

PotB Members update

April 2022



Dear member

It's spring, or at least I thought it was before the weather turned so much colder this past week. One minute I'm thinking I'm behind in the garden, the next I'm glad I've got nothing tender at risk with the frost. The vagaries of the English weather, and you wonder why it's such a topic of conversation especially with farmers and gardeners!

We can at least think that the worst of the weather is behind us; the spring bulbs (many planted by PotB volunteers) are blooming and we can enjoy the warmth of the sun, when it's out, and our time in the garden, or park, especially so with our family.



Portland Walk, Oadby



Oadby Cemetery Extension

Membership Matters

Volunteers joined with Active Oadby Wigston at a 'Pop-up' event in Wigston which was very successful with a lot of interest from passers-by ... we are pleased we gained new members that day and gave leaflets to others who are looking to join us. The next Pop-up is on The Parade, Oadby, from 10.30 on 21st April. If you see us please stop and say hello, it's nice to actually meet our members who too often we only deal with by post or email.

Oadby library have given permission for us to have direct card sales on the first and third Wednesday morning of the month between 10.30 and 12.30. We realise that many people have found it difficult to join or renew their membership online or by post so this is a great opportunity so please tell your friends and neighbours.

We note the following changes to business offers

- New business in Oadby - Alpha Beauty Lounge 78C The Parade, offering 5% discount when spending up to £100 and 10% when spending over £100.
- Change to offer by Chestnuts Cafe: reduced from 10% to 5%.
- Reminder that Charlie & Alf's gift shop give a £5 voucher on a spend of £50 plus is redeemable in store only.



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Town centre planters



As previously reported to you we have now commenced replacing some of the seasonal bedding in the town centre planters we look after with more permanent shrubs and herbaceous plants



3rd Saturday working group.

On the 3rd Saturday in March, a dozen of us collected 15 bags of litter from the roads around the Rolleston Road/Aylestone Lane area. We recognise others also do such work, and can only hope that less litter on the streets makes our borough look better and deters others from dropping it in the first place.

On the 3rd Saturday in April, we are meeting at the front of Blaby Road Park when we will continue with our long-standing project of maintaining the beds at the front of the park plus also litter picking in the area. You are welcome to join us, it would be helpful if you could bring along your own gardening tools (we have litter pickers you can use).



Hedge laying at Aigburth

We have previously reported on the hedge laying project undertaken by volunteers at Aigburth Home and supported by PotB funds raised through our membership scheme.

We are delighted to share this picture of the completed work.

Meeting

Our next meeting is confirmed as being held at Brocks Hill Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby on 11th April starting at 7:00pm

It is a semi-formal meeting when our chairman will be giving a short presentation on what Bloom is all about, including the history of Britain in Bloom. You are invited to attend and learn more.