

**Booktrust: Power of Reading Award Winner  
City Parks**

This is the Stanmer Park Literacy Group. They are a group of park workers.

Vox: When I was a kid, reading was quite hard work. I used to give out all my books in the end.

Angela Farnham-Smith (Central Sussex College.): Their educational background has been quite poor in most cases. They've had very negative experiences.

Vox: I had a rough time with the boys at school. Used to call me dunce.

Angela: Consequently, quite a few of them could barely read.

(Angela speaking: What we're doing today is we're looking at different newspapers.)

Vox: I think it's helped me a hell of a lot actually. I'm a bit more confident in me. Going out, seeing something, I can have a go reading it.

(Angela speaking: Have a look at this word here.)

Vox: I've improved my writing, my spelling.

(Man speaking: Donkey is only twelve inches high.)

Vox: I'm learning my laptop at home to do emails now, I can actually do it now.

Vox: My writing's got neater.

Vox: We all try and help each other out.

Vox: Through coming to literacy lessons I decided to sit down and give a book I've had since 1977 given to me by my gran, a go. And it happened to be Coral Island by RM Ballantyne. And I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Linda Lab (Central Sussex College.): That's what's just amazing about these guys. Their commitment and their enthusiasm really.