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Summer Newsletter 2020

A year like no other...

Hello to all our friends in and around Nantwich. We hope you are well and finding your feet again as we begin to emerge from the most challenging of times. Normally at this time of year our newsletter would be an enthusiastic update on preparations for our entry in the North West in Bloom competition, with thanks to all the local businesses and community groups who lend their support. Sadly, this year the whole national contest has been cancelled due to the ongoing coronavirus situation and so Nantwich won't be visited by the RHS judges.

That doesn't mean we've been idle, however! We were determined that as soon as possible we would do our utmost to make the town centre as beautifully blooming as we could, despite difficulties over supplies of plants and materials. So in late May, as soon as lockdown was released, Nantwich in Bloom members resumed working parties (suitably socially distanced, of course!) with an adapted planting scheme, which this summer is now rainbow themed as our tribute to NHS and other public service workers who have done so much for the nation in recent months. We have been concentrating our efforts on the town centre and areas around St Mary's Church. Unfortunately numbers of hanging baskets have been reduced due to issues with watering, but although the overall impact of the floral displays in the town centre this summer may not be as spectacular as usual we have tried to create some much needed colour and cheer.

We will return to holding our local competitions for Community and Care Homes as soon as we are allowed. However, we certainly will be awarding certificates to local businesses, shops and pubs which have created floral displays outside their premises. Some of them are featured on this page. It is so good to see that in spite of the huge difficulties the retail, business and hospitality sectors continue to experience, there is a shared determination to keep Nantwich looking good. Displays will be reviewed at the end of July / start of August, and we are sure they will be beautiful!

Other news...

In late autumn we took on an allotment at Nantwich Brookfield site and volunteers have worked very hard to install a polytunnel, raised beds and cultivate the area. This season, partly because we couldn't work as a group during lockdown, it is being used mainly to grow vegetables but the long-term aim is to use it to propagate and produce more plants for display in the town as well as for maintaining winter bedding plants during the summer. This is in addition to our work in maintaining the Community Orchard on Nantwich Riverside.

To encourage visitors to return to the town we have also continued to look after the two 'Welcome to Nantwich' beds and the floral displays in beds and planters on Nantwich Railway Station.

The decorated and planted pots project planned for this year with elderly peoples' homes on the topic 'Times gone by' and the proposed project for primary schools, nurseries and youth groups of 'Grow your own' have been deferred to next year and we are looking forward to seeing the results. Here's to a good 2021!

In the meantime, do follow our activities on www.nantwichinbloom.org, on Facebook and Instagram. All volunteers always welcome: contact pennyrow123@outlook.com

Late extra... Watch out for details of our coffee morning, coming up early November ...

