

## Godmanchester in Bloom 2016



With the Town's support Godmanchester in Bloom continues to make progress to further enhance this special place. This support has helped us to do things which would not otherwise have been possible. Many of you give to GMC800 and your contribution to Godmanchester in Bloom has allowed us to buy and plant a new street planter on the Causeway by the small but important War Memorial Plaque. We very much hope you will continue to enjoy the flowers in the street planters which are cared for by local businesses as well as by Susan Constable and Sandra Judd. It is these small areas of bright colours which do so much to "lift us" in the grey days of our long winters; we are very grateful to them. This also applies to Nina Collier and her team of helpers, whose work we notice with the fresh weekly flowers whenever we go by the Town's war memorial; they do a great job. And you will have seen the new flower bed along the wall by the Town sign which is thoughtfully looked after by Russell and Joyce Jones.

We have now planted over 100 trees across the Town. The first of these were the five Chanticleer pears planted in Cambridge Street with the help of Graham and Carlie Campbell; others have been planted with the help of the Scouts amongst others, and we are now starting to notice these trees when they flower each Spring.

Mary Stokes and her team bring fun to the Town with the annual Scarecrow competition, and long may they continue.

We have been involved, along with the Town Council, in moving forward at long last with improvements to the Mill Steps area, and are very pleased that David Stokes has been asked to do the plans.

This year we are again having the Open Gardens weekend, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, organised by Sarah and Graham Wilson, Susan Constable and Peter and Mary Arch, please come and enjoy the gardens. The proceeds will be used to purchase picnic tables, similar to those at Judith's Field, to be located within or close to the fence of the Queen's Walk play area.

If you walk up Silver Street you will have seen the hard work of Martin Becker who, with others, has been planting new hedges. There have also been additions to the Copse planted to attract warblers by the sluices on the Recreation Ground.

Last December the Town Mayor kindly planted a tree on the new Country Park site. At the same time Mrs Bob Thompson and her family, with the help of the Vicar, planted a tree in special memory of her late husband Bob who had done so much to look after this area over the years. We will all miss seeing Bob's wonderful hanging baskets and his allotment garden, which had won so many prizes.

This year we have again taken on, with the help of you - the people - and the Town Council, the **Greener Streets in Godmanchester** project as we ask even more people to "put out your flower pots" and at the same time take an active part in keeping streets clear of weeds and litter.

Last September we had the first Town Show for many years. A great many people entered, and we are expecting even more at this year's show which is on Saturday 3rd September, again in St. Mary's Church. More details will be available later, so please be sure to enter.

Thanks to everyone.

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