



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023.

We held our first team meeting of the year on Tuesday 7th February, which is traditionally the meeting where forthcoming projects are discussed.

PROJECTS

The primary project of the year is to level and re-turf around the Millennium Bed (opposite Sainsbury's). The area around the bed has been damaged by MMB fibre activity. Paul has secured a grant to help towards the cost of this work which will be carried out by George House in March. We will also be planting 3,000 purple crocus bulbs around the bed before the turf is laid.

We are also rejuvenating the Herb Bed, outside Hiscocks. Lots of clearing and weeding is starting to happen and when we can clearly see what gaps we have to fill in the bed we will see if there are any further grants to help us purchase new plants. We are planning that the bed will be buzzing with bees and butterflies again before too long. If you have any spare time during the week and would like to get involved, please email miranda.rowe@btinternet.com

PLANTING

Joan has finalised her planting plans for the summer and she ordered the plants before Christmas, to give Luffs enough time to plan the cultivation of our plants. The Square is designed to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The poem "The Lady of Shallot" by Alfred Lord Tennyson is the theme for four of the outlying beds. She has taken lines from the poem and interpreted them in flowers.

TERRY'S SEED INITIATIVE

Terry Burns has an initiative to get everyone sowing different seeds for the summer display in the 2 round beds at the Millennium Hall.

All Liphook in Bloom team and helpers are invited to grow plants from a selection of seeds picked at random. The beds will be a patchwork of colour but it will be all our own efforts.

The plants need to be presented for planting in the beds in 3" or 4" pots by 10/11 June 2023 with a minimum of 10 pots per person or each variety.

Please also produce a card with the:

- 1 - colour of plant
- 2 - height of plant
- 3 - how many pots

You can get this information from the seed packet.

This will allow Joan and the Design Team to produce a plan.

Don't worry if your efforts don't come to fruition - this is gardening!!!

LiB have spare pots - just ask and we will provide you with some.

Everyone who came to the February working day has taken their seeds home with them, but if you weren't there and would like some, please email miranda.rowe@btinternet.com and we'll get you some seeds - we'd love you to join in as we need hundreds of plants!

WATERING

We always welcome new people to join the watering team. The more people we have the less times you have to water. And if we have a dry and hot summer like last year, we will have to water more than usual. If you or anyone you know has a tow bar on your car/van then we'd love to hear from you - even if you can only water once or twice in the year - as they say "many hands make light work"!! Please email liphookinbloom@gmail.com

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to each and every one of you for supporting Liphook in Bloom and for keeping our village blooming and a lovely place to live, work and play.

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