

WELLESBOURNE IN BLOOM REPORT MARCH 1ST 2011

Wellesbourne in Bloom have been busy over the last few months despite the weather.

The Library landscaping is finally nearing completion after extensive liaisons between ourselves and the County Council. The 8 trees are yet to be planted. We requested a 10" border leading up to the library entrance for planting. With poor weather conditions and my month away the border has just been planted with polyanthus and underplanted with seasonal bulbs. We would love to get another planter for the other side if we could get the funds needed. We are returning the pot plants and hoping to get some more from one of our sources.

The church project is well underway. The hedging has been put in by the scouts. The kerb has been dropped for the disabled path. Three new planters are now in position outside the Church centre. We were rescued by Michael Twite as the delivery man forgot to bring a fork lift with him. The commissioned artist has been to the site and visited the church so he can gain ideas for his work. We will be holding an art workshop with the Wildlife Trust and the artist for youngsters in the near future. Moreton Morrell college are coming down to see the path site and will hopefully be putting it down for us in late March.

The slabs that we rescued from "Bob the Builder" at the Library have been laid for the much needed path outside the Newbold Road One Stop. Many thanks to the Parish Council for funding this project.

All the sponsored trees that had died due to the bad weather have been replaced by G J Midlands. The Environment Agency have contacted us about planting a tree after their completion of the flood defence works.

We have been helped by the Probation Service again at the Church which is invaluable. We were also able to put them in touch with Councillor Copeland for his "Oak Tree planting" project. The church is actively seeking more work for them also.

We have now started our gardening for the season and will be attending the "Heart of England in Bloom" Spring seminar this month at Ryton Organic gardens.

The school gardening club starts again this month and thanks to Gavin Callard who I met last year and Councillor Copeland we shall be planting 2 handsome apple trees at the school annex.

Late last year we managed to secure some funding from Munster Joinery which was extremely welcome in this financial climate. The Lions also gave us a donation from our float night.

We had complaints about earlier than usual grass cutting. We actually met the contractors at the Spinney by the playing field as we were putting in bulbs that could not be planted due to the weather. They were very nice and extremely diligent cutting the grass so as to miss even the smallest clumps of bulbs.

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