

PotB Members update

September 2022



Dear member

It's officially the meteorological Autumn, but I prefer to keep to the traditional solstice dates, so we still have another 3 weeks of summer! And what a summer it has been, some extremely hot weather and severe lack of water, and that again sums up gardeners thoughts on the weather....it's never 'just right'!!

If you are brave enough to listen to the downbeat news, we are facing all sorts of crises. What to do about it? I've no magic answer to all of it but here's one

Get Out, Garden and Grow.

Advantages:

- Exercise (cheaper than going to the gym!)
- Fresh Air (away from cars and lorries, under a tree....what can be purer?)
- Grow your own food, better for your wallet, your body & your mind
- Family activity (children love planting seeds and growing things)

Have no space at home? Then join us on one of the areas we look after, meet like minded people, forget about all the woes of the world, and enjoy yourself.

Membership Matters

And here's another money saving tip. Tell your friends and relatives to buy a Pride of the Borough Membership card. At still only £5 you can easily get your money back from discounts at local businesses and save even more.

This month's Business news:

SiOpticals, The Parade, Oadby are new supporters and are offering free eye tests to all card holders.

The Sports Lounge and Grill have temporarily suspended the members offer but we hope will be offering the discount again soon.

East Midlands in Bloom

The judges were with us in July on our 4 hour tour of the borough taking in parks & open spaces, meeting officials and volunteers who all work to help keep our borough looking good whilst being bombarded with stories and information.

We hope they were impressed, but we don't know the level of our award until the Awards Ceremony on the 21st September. The results will feature in the next newsletter, check our website for the latest news.



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It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN)



It'll be early October before the level of award is given to the gardeners at the Blaby Road Community Garden, however there have been many positive comments received from park users and neighbours who are delighted to see 'the bottom end' of the park looking better than it ever has.

3rd Saturday working group.



Our next meeting is on Saturday 17th September at the Cedars Centre on Cedar Avenue in Wigston.

Users of this valuable resource has observed it is not as welcoming as it could be and we are starting to work with them to improve the entrance. This will involve cutting back overhanging vegetation, removing weeds and self-set trees etc We will have a few gardening tools but would be pleased if you bring any appropriate gardening tools you may prefer to use.

For those that prefer there will be opportunities to litter pick in the surrounding area.

We start at 9:30 (meet in their car park) and will finish by 11:30 with a well-earned tea/coffee and biscuits.