



Pride of the Borough Oadby & Wigston

PotB Members update August 2021

Dear member

Welcome to what is probably a holiday edition of our monthly update to members. Quite often you will hear people not just saying "I am going away", but "I am going away to see son/daughter/sister/family/friends who I have not seen for many months" they don't necessarily add "and nothing will stop me" but you just know that is the strength of feeling. And why not!

That is not to say that people are being reckless, many meetings with friends are being held outside and when you venture into shops a lot of people are still wearing masks. Naturally we encourage you to shop locally and especially at shops that support our Pride of the Borough membership card, but we also ask you to respect any requests a shop may make regarding masks and distancing; it's for everyone's benefit.

Membership Matters

As we settle down to the summer, there has only been one change to businesses offering discounts to card holders when regrettably we inform you that Attic 38 has not reopened. Don't forget the latest information is always on our web site.

As well as being able to download the membership application form from our website, we are pleased to announce that the Membership Card is now on sale at the Hospitality Desk at Oadby Methodist Church, at the same low cost of £5.

South Wigston Community Garden



East Midlands in Bloom update

Judging took place on Monday 12th July. The rain held off and we even saw a little sunshine which always makes the flowers look brighter! It was very different with the social distancing but there were plenty of opportunities for the judge to meet lots of enthusiastic volunteers and everything went to plan.

We were unable to meet together after the judging but held our monthly management meeting via zoom that evening. All I can say is that everyone was smiling as they recounted their meeting with the judge.



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We won't know how we got on until the Awards Ceremony which is planned to be held in Grimsby in mid-September (fingers crossed we are allowed to meet in person!).



As part of our entry, we produce a portfolio highlighting our activities over the past 12 (or this year 24) months. A copy is on our website at [PotB-EMiB-Portfolio-2021.pdf](#) if you would like to learn more of the activities taking place.

IYN

It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) is a non-competitive assessment carried out by an experienced EMiB Assessor on behalf of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). This year two communities in our borough have taken part. The Community Garden at Blaby Road Park and the volunteer gardeners at MHA Aigburth Residential Care Home. Both enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to show the assessor everything they have been doing, even with all the restrictions. Once again, the results will be announced in mid-September.



3rd Saturday working group.

We are meeting at 9:30 on Saturday 21st August at the Thythorn Hill Committee Centre, Horsecroft Lane, Wigston to concentrate on litter picking. We will, of course, be outdoors and by the nature of the work be distanced. You are welcome to join us.

Whatever you are doing this summer we hope you have a pleasant and safe time with friends and family.