



MAKES SCENTS: lavender on Westminster Bridge Road. Inset, guerrilla gardener Richard Reynolds main, GAVIN KINGCOME/b9614/C; inset, HANNAH JONES/27770/3

Purple raise

A GROUP of guerrilla gardeners have gone commercial by selling lavender grown on the streets of South London.

The band of 50 green-fingered volunteers plant flowers on disused parts of council land to brighten up the area.

Now, lavender planted on Lambeth and Southwark councils' border on Westminster Bridge Road has been trimmed and sold in pillow cases to fund their activities.

People in Brixton have sown black linen imported from Ireland to make the pillowcases in time for Christmas.

Head guerrilla gardener Richard Reynolds, who lives in Elephant & Castle, said: "The pillowcases are eco-friendly and ethical.

"We had to cut back the lavender anyway to help them grow, so we thought we would turn them into pillowcases.

By RYAN KISIEL

"All the money raised will be put back into our work and we'll continue to plant in South London."

Richard won back thousands of pounds for residents of the Elephant's Peronnet House after it was revealed they had been billed for unpaid work he had carried out to their block.

Negotiations followed, resulting in Richard carrying on doing the gardening for free and Southwark council reducing leaseholders' service bills.

The group told the *South London Press* that its next operation would be taking place in Deptford tomorrow.

The pillows are for sale at £10 via www.GuerrillaGardening.org