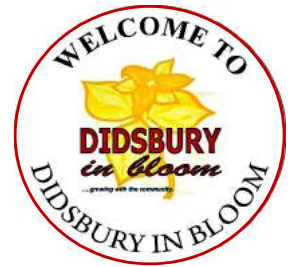


DIDSBURY IN BLOOM

July 2020 Bulletin



This month we again asked for any members from our groups to send in any thoughts, photos, anecdotes and stories, especially if they had images of the recent planting out. We have been delighted that there have been so many and so varied contributions. The DIB community has once again proved that it's not all about flowers, it is about people coming together with a shared interest in not only improving your neighbourhood, but also companionship and caring for the people around you. Thank-you all for these exceptional contributions.

It makes me feel very proud that I can play a small part in this wonderful, warm-hearted group.

Steve



A Message from Heather.

Wednesday, 17th June, 2020, will be remembered by me, and I'm sure a few others, for a very successful morning, when we took delivery of thousands of bedding plants. Thanks to the generosity of the Didsbury Scouts, the plants were delivered to their Scout hut grounds on School Lane instead of our usual location in front of the library. We were very mindful to stay socially distanced and this new site kept us away from the general public.

After sorting out the plants, planter adopters arrived at different intervals to collect their allocation, all carefully labelled by Alison who masterminded the whole exercise brilliantly.

Other volunteers arrived to help plant up the barrier planters, etc, and it was all completed before lunchtime. We were just left to transport the remaining plants to the yard at Parsonage Gardens for temporary storage.

This all happened on an exceptionally hot and humid day and I was wondering how on earth we were going to water all the planters. I needn't have worried as it poured with rain that night and it's hardly stopped raining since.

A special thank you to all the planter adopters and volunteers, as well as Dianne, Clive and Mark, our local council officers, for helping to bring colour back to the village.

Planting Around the Village



Planting out in Parsonage Gardens





It was lovely to see all the volunteers at Parsonage Gardens planting up the ornamental beds. And the next day at the scout hut sorting out the plants for the village planters and for the Bloom groups to collect. Although we had a break in order to attend our Team Meeting by phone!

We are now able to do site visits again so if you need us to check anything please let us know.

Dianne and Mark, your friendly Neighbourhood Officers

Dear All

Well, it's been a busy month or so regarding graffiti.

At the beginning of June, Sue Good reported that a large piece of graffiti had appeared on the bridge close to Aldi. In fact the 'artist' had kindly decorated both sides of the bridge. Thanks to MCC Didsbury, Manchester Contact Centre, Cllr Richard Kilpatrick, this was removed within 24 hours!

In addition, the same evening graffiti appeared on the window of Costa and the betting shop next door. I'm pleased to report that both were removed swiftly. Thanks again to Richard Kilpatrick contacted David Pluck Bookmakers.

More graffiti was on the shutters of Ladbrokes (which was offensive) - this has now been removed after being reported to them.

The only remaining graffiti is on a wall / bridge at the far end of the car park behind the small Tesco / Croma car park. This has been reported to the company who operate the Car Park but no response has been received. I will be advising the Ward Officers to try to ascertain who owns the land.

Photo below.

Best wishes

Frances



School Lane Scouts

The seeds we put in before lock down did not really materialise but I was able to go to the Scout hut and put in some plants. I then needed to go and water them and because of the watering and the current rain a lot of the seeds are starting to germinate!! I look forward to the rainbow of colours there will be in a couple of weeks.

It is very pleasing that when we go to do some gardening, at least one person will stop us and say how they look forward to walking past as there is always something new to look at whatever the season.

Although we still cannot have scout meetings we have been able to continue with zoom meetings and all sections have gained a number of badges during lockdown. I'm pleased to say that the children in the section I run, Beaver Scouts, have gained a number of gardener badges so maybe we'll see some of them helping out in the future.

Helen



Parrs Wood Road



The Poppy Path

Work has continued on the Poppy Path during the pandemic with volunteers working on their own at times to suit themselves. There is a team of approximately six volunteers who carry out most of the ongoing work on the path. Most have responsibility for their own area which enables them to work as and when it is convenient for them.



New bamboo fencing has been erected around the bridge area together with a new “Tramspotting” place for the children next to our Buddy Bench. This is proving a popular attraction for passers-by to stop and chat.

The Japanese peace garden has been finalised and is looking beautiful.

The wild flower meadow areas are in full flower at the moment and full of bees. The poppies are out and the new perennial areas are becoming more established. Plans are underway for a major autumn planting to complete all the main planting on the path.

Tom



Broad Oak Community Primary School

Thank you to the DIB team, collecting plants on the day went very smoothly.

When I have been watering the planters people have commented on, how lovely the flowers are looking and how it helps bring Didsbury back to life.

Also further progress has been made on our new school pond.

We received kind donations of aquatic plants from 2 wonderful Didsbury residents, many thanks to David Fernley and John Janulewski. Thanks to them the pond is now fully planted.

The water lilies give it a very Monet look!

When the area is fully landscaped school are looking forward to inviting Community groups to pond dip and have a variety of other wildlife and habitat experiences. Carol



Moorland Road

A lovely variety of plants this year



Best wishes to all
'Didsbury in Bloomers'
Sue



News from Ford Lane

Here are some photos of our early morning walks during lockdown.
New calves and new ducklings, we counted eleven, and waves from canoeists.
Hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

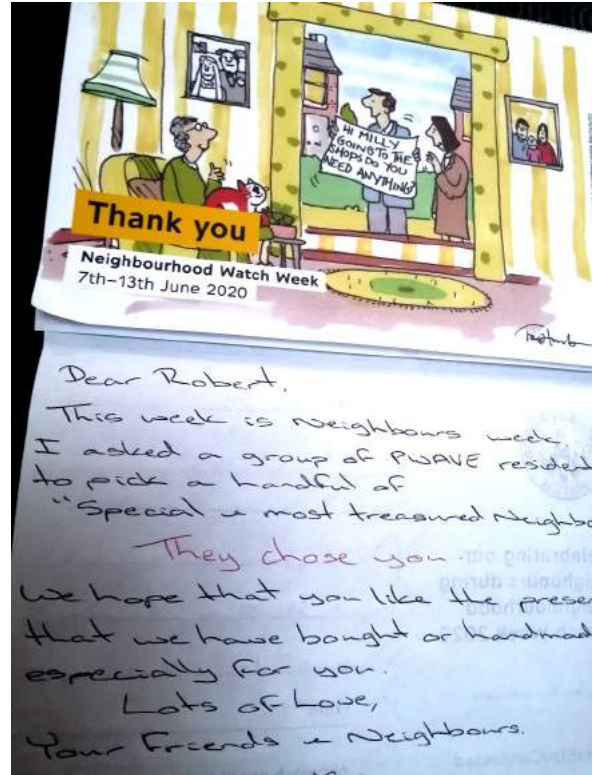
Mary and John



Parrs Wood Avenue

Tracy, one of our key organisers, suggested asking children and adults to make items for surprise gift parcels for the 10 older residents who were shielding to let them know that we were thinking of them. The response was fantastic. Tracy and her 4 year old neighbour delivered the parcels to the doorsteps and the recipients were overjoyed. Hope everyone is well and happy despite the constant rain.

Best wishes Judy and John



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Dear Friends & Neighbours
What a lovely surprise!
Thank you all for your thoughtful kindness and the effort involved, especially the children.
I have lived in PWA for 67 happy years. My four sons frequently comment on the many changes over the years, but there has always been a welcoming atmosphere of kindness and friendship - long may it continue.
As the oldest resident (93) I thank you all and hope for a better future.
Dennis (Worthington)



Marie Louise Gardens



Ruabon Road

Just to let you know that the trees on Ruabon have settled in well. We watered them daily when it was hot and dry but obviously they didn't need it in the wet June. We have planted some annuals around the base and hope to have some pictures when they are in bloom. Pauline

From the Anti Social Behaviour Action Team of MCC.

You may be aware that there are a number of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) across Manchester that restrict street drinking. These Orders were formally Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) that transitioned to PSPOs in October 2017 following the introduction of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The PSPOs make it an offence to fail to comply with a request from a police officer to refrain from drinking and/or surrender alcohol.

These Orders are due to expire on 19 October 2020. The Community Safety Team is looking at whether there are areas across Manchester where street drinking may be problematic and new Orders may need to be introduced. We have therefore developed a survey to gather the experiences of residents and frontline officers. Please could you and your team members take a few minutes to answer some questions about your experiences over the past year.

The survey can be found at https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_surveys/7973/on_street_alcohol_consumption_survey

We are keen to hear as many views as possible and therefore we would be grateful if you could promote this survey through your social media accounts and share with your contacts in the neighbourhood, particularly tenant and residents associations/groups. The responses will help us and our partners decide how we respond to problematic street drinking across Manchester in the future.

The closing date for the survey is 27 July 2020