



UPPINGHAM IN BLOOM

Winter 2018

Dear Friends,

Following our success last year the Uppingham in Bloom committee is now planning our projects for next year. The Spring planting is settling in nicely and beginning to show a little colour, thanks once again to the gardening team at Uppingham School. We also continue our monthly weeding of flower beds and tidying of the streets to keep Uppingham looking smart. We are always grateful to hear from you if you know of a spot which requires our attention or that of the Town or County Council.

On a bitterly cold Saturday in October in conjunction with UTC we planted 5 trees and 700 bulbs for spring/ early summer in the Leicester Road Cemetery and have plans for summer/autumn planting to provide colour and interest all year round. On Remembrance Sunday we planted a tree grown from an acorn gathered by Steve Buzzard at Delville Wood in the Somme, in the Arboretum with permission from Uppingham School. A commemorative plaque was also installed. The barrier baskets in the Market Square are being replaced with planters.

We have several projects underway at the moment as follows: an installation of animal silhouettes on the A47 roundabout, awaiting permission from the County Council: some new planting in the sensory garden on Tods Piece to hopefully alleviate the damage which has been suffered this year: **Open Gardens Event on Sunday 26th May** when there will also be a plant sale. We will be grateful for your contributions of suitable plants: A Barn Dance in June; Update the WW1 flowerbed near the Surgery: Make one or two mosaics to add to the bed in North Street East; Uppingham School are keen to involve some of their pupils in suitable projects: A renovation of the nettle bed on Beast Hill is under consideration: Tree Trail booklet to be reprinted and a Children's Quiz added: Town entrances to be improved: Plans for a socially inclusive community orchard are being prepared and we are investigating the possibility of creating a herbal tea/ medicinal plant bed at the Surgery.

All the above will require a great deal of commitment and funding and we will be grateful for any support you can give, whether it be hands on weeding etc., attending our fund raising events, donations or even a cheery hello when you see us out working around the town.

Our first fund raising event will be Winter Warmer in the Town Hall on Saturday 16th February when we will be serving **home made soup and jacket potatoes**. We will look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you all Happy and a Healthy 2019.

Kathleen

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