

Topic: How, when and by whom planter in the village will be cared for in 2022

How was the meeting advertised? On village notice boards and Facebook for at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Comments were also accepted by email prior to the meeting

The following issues were discussed:

Previously, a lot of people volunteered to help with the planters but the amount of work required and being approached to pay contributed to a reduction in volunteers together with the late delivery of plants in 2021. Location of some of the planters is not ideal and people commented on the difficulty carrying plants and/or water to the planters as well as being unsure when it was their role vs Liam's role to dead-head flowers. Three quotes have been received for the supply of plants, between £1.1 - £1.4k. Discussions included the type of plants and a longer view should consider the possibility of multi-season plants. Planters only need to be watered about once a year and that Liam does this.

The following decisions were made

- Ask BDT to fund purchase of appropriate plants
- To secure a delivery date as near to 1st June 2022 as possible
- Invite everyone to participate in "Planting Day"
- At least 2 further dates for volunteers to help with maintenance of planters
- Two hanging baskets and plants to be sourced for the Public Toilets

What will happen on Planting Day?

1. All volunteers to meet at the hall, tea and coffee provided
2. Instructions and layouts for planters given verbally and in writing
3. Plants safely delivered to planters by Liam to each planter
4. Liam to inspect and water all planters at the end of the day

Considerations for the future

- Location of planters near the busy main road can be hazardous for volunteers & Liam
- The number of planters to be reviewed, there is concern that there are too many
- Consider making a multi-year agreement with the supplier

Next steps to be taken

- After next BDT meeting, order plants at best value for quality
- After confirming delivery, publish PLANTING DAY
- Book a date on October for 'digging out';
- In November, plant a miniature fir tree at either end of the village with lights added at Christmas

These notes are also available on the website and can be obtained in LARGE PRINT from the office