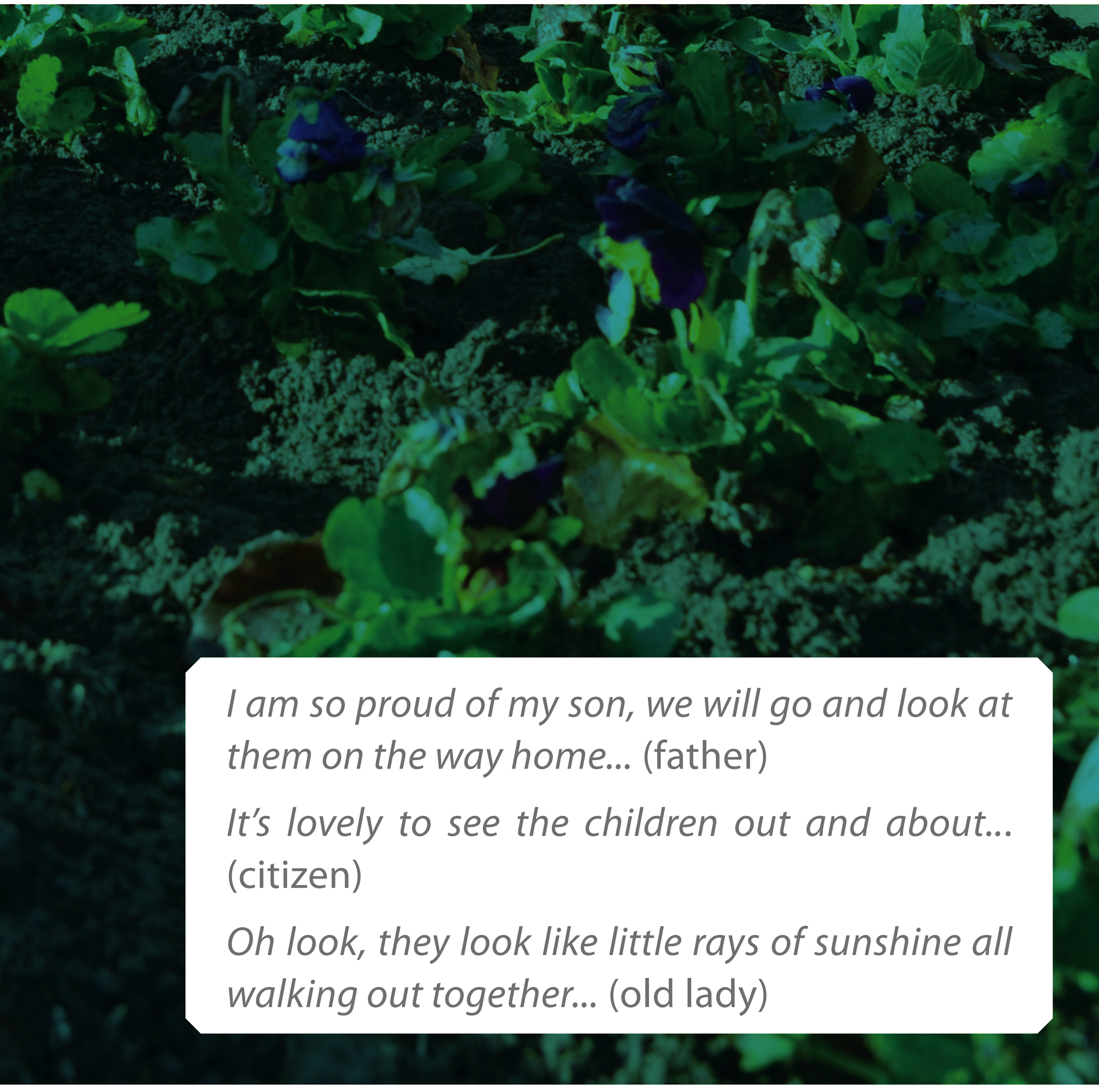
Since September 2015 we have been taking the children for walks around the local area and have noticed parts of the town centre with flower beds. We had talked to the children about these areas and have asked what they would like to see there. We contacted the local Borough Council and enquired about the two areas, one being close to Highfield Nursery School and the other close to Croyland Nursery School in the town centre. It was then arranged that the children would help the Council workers to plant a variety of bulbs in these two areas of the town. We planted the bulbs in the winter so that by the spring we would see beautiful flowers. The nursery staff have since taken the children back to look at the flowers and have talked about what they can see.



*They are pretty (flowers planted)... we need to water them to make them grow...
What is this? (bulb) ...I'll put it in the ground!*



The children are now very familiar with their local area. We often walk around the local community pointing out different features and also asking the children to think of ways in which they could develop it. Having this experience with the local environment and also local people has given the children a sense of belonging to their community. The public were all pleased to see the children engaging with the environment and the children were proud of what they had achieved.



*I am so proud of my son, we will go and look at them on the way home... (father)
It's lovely to see the children out and about... (citizen)
Oh look, they look like little rays of sunshine all walking out together... (old lady)*



*It not only has improved their moods and wellbeing but it has given them a better understanding of their community and the world around them...
We have seen a huge difference with our boys, in terms of their language skills and their attention and listening...
It has given the children a real sense of adventure as they have been able to explore their own local area... (Staff)*