

PotB Members update

May 2022



Dear member

The sun is shining and its feeling warmer, there's activity in the bird boxes, flowers and vegetables are emerging so hopefully we can be confident spring is here. But let's not get too carried away, we can still get late frosts so keep an eye on the forecast in case you need to protect delicate plants.

Membership Matters

We continue to join in with Active Oadby Wigston at a 'Pop-up' events and are regularly at Oadby library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays for direct purchase of membership cards.

We hope to be able to attend the upcoming in-person Residents Forums to have cards available as well.

We have one new business to tell you about; we are pleased that Shake House, 94 The Parade Oadby are joining us. They are offering: Buy one cookie dough and get one free (in store purchase only).

Sounds good to me, think I'll walk there so I can feel I've earnt the extra cookie!!

East Midlands in Bloom

Our plans for this year's judging as well advanced. Our route is as ambitious as ever taking in so many activities and visiting all 3 town centres.

We will include community groups, parks, meet with volunteers. Looking like another busy but enjoyable day. Fingers crossed for another Gold!



Judging 2021

3rd Saturday working group.

On the 3rd Saturday in April our work concentrated on the beds at the front of Blaby Road Park, South Wigston. As well as general weeding and pruning we also planted Bellis that we had saved from other projects, nothing is wasted!. There were also volunteers litter picking in the neighbouring area.

Our next activity is on Saturday 21st May when we will be meeting at The Walter Charles Centre, Wigston Road, Oadby LE2 5QQ. There is a small car park and we will have access to facilities so are able to provide tea and coffee (and a biscuit) afterwards.

From there we will be working on tidying up the Sensory Garden on London Road (please bring your own tools) plus litter picking in the surrounding area.



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Meeting venue

As Brockshill Environment Centre is currently unavailable to us during building works, we are, at least temporarily, relocating our regular meetings to The Walter Charles Centre, Wigston Road, Oadby LE2 5QQ

Our next meeting is being held at The Walter Charles Centre, Wigston Road, Oadby on 9th May starting at 7:00pm. Why not come along and say hello, we'd be delighted to see you.

Postal address

We retain our postal address at Brockshill, although our post-box on the building will not be available any correspondence, membership applications etc can be delivered to Parklands Leisure Centre where staff there continue to support us.

Community Roadshow Event

This will take place on Wednesday 8th June at the King's Centre in Wigston.

The day will have 2 sections, with the first part being a networking session for local groups to come together to consider local assets and how we can all work together to support each other and the local community, with the second part being a marketplace roadshow event open to public to come to find out about local services, volunteering and how they can get involved in the community.

- **11am – 1pm:** Asset Based Community Development Session for Local Groups
- **1pm – 3pm:** Lunch & Set up for Market Place session (Groups)
- **3pm– 6.30pm:** Market Place (Hosted by Groups, open to the Public)

We are hoping to be there, so why not pop in and see what's going on in our area and how you can be involved.

In the meantime, volunteers are busy working on many projects, and what a difference they make

