



Wellesbourne in Bloom Entry Portfolio

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Small Town Category

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Wellesbourne in Bloom was founded in 2004 although the number of committee members has fallen we have grown from strength to strength with projects completed within the village. This is with the help of our many supporters and friends without whom none of our work would be possible. We have a committee of six ladies who work tirelessly throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to ill health we have lost some members this year. The committee secretly wanted to be the first “Bionic Bloomers”. Despite this, we have achieved all we set out to do. Last year we won “Gold” and the “Environment Award”, it is a tough task to follow that achievement but we have done all that is humanly possible to try the best we can. We are supportive of each other, due to illness some ladies have taken on the more physical work at times and our Chairman now concentrates on the paper side of things and the bribery that goes on getting all our volunteers to help. Chocolate Cake and Scones go a long way in the bribery stakes.
- 1.2. This year we had the added pressure of our “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” which is funded by the National Lottery as part of the “Community Spaces Groundwork UK” scheme. We won a grant of £48,737.23p last July. The project was first started in March 2007 when the first initial e-mail was sent to the “Warwickshire Wildlife Trust”. Several components of the project have been completed including the biggest of all, the laying of a disabled and sensory path within the church centre grounds.
- 1.3. The other main project this year has been the re-development of the village library to include a children’s centre. Wellesbourne in Bloom over the past few years had planted extensively around the library, with spring bulbs, shrubs, perennials and seasonal bedding. We contacted Julie Williams who was in charge of the re-development for the County Council and were from day one consulted on the landscaping of the new library grounds. Last year we had to re-site all the plants and this year we became the liaison for the project keeping the village informed of the developments through our monthly report in the “Wellesbourne and Walton News”.
- 1.4. Our influence continues to grow within the village and we are invited to meetings at Parish, District and County level that concern green areas of the village, the planting of trees, grass cutting and environmental issues. We also represent the Parish Council at the Warwickshire Parish BAP meetings and receive regular updates.
- 1.5. Due to flooding in the village 2 years ago, extensive flood defence work had to be carried out. The main work site for this work was on one of the green areas that we had planted 100’s of spring bulbs. After the work was completed, Adam the project manager for the Environment Agency offered Wellesbourne in Bloom some trees to plant on the area as a recompense for the disturbance the site caused.

- 1 . 6 . The Wellesbourne Primary School Annex garden is growing. The free polytunnel we managed to get last year was put up by the Probation Service. They also dug raised beds for them, barked the annex shrub garden that we created last year and painted the fences. Due to meetings with Gavin Callard the County Tree officer and Parish Councillor Tony Copeland, two new apple trees were given to the school as part of the Stratford District Council “Free Tree Scheme”. The wildlife garden at the main school site continues to thrive, it was refurbished by us 3 years ago and is now home to frogs newts and varied wildlife. Several new shrub beds have been created at the school with plants from the library and 100’s of spring bulbs were also re-sited there.
- 1 . 7 . Local landowner and farmer Mr Morley last year allowed Parish Councillor Tony Copeland to plant trees on his land. This year Wellesbourne in Bloom arranged for the Probation Service to plant with the help of three Parish Councillors a further twelve oak trees on farm land bordering the village. Also as part of the “Warwickshire County Council Free Tree Scheme”. In the Autumn Mr Morley has expressed a wish to fund the planting of daffodils on the approaches to the village from Kineton and Moreton Morrell.
- 1 . 8 . Last year the Wellesbourne Fire Station won a “Highly Commended” for its floral displays and we are very grateful to Di Stowe who plants all the pots and her recycled helicopter blade box planters up. We help Di by providing some of her bedding for her.
- 1 . 9 . Extensive planting of 14,000 bulbs was carried out in the autumn although thwarted at times by the harsh weather conditions in November.
- 1 . 1 0 . Although we are closely tied with the church with our wildlife project, we also continue to arrange the tidying of the churchyard such as hedge trimming with the Probation Service and Stephen Nightingale the church verger. Brian Nuttall has now retired but was a great support to Wellesbourne in Bloom when he was church verger. Michael Twite a local landscape architect and all round good egg has provided gravel bags for the Probation Service and takes all the green waste to his yard to be recycled. We have also arranged for the Probation Service to repaint the church railings this year and they are involved in the church wildlife project.
- 1 . 1 1 . We have close links with the “Highways Agency”. Two years ago, we had a meeting with them and the Parish Council about rogue parking on green areas. A wish list of sites to be “Bollarded” was produced. Over the past four years areas throughout the village have been transformed, none more so than in the centre of the village where rogue parking made the area an eyesore. The area around Newbold Road has been transformed and with the new path, materials donated by the library contractors and the work paid for by the Parish Council has completely changed the area.
- 1 . 1 2 . The Mountford Playing field copse will be one of our projects next year but will take some time to bring to complete fruition. Now the copse has been allowed to grow of its own accord and is need of some tidying. A meeting was arranged with the Parish Council and Gavin the County Tree officer. It

was decided that the copse would be coppiced in stages. The large green open spaces are already planted with daffodils and crocus. There are logos of the Guiding Association and Scout Association at each end of the copse and large clumps of daffodils along the verge. As each area is coppiced Wellesbourne in Bloom will plant native wildflowers, more snowdrops and native bluebells. The lay by adjoining the copse is to be the parking area for the Restoration Winning project “Chedhams Yard”, which is just down the road and which we have close links with. It was also suggested by Gavin that a statement tree such as an Oak be planted.

- 1 . 1 3 . Sir Andrew Hamilton, Lady Hamilton and their Estate Manager Marcus Faulkner have been very helpful to us this year. They allowed the library planter and Lions bench to be re-sited on their land for the duration of the library re-development. They are also paying for the spray weeding of the village precinct.
- 1 . 1 4 . This year we were given an annual Parish Council grant of £1500. Other donations have come from the Lions, Munsters Joinery, the Horticultural Society and a private donor who collects his loose change for us. We are very fortunate that a lot of our work is financially “In Kind”. Michael Twite Landscapes is one of our main benefactors in kind and the Probation Service has provided manpower for many of our projects. Tony Copeland a Parish Councillor helps us no end he has designed and made a watering system for a car and has proved invaluable in providing links with the different agencies such as Highways and is a constant support for us. We have over 100 volunteers of all ages that help us both from within the village and out of the village such as Moreton Morell College Students and the Probation Service.
- 1 . 1 5 . We are not a high-powered committee but six ladies that wish to make Wellesbourne a better place to live in .We are lucky enough to have the support of the community to enable us to achieve these goals.

2. Review of Last Year

July 2010

- General tidying, weeding and watering.
- Attend Wellesbourne C of E Primary Schools “Thank You” Service and go up and receive a thank you card for our efforts at the school.

August 2010

- Planning permission for church project finally comes through.
- Walton Village Annual Fete Stall and WIB exhibition.
- Tidying precinct planter.
- Photo and article Leamington Courier.
- Sorting of trees for village and negotiating for new ones.
- Sorting out new pavement Newbold Road with Parish Council and “Bob the Builder”.
- General tidying and weeding.

September 2010

- In Bloom Presentation Awards.
- Lions Proms Concert.
- Meeting Emma Banks in charge of “Chedhams Yard” Parish Council offices.
- Bulb planting planning and ordering.
- Probation Service job finding.
- Utility searches for tree planting.
- Committee Meeting.
- Autumn bedding order finalised.
- General tidying and weeding.

October 2010

- Meeting Malkit Thiara Youth and community Services.
- “St Peters Church Project” lunch meeting Kate the vicar, Alice PCC, WIB and Julie Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.
- Make and deliver cakes for Church Youth Bus.
- Bulbs delivered and sorted.
- Autumn bedding pick up from nurseries.
- Meeting re parking at library, Wellesbourne in Bloom, Highways, Parish Council and County Council.
- Autumn bedding planting.
- General tidying and weeding.

November 2010

- Applied for 2011 Parish Council Grant.
- Environment Agency talks about gift of trees.
- Library handed back to County Council from contractors.
- Library meeting.
- Meeting with Parish Councillor Copeland and Gavin Callard Arboricultural Officer County Council re gift of a tree and general survey of trees in the area.
- Cubs plant two large trefoils in daffodils at Mountford Playing Field Copse.
- Colin plants bulbs of Ettington Road verge and snowdrops and bluebells in copse.
- Dog Bed, Newbold Bed and planters around village planted.
- Wellesbourne in Blooms Christmas Dinner.
- Wellesbourne's Xmas Light switch on.
- General tidying and weeding.

December 2010

- Lions plant crocus logo at – 4 degrees and turn down hot chocolate but love the Kit Kats.
- Arrange library meeting for repositioning of planter and bench. Wellesbourne in Bloom, Parish Council, “Bob the Builder” Site Foreman, Lions and Julie Williams County Council project leader.
- “Bob the Builder” Site Foreman sorts paving for Newbold Road project. Seek funding for laying of path from Parish Council.
- Christmas Tree Festival – “Blooming gold tree”.
- Accompany and help collect with Lions Christmas Float.
- “St Peters Church Centre” – Cast Iron planters arrive.
- Arranged for compost delivery and planted planters.
- Cubs and Scouts put hedging in for “St Peters Church Wildlife Project with WIB and Wildlife Trust.
- Copse bulb planting.
- New replacement trees arrive and free trees planted.

January 2011

- Environment Agency contact us about free trees as recompense for site works.
- General tidying and weeding.

February 2011

- Dropped kerb put in for “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” path.
- Arranged planting of free oak trees in village with Probation Service and Parish council.
- General tidying and weeding.

March 2011

- “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” meeting WIB, Julie Wildlife Trust, Kate the vicar and Alice church PCC member.
- Meeting at School with Martyn, Probation Service and Julian, Caretaker re work at school annex. Polytunnel put up, raised beds made, new shrub area barked.
- Precinct Planter completely emptied in preparation for planting and new soil put in.
- Adam Deeks Environmental Agency in consultation with Gavin Callard Aboricultural Officer plants four new trees on Willow Drive open space for us.
- Wellesbourne in Bloom arrange for Probation Service to refurbish and paint church railings and do big tidy up.

April 2011

- Road stone delivery for “St Peters Church Wildlife Project”.
- Sleeper planter delivery “St Peters Church Wildlife Project”.
- Hebe shrubs arrive from nursery to grow on for library.
- Probation service do more work on Wellesbourne in Blooms behalf, for the church painting gates and tidying.
- Moreton Morrell College clear and build path for “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” over 2 Tuesdays. Michael Twite Landscapes assist with sleeper planter and finishing of path.
- Heart of England in Bloom seminar.
- Andrew Keown commissioned artist for the “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” holds a children’s artist workshop with children from village and church congregation. It was to gain ideas from the children on the “Natures Stained Glass Window” artwork to screen the bin sheds.
- Precinct planter replanted with herbs as is the tradition.
- “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” meeting WIB, Alice PCC and Julie WWT.

May 2011

- Arrange precinct spraying and seek funding from Walton Estates.
- Collect in four cars all the summer bedding from supplier lunch out.
- All month spent clearing and planting.
- Library border dug out soil replaced and planted up.
- Cleared and planted Doctors surgery after talks with Practice Manager.
- Probation Service returns to church to paint more railings and do more tidying. Fed with chocolate cake as usual.
- All judging arrangements made with Highways etc.

June 2011

- Final design for artwork received from Andrew Keown commissioned artist for church project.
- Massive plant shopping trip of a lifetime for plants for church project.
- Sensory herb garden constructed and planted, wildlife post for insects put in, dragon fly bed cleared for church project.
- New sensory planters at church centre planted, suitable for pre-school.

July 2011

- Parochial Church Council agree to artists design and safety signs for the church project.
- PCC provide spare finial to enable manufacture of matching gate for church centre.
- Pete's Patch shrubs replaced and area barked.
- Hasting Road weeded and tidied.
- Dog Bed and Newbold Bed weeded.
- Dragonfly bed partially planted.
- Church Centre weeded and tidied by WIB.
- Probation Service tidy churchyard and church centre for judging.
- Tidying fever throughout the village for judging day.
- WIB Chairman invited onto steering group on Parish Council to try and sort problems of Youth facilities in the village as we work with so many of them.
- New planters planted and bird-feeding station put in situ as well as bird boxes.
- Meeting Michael Twite Landscapes re compost collecting etc.
- Meeting Marjorie Bull Wellesbourne Mothers Union re Rowan Tree gift for wildlife project.
- Top soil and Bark delivery for church.
- Probation Service clear areas of copse for specimen planting and dragon fly bed cleared matted and barked.

3. Committee, Helpers & Supporters

COMMITTEE

Val Griffin	Kate Parton	Heather Sims
Di Ives	Hilary Wilson	Susan Hodge

HELPERS & SUPPORTERS

Alice Macdonald	Revd Kate Mier
Allotment Society	Greg Street
Andrew Sheppard Photographer	Helen Kendrick (SWHA)
Avon Studios	Hinsons Coal Merchants
Barcelo Hotels	Home Supplies Hardware Store
Mac Parry Church Warden	Ian Bealing
Bob the Builder and contractors at library	Inspector Patrick Devereaux
Brian Nuttall Churchyard verger	Jackie Newton (Accountant)
St Peters Church Wellesbourne Parochial Church Council	EFG Expo Flora (Andy Cox Operations Director)
Charlecote Garden Store	Max and Jenny Down
Chestnut Square Residents	John and Alan residents Farrington Court
Chris and Joy Cole	John Dobson
Citadel Polytunnels(Rob)	John Grantham
Coles Garage	John Stanton - Home Supplies
Colin Griffin	John Stedman Gardening Contractor
Congregation of Methodists Church	Chedhams Yard
Congregation of St Peters Church	Keith Russell Butchers
Graham Chief Librarian	Kings Head
Michael Twite Landscapes	Kip Chapel gardener
Des Wells Lodge Farm Kineton	Lady Hamilton and Walton Estates
Dudley Taylor Chemists	Liz Walker – Rainbow Guides
Duncans Pet Store	Lottery grant - “Community Spaces”
Janet Jennings Home Farm Kineton	Lynda Scriven Parish Clerk
Parish Plan committee	Paula Kerr
Frankie Stewart	Malkit Thiara Youth and Community
Fresh and Fruity	Mike and Wendy Holmes
Geoff Rose	Julia Lipman
Barcelo Walton Hall Hotel	The Kings Head Wellesbourne

HELPERS & SUPPORTERS

National Herb Centre
Moreton Morrell College Horticultural Div
Mr Tom Cox
Geoff Blundall
Mr McGrath Co-op Supermarket
Mr O'Malley
Stephen Nightingale St Peters Church
Julie Williams Building Services
Officer(Younger years) Project Leader Library
Glenys Barr
Orbit Heart of England Housing Association
Pat Wright
Patch Byrne Highways
Penny Copeland
Tony Copeland (Parish Councillor, huge help)
Wellesbourne Guide Group
Warwickshire Field Museum Services
Warwickshire Geological Survey Group
Gill Thomson
Warwickshire Probation Service
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
Wellesbourne C of E Primary School
Wellesbourne Co-op Supermarket
Wellesbourne Scout Group
Warwickshire County Council.
Geoff Deakin
Bob the Builder at the Library.
Avril Smolders County Landscape Architect
Gavin Callard Arboricultural Officer County Council

Wellesbourne WI
Revd Kate Mier
Rob Parton
Roger Wright – Builder
Ron and June – ex Church Vergers
Scott Smith Fishmonger
Lady Hamilton (Walton Estates)
Sharon Hope Village Surgery Practice
Manager
St Peters Pre-School Group
Verdant (Litter Men)
Stowes – Bridge Garage
Stratford District Council
Sue Inglis
Gill Thomson
Village Hall Committee
Walton Estates and local farmers
Wellesbourne Doctors Surgery
Wellesbourne Fire Station
Wellesbourne Garage
Wellesbourne Library
Wellesbourne Lions
Wellesbourne Parish Council
Wellesbourne Police Station
Wellesbourne Recycling facility
Wellesbourne WI
Adam Deeks Environmental Agency
Sheldon Bosley (Walton Estate agents)
St Peters Church Wellesbourne Mothers
Union

4. Aims of Wellesbourne in Bloom

- To link all the community groups in our projects for the good of Wellesbourne;
- Continue working on our Bio-Diversity issues under the guidance of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust at the church, school and open areas of Wellesbourne;
- To continue the momentum that we have achieved in the past year in forging new friendships and partnerships;
- Build on our youth work with the Youth and Community Challenge Packs and the new “John Muir Award” which is included in our “St Peters Wildlife Project. To maintain our presence in the school and links with playschool and involve other youth groups in the village;
- To involve all areas of Wellesbourne in our projects, this year. We have new groups and people joining our campaign from all areas of the village and all ages. We have even stretched further into the Parish with local landowners planting trees on the outskirts of the village and we wish to keep the momentum going;
- Encourage more sponsorship so that we can build on our existing projects and finance future projects;
- To continue our liaison with Jon Grigg on the environmental ramifications of the River Dene pollution. Things have progressed but the matter needs to be sorted permanently;
- To build on our new web site so that we can publicise our events and give regular updates on our efforts in the village and provide links to other likeminded organizations;
- Continue keeping the parish council up to date with all our plans by giving monthly reports that in turn are publicised in the Stratford Herald. By giving reports to the parish magazine, this also goes in the Stratford Herald;
- To continue our liaison with the Parish Bap attending conferences and seminars with like minded groups in order to improve with the Parish Council, Wellesbourne’s bio-diversity status. To continue also liaising with Warwickshire Field Museum Services;
- Continue to work with all necessary authorities to make sure Wellesbourne gets what it deserves;
- To work in tandem with all the authorities such as the library, Walton estates and the Parish Council to enhance all areas of Wellesbourne;
- The most important aim next year will be to have fun and enjoy meeting new people, who like us want Wellesbourne to be blooming beautiful.

5. Funding

Cash Funding

Wellesbourne Parish Council	£1500
Walton Estates	£114
Munsters Joinery	£200
Community Spaces Project Lottery Grant	£48,737
Community Spaces Project Development Grant	£2,000
Wellesbourne Horticultural Society	£20
Wellesbourne Lions	£180
Wellesbourne Horticultural Society	£20
Change Collector Private Donation	£48
Munster's Joinery	£100
Total	£52,919.00

Indirect Funding (“Benefits In Kind”) *

Keith Russell Butchers (seasonal plant displays)
Michael Twite Landscapes Ltd (plants and expertise)
Fresh & Fruity (plants)
Warwickshire Probation Service - Labour
Tom Cox – Watering and Labour
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (expertise surveys)
Avon Studios (free photo developing)
Paula Kerr plant donation
Jackie Newton (honorary auditor)
John Dobson(maintenance and grass cutting)
Duncans Pet Store items for school gardening club and spring bulbs
Environment Agency 4 new trees.
County Council Free Tree Scheme – 12 oaks and 2 apple trees
Warwickshire County Council – planter and bench removal and re-siting
Matthew Hutsby local farmer (top soil for school garden)
Councillor Tony Copeland expertise
Muntons Builders – top soil and paving slabs
Parish Council funding the building of new Newbold Path for us.
GJ Midlands (two trees)
Gill Thomson (one tree)

** These items were all donated free of charge by the company/individual.*

6. The Five Year Plan

Our objectives over the next five years:

- To help create a cleaner and more attractive village that looks welcoming and shows a sense of pride;
- To communicate with local groups and encourage their involvement, eventually weaving “In Bloom” into village life;
- To help protect, sustain, and regenerate the environment for the long-term future;
- To have a long-term impact, providing sustainable planting of trees and shrubs, enhanced by floral displays;
- To influence the village in helping to protect and preserve the rural element of both hard and soft landscaping in the village;
- To raise sufficient income to sustain our activities, underpinned by sound financial management and controls;
- To continue our work involving children and young adults educating them about the environment and helping contribute to their village;
- Maintain our campaign to enhance our public buildings for the benefit of the community;
- Continue working in partnership with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on our many wildlife and environmental projects;
- Continue our successful partnership with the Parish Council for the benefit of the village and villagers.

A. Horticultural Achievement

- A . 1 . This year we have built on previous projects and completed new projects. The largest and most time consuming being the “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” which is a mammoth project with lots of responsibilities to all those people it involves.

Precinct

- A . 2 . The planter in the centre of the Precinct in the village has been there since it was built, it was funded and planted by Keith Russell the Butcher to have herbs in it for his customers to pick to go with their purchases. Over the years, it had become overgrown, the soil quality was very poor and was full of weeds that were extremely difficult to get rid of. This year we have completely stripped the soil out and replanted it as is the tradition, as well as a herb garden. The barrier baskets continue to flourish with a mixture of perennials and seasonal bedding. This means in the past few years we have now refurbished the railings with the Probation Service, erected barrier baskets and refurbished the Precinct Herb Garden. Walton Estates who own the precinct land have now agreed to a weed-spraying programme that they will pay for which helps us enormously.

School

- A . 3 . At the School Annex, we have continued to improve facilities for the school. The large polytunnel that was donated last summer has finally been erected by the Probation Service. They have also dug further raised beds for growing, barked the shrub garden we created last year and painted the school fences. Working with the County Tree Officer and the Parish Council, we managed to get two free apple trees from the “Stratford Councils Free Tree Scheme”. These were planted by us with the help of Parish Councillor Tony Copeland in the school gardens. Spring bulbs were donated to the school for the children to plant on the green bank within the annex grounds. The schoolchildren use the garden during their “Golden Time” periods.
- A . 4 . At the main school site, the wildlife garden that we refurbished a couple of years ago continues to thrive. Due to the re-development of the library, we were able to re site many of the shrubs and make new shrub beds at the school. Daffodils from the library were also re sited in the school grounds.

Library

- A . 5 . The Library has been a huge project with Wellesbourne in Bloom being involved in discussions from the outset of the redevelopment at the highest

level. Initially it was a contentious issue as all the existing trees at the library had to be removed and villagers were concerned about the loss of so many trees. Working with Julie Williams the “Building Development Support Officer (Early Years) and Health and Safety Adviser Capital and Property” for the County Council who was in charge of the project we were the main liaison for the village setting up meetings with the Parish Council and the Lions who all had an interest in the redevelopment. The County Council agreed to fund both the temporary move and re-siting of both the bench and planter subject to Walton Estates permission. Muntons the Building Contractors were a fantastic help throughout and donated materials for another project. It was decided to grass the area around the library and plant eight trees. After consultation, we decided that we would like a flower bed either side of the path leading to the entrance and our existing planter. We have planted the bed with dwarf Hebe’s which we grew on from a nursery, perennials such as Heuchara’s for all year colour and seasonal bedding. For the spring, it is under planted with spring bulbs. This autumn we plan to plant more bulbs on site. We wrote in our monthly report in the “Wellesbourne and Walton News” that if anyone had a spare £1000 they could buy a matching planter for us. We have been approached by a resident, who is impressed by our efforts, so fingers crossed we may yet get a matching planter for the library. Residents were very interested in the species of the trees so we have put a plan up in the library for their information and put labels around the trees themselves. The landscaping of the library was severely delayed due to adverse weather conditions, the bulbs were planted in March but still gave a show and the trees were planted in April. The children’s centre has their own raised garden at the back of the library for the little ones where they grow things. We liaised with the contractors, Parish council and the Lions as to where their bench was to be re-sited and the Parish Council bought a new bin for the area. Wellesbourne in Bloom and Parish Councillor Tony Copeland were the first people to see the new completed library and were very honoured.

Bulb Campaign

- A . 6 . In the autumn, although thwarted by the weather over 14,000 bulbs were planted around the village in our annual “Bulb Campaign”.
- A . 7 . The Lions planted their logo in crocus on the Ettington Road bank, it was minus 4 degrees when they planted them but it looked lovely in the spring.
- A . 8 . Linda and Michael Dane surrounded the new bench, we put in with the help of Orbit Heart of England Housing Association and the Parish Council, with daffodils on the Newbold Road.
- A . 9 . The new garden we created last year with the help of “Orbit Heart of England Housing Association” in Hastings Road was planted last autumn with dwarf spring bulbs along the border of the adjacent bungalow and provided an early splash of colour.

- A . 1 0 . The Allotment Society planted bulbs on the adjacent footpath to the allotments, a popular route for the school. They also had a display of bulbs and wallflowers for the spring at the entrance to the allotments.
- A . 1 1 . The Scouts and Cubs planted two giant Scout logos on the Mountford Playing field copse. (The year before the Guides and Brownies planted their logo at the other end of the copse).
- A . 1 2 . Native Bluebells and snowdrops were planted in the Mountford Playing field copse, in the areas that is not mown.
- A . 1 3 . The school annex was given dwarf daffodils to plant on the bank at the back of the playground.
- A . 1 4 . Despite being planted in March, the bulbs in the library defied all odds and bloomed in late April.
- A . 1 5 . The Co-op Supermarket supported us again by planting 100's of bulbs within its grounds. The display of daffodils along the verge to the A429 is amazing.

Methodist Church

- A . 1 6 . The Methodist Church in Wellesbourne used to be a little unloved. Kip a member of the Methodist Church has taken on the responsibility of the gardens. We have given him spring bulbs, perennials, shrubs and seasonal bedding. He tops this up with his own grown plants from his allotment. The garden has been transformed by Kips efforts.

St Peters Church Wildlife Project

- A . 1 7 . Our "St Peters Church Wildlife Project" for which Wellesbourne in Bloom received £48,737.28p lottery funding last July is progressing well and is a mammoth task for our small group. It is part of the "Community Spaces "lottery funding run by "Groundwork UK". The project is being done jointly with ourselves and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who are project managing for us. Much to our relief.
- A . 1 8 . We have constructed, with the help of students from the local horticultural college, a footpath that is accessible for everyone including the disabled, through the copse at the entrance to the church centre. Sensory posts were placed at intervals for the children to have fun with. The area to the side is to be banked with soil. The copse adjacent to the road is to be tidied up by the Probation service in July and specimen small trees and shrubs planted.
- A . 1 9 . We have purchased three very large cast iron planters within the church centre. One is used by the St Peters Pre-School group for growing vegetables and the other two we have planted with climbing Jasmines to go against the walls that will provide a beautiful scent when they bloom, they will be under planted with perennials and shrubs allowing for seasonal bedding when necessary.

- A . 2 0 . Fan trained Eunonymus and Red Robin have been planted on the back wall facing the church centre to provide the background for the large steel dragonfly sculpture which is to be put in place in late July. The ivy on the wall was stripped and cut back.
- A . 2 1 . We have created a sensory border of herbs all along the border wall. All the herbs are edible so that the children from the Pre School can touch and smell the different herbs and the different textures of leaves. It also attracts many bees and other insects. A pole that has been designed to be a home for insects has been put in for the children to look at.
- A . 2 2 . We have planted other planters. We have a mint garden which is full of mints such as chocolate mint, pineapple mint, ginger mint and many others for the children to touch and smell, one of the planters is planted with succulents providing a different texture of planting and the final wooden planter is planted with herb, flowers and perennials to provide a splash of colour.
- A . 2 3 . The large sleeper planter, which is in front of where the artwork “Natures Stained Glass Window” is to be sited is planted with hardy shrubs and perennials as the site is very dry and shady. It provides a colourful base for the artwork in an area which before has been dull and unattractive.
- A . 2 4 . Wildflower plug plants are going to be planted on the boiler mound within the churchyard and the construction on an “Eco Bench” will include the laying of wildflower turf.
- A . 2 5 . Native hedging has been planted in the gaps in the churchyard boundary hedge to the fields with the help of the local Scout and Cub group.
- A . 2 6 . St Peters Church Wellesbourne Mothers Union is buying a Rowan tree for the copse as part of their centenary celebrations.

Parish Council Offices

- A . 2 7 . Joy and Chris Cole who own the property including the Parish Council offices provide lovely displays in both summer and winter in the front gardens. Beautiful hanging baskets are put up in the summer.

Planters

- A . 2 8 . We have several planters at key points such as the village hall, library, village pump, Dovehouse estate, Chestnut Square, barrier baskets in the precinct , Elliott Drive and the village notice board these are all planted with a mixture of shrubs, perennials and seasonal bedding. This helps up keep down our seasonal costs but still provides a lovely show all year.

Trees

- A . 2 9 . Through the free tree scheme with help from Councillor Tony Copeland's and Gavin Callard County Arboricultural Officer ,we have managed to get 12 oaks for neighbouring farmland bordering the village and 2 apple trees for the school annex garden.

Police Station

- A . 3 0 . The Police Station has matured and the grass bed we created looks stunning in the summer and winter. We have continued to in fill with plants but unfortunately, the Police Station is to be sold as part of police savings cuts. The succulent basket that we planted survived the winter miracously. When the Police Station closes, we will move the specimen plants and bulbs to another area in the village.

Mountford Copse

- A . 3 1 . The "Mountford Playing field "copse is to be taken in hand and coppiced in stages and is planted with native bluebells, snowdrops and wild flowers. More will be planted, as the area is coppiced. This is in co-operation with both Parish and County Councils.

Fire Station

- A . 3 2 . Diane Stowe at the Fire Station continues to plant her recycled helicopter blade boxes with seasonal bedding which we contribute to. Baskets are put up in the summer. Last year they got a "Highly Commended" when they were judged for the Fire Stations gardening competition.

Hastings Road

- A . 3 3 . Our Hasting Road garden where with the help of the Parish Council and Orbit Heart of England Housing Association we sited a bench and created a series of grass beds within the paving has established itself. The grasses provide a lift for the paving and move soothingly in the breeze. Colour is provided with various heucharas. The border beside the garden has been planted with dwarf spring bulbs.

Doctors Surgery

- A . 3 4 . For several years, we have planted the Doctors surgery planter and borders. Pat and Sue who worked at the surgery helped us and cared for the planter and borders regularly. Both Pat and Sue retired after over 20 years and our vital help had disappeared. After writing to the Practice Manager and several phone calls, we are pleased to say we shall continue to plant the planter and

we have the surgeries assurance that they will water. The planter has a mixture of perennials, small shrubs and seasonal bedding. The planter is under planted with dwarf spring bulbs.

Village Centre

- A . 3 5 . The “Dog Bed” and “Newbold Corner Bed” are doing really well. We have tried over the years to plant more perennials so that we can seasonally just “top up” with bedding. They are both under planted with dwarf spring bulbs and Alliums for the summer. We have varied the planting so that we have different textures within the bed. The Alliums provide a statement when they are in bloom and when the seed heads remain.
- A . 3 6 . The area around the village trees are kept topped up with bark and are under planted with dwarf spring bulbs.
- A . 3 7 . “Pete’s Patch” which was originally planted by the Youth and Community Group and Michael Twite Landscapes some years ago has suffered with the bad winter and the removal and replanting of shrubs has had to be done.

Horticultural Achievement - Photographs



New Library



Cubs trefoil



Dog Bed in Spring



Village Centre in spring



Refuse Site



Approaching the village

B. Environmental Responsibility

- B . 1 . We continue to represent the Parish Council with the Parish BAP (Bio Diversity Action Plan) and receive regular monthly updates.
- B . 2 . The main school wildlife garden that we completely refurbished a few years ago continues to thrive and is now home to newts, frogs and other little critters. The school annex also has a wildlife area they have created.
- B . 3 . We have had meetings with Gavin Callard Arboricultural Officer for the County Council about the possible siting of new trees in the village and had a very interesting tour of the village centre trees. A resident wishes to gift a Cedar of Lebanon to the village but finding a site is difficult. Through meeting Gavin and speaking about the school annex and their gardening efforts we were given two apple trees that Parish Councillor Copeland helped us plant.
- B . 4 . The trees that were taken out for the library redevelopment have been replaced with eight new trees.
- B . 5 . On farmland bordering the village with the kind permission of John Morley a local landowner, Wellesbourne in Bloom arranged for the Probation service to help the Chair of the Parish Council David Johnston, Parish Councillor Copeland and Parish Councillor Copeland with the planting of twelve oak trees, given free as part of a County Council scheme.
- B . 6 . At the Parish Church, St Peters where we are carrying out our wildlife project, the Probation Service arranged through Wellesbourne in Bloom to tidy the churchyard and church centre at regular intervals. All the clippings are taken away for us by Michael Twite Landscapes who provides ballast bags for the rubbish and composts it at his yard.
- B . 7 . Within our “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” we are doing extensive wildlife work with the guidance of the “Warwickshire Wildlife Trust” our partners in this project. We are creating new habitats and planting wildlife friendly areas. The pre-school have two feeders for the birds, we are also installing a kit where there is a nest box with a camera and feeder so that they can watch the action from inside on a laptop. Nesting in the summer and feeding in the winter. Our “Eco Bench” will we hope become a home to all sorts of insects and invertebrates. The sensory herb border in the church centre attracts many insects. The boiler mound is to be planted by the children with wildflower plugs. The boiler flue is to be screened with honeysuckle and clematis. Also as part of the project an “Artists Workshop” was held by our appointed artist for the project Andrew Keown. The children were taken into the church and churchyard to get inspiration for the artwork “Natures Stained Glass Window”. They studied the wildlife and fauna and later did life drawings and clay models of the things that they found. We have found through our work with Warwickshire Museum Services that the church is on

an important wildlife corridor, being adjacent to the River Dene and open farmland. We have already installed bat boxes in the vicarage meadow 3 years ago with the guidance of the “Warwickshire Bat Group”.

- B . 8 . We were very fortunate that through our connection with the Parish BAP the Warwickshire Museum Services gave us detailed maps of the area and the wildlife and fauna that can be found. This included otters and native crayfish. We had these maps laminated and display them whenever we can, residents are shocked at what can be found in the area.
- B . 9 . After a lengthy meeting with Wellesbourne in Bloom, Gavin Callard, Arboricultural Officer for the County Council and Parish Councillor Tony Copeland it was agreed that the “Mountford Playing Field Copse should be gradually coppiced and generally tidied without causing too much disruption for the wildlife. Wellesbourne in Bloom are to plant native wildflower seeds, bluebells and snowdrops in the areas that are not mown in the spring. Gavin suggested planting a specimen oak that would be lovely. Many species of birds have been spotted in the copse so it is important to manage it properly. It will also be where visitors to Chedhams Yard the “Restoration Project” winner will park on the adjacent road. Therefore, we want to give a good first impression of the village.
- B . 1 0 . In total, we have planted nine trees within the village and helped arrange the planting of the twelve oaks on the village borders.
- B . 1 1 . We have an excellent relationship with the recycling facility, we have planted extensively around the entrance with spring bulbs and the men who work there really appreciate it and the planter we put outside for them. The facility is always pristine and they constantly achieve high targets of recycling.
- B . 1 2 . The Parish Council have invested in new recycling bins that are placed near the library and the Methodist Church.
- B . 1 3 . The school have an extensive recycling programme and at the school annex, they have their own composters. Compost and soil for the initial laying out of the garden was provided by local farmers free of charge.
- B . 1 4 . Pavement slabs from the library that were to be smashed were rescued from the library with the help of “Bob the Builder” who was in charge on site. After talking to the Parish Council and explaining we wanted to finish the area outside the One Stop on the Newbold Road we got the paving for free, they agreed to pay the cost for the paving to be laid. Before, people for years walked over the grass and had made a muddy “desire” line. In the autumn, the path was laid and after sorting grass cutting, the putting in of bollards and laying the path it has transformed the area. The bollards sited around the village to stop rogue parking are as a result of a meeting with the Parish Council and Patch of Highways. The wish list of bollards has now been completed.
- B . 1 5 . The Environmental Agency has been in the village doing flood defence work. They had to fell several trees but have replanted along the banks including the

Parish BAP listed Black Polar. As there main works site was on one of our bulb planting sites, Adam the project manager suggested they donated four trees to Wellesbourne in Bloom as recompense. These were planted on the Willow Drive open grass area after consultation with Gavin Callard County Arboricultural Officer.

- B . 1 6 . Verdant regularly collect litter and dog fouling is not a huge problem.
- B . 1 7 . The Parish Council have invested in new recycling bins that are sited near the Library and Methodist Church.
- B . 1 8 . On our displays, we also promote The Warwickshire Wildlife Trusts “Wildlife Friendly Garden Scheme” One of our committee has achieved this status and uses photos of her garden to inform others how they can achieve this.
- B . 1 9 . We were advisors on the “Chedhams Yard” garden design and are pleased to say that they have also adopted our idea of an eco bench.
- B . 2 0 . The 200 metres of native hedging that we planted at the Dovehouse Playing field four years ago is now mature and a home to many birds, the Parish Council have kindly adopted the upkeep of the hedging.

Environmental Responsibility – Photographs



Church Centre artist workshop



Church Centre site of new wildlife project



Church Centre artist workshop



Church Centre site of new wildlife project



Church Centre artist workshop



Church Centre artist workshop

C. Community Participation

- C . 1 . Without community participation Wellesbourne in Bloom would cease to exist, there are only a small core of women on the committee but it is our friends in the village and other organisations that help us out enable us to do what we do.
- C . 2 . The Parish Council help us enormously not only monetarily but with physical help and advice. Parish Councillor Tony Copeland helps us no end making new contacts for us and helping with physical work, Parish Councillor Geoff Blundall maintains our web site, as none of us are that computer tech , Parish Councillor Rob Parton is always our lovely chauffeur for judging and has helped sort the grass cutting issues out with us. Lynda the Parish Clerk can always be relied on to sort out any sticky situations where things are not quite, as they should be and are a bit of an eyesore. Chair of the Parish Council David Johnston and Parish Councillor David Close planted the oaks with the Probation Service and Councillor Copeland.
- C . 3 . We are helped by all ages of the community, a lot of our work this year has been carried out by the Probation Service. They have worked at the school, church and planted trees for us. All their work is done in Wellesbourne in Blooms name and we arrange and set up all the meetings.
- C . 4 . Our wildlife project is testament to the amount of help we have. So far, it has involved the Parochial Church Council, pre-school, Scouts, Cubs, Probation Service, Moreton Morell College Horticultural Division and many others.
- C . 5 . Michael Twite Landscapes have done so much for us they are a major supporter. They take away the church clearings that the probation service has collected, provide many plants for our projects at the Police Station, School and Church. With our “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” Michael has agreed to be our “Lead Professional”. He came down to give advice about the path and provided a whacker plate to finish it off with two of his men, they erected the sleeper planter and more importantly when the cast iron planters were delivered the driver forgot to bring the mini fork lift. We were completely stuck but after a call to Michael, two of his men came down spoke with the driver and arranged to bring a sack barrow down.
- C . 6 . We always have plenty of volunteers for our bulbs planting in the autumn.
- C . 7 . We have worked closely with the Youth and Community Service in the village for many years and have a good relationship with Malkit Thiara who runs Wellesbourne Youth Club. Due to government cuts, unfortunately the service is likely to close. Our Chairman wrote to the Prime Minister saying how much they had helped us and how unfair these cuts were, we felt so strongly about the situation. We have now been asked to be on a steering

committee that is trying to find a way of maintaining these facilities with volunteers within the village.

- C . 8 . Every year we attend the Walton Annual Summer Fete and have a large display of our work, we also attend the annual “Christmas Tree Festival” in the Methodist Church and one of us always tries to attend the “Lions Charter Night Ball” in May, the Prom concert in September and finally we help the Lions with their Christmas Float Collection”. We have provided cakes and goodies for the Church Youth Bus which parks in the Mountford Playing Field Copse once a month to provide a meeting place for the youngsters.
- C . 9 . Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has been fantastic as our project managers for the church project and has helped take some of the pressure of the project of our shoulders.
- C . 1 0 . The Revd Kate Mier is an incredible support with our church project but when our judging date was announced, due to the numbers of groups that have started in the community no venues were available, so the Revd Kate Mier offered us the use of the church.
- C . 1 1 . We maintain close links with the school and their gardening efforts.
- C . 1 2 . Everyone is kept up to date with our progress in the “Wellesbourne and Walton News” that is delivered to every household in the village once a month.
- C . 1 3 . We continue to work with “Orbit Heart of England Housing Association”
- C . 1 4 . We have a good relationship with the local police especially Michelle Scudably our local PCSO.
- C . 1 5 . Every year we have a tree in the Wellesbourne Xmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church.
- C . 1 6 . We have close links with the local school, allotment society and youth groups within the village.
- C . 1 7 . We have many individual helpers and sweet people who bring us drinks and bars of chocolate whilst we are working.

Community Participation – Photographs



Walton Fete – WIB Exhibition



Church Centre site of new wildlife project.



Probation Service Painting Work



Trefoil planting turmoil



Methodist Church Xmas Tree Festival



Church Centre site of new wildlife project.

D. Conclusion and Future Developments

- Although we have been beset by ill health throughout the small committee our dogged determination, the fantastic support of all our friends and supporters has meant that not only have we achieved what we wanted to do within the village but we are well on the way to achieving our goal of finishing the “St Peters Church Wildlife Project” .
- The church project was started back in March 2007 with an e-mail to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust with thanks to Amanda Henshaw and Julie Turner from the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who has guided us through the maze of paperwork. We are well on way to achieving what for us was a dream. We were turned down for a grant at first but Amanda suggested we apply for another, after a forest of paperwork, a huge number of meetings all fuelled by scones and cream we should complete the project by August or September. Extensive public consultations have ensured that everyone has been able to see and have an opinion on what should be done over the past 4 years
- The Newbold Road area is now finally complete. We have a system of mowing in place where John the contractor cuts and John our “Mowing Fairy” cuts between cuts and strims to make the area look neat and tidy. New bollards have been put in to stop rogue parking and the new path has now completed this project.
- The Library redevelopment involved many meetings at all levels but has turned out really well. We have eight new trees and a border that is easy enough for us to cope with.
- The school annex finally has its new polytunnel up and the children are enjoying growing their own produce and have their new fruit trees to look forwards to, as well as the new raised beds the Probations Service have made them.
- The Precinct planter has been refurbished so now the Precinct has barrier baskets, refurbished railings and a weed spraying programme in place.
- Over the past few years, the whole of the centre of the village has been refurbished from the Police Station, Library, Precinct, new bollards, new trees, new bike racks and new flowerbeds.
- Next year we shall miss the masses of meetings that we have had to have over the church project and the library but next year we can consolidate on what we have done and make sure the standard is maintained and have a quieter year but hopefully just as productive.
- Monetarily we have had reduced funds apart from the lottery grant but we are extremely fortunate that we have so many in kind donations which means we can continue improving all areas of the village). We like to treat all our helpers, our scones, welsh cakes, lemon drizzle and chocolate cake are

legendary in the village and this year we had to add Cornish pasties to the list for the college students. At Christmas we give helpers little packs of homemade mince pies as a token of our gratitude, this year they were delivered in deep snow by foot.

- We are continually being stopped and praised in the village whilst we are working and told how we have transformed the village so we hope this continues.
- Next year we will consolidate our work that we have carried out this year.
- We will be working with the Wildlife Trust with workshops making sure we have volunteers to maintain our “St Peters Church Wildlife Project”.
- Planting bluebells and snowdrops around several sites in the autumn.
- Trying to recruit new chief helpers.
- Start work on the Mountford Copse.
- We will have plenty of work re-siting the Police Station plants when it closes.
- Plant bulbs around the banks of the library.
- Mostly we are hoping with all have a super healthy year, (fingers crossed).
- Arranging the launch of our wildlife project.

Future Developments – Photographs



“Cub” in a box



New School Annex garden

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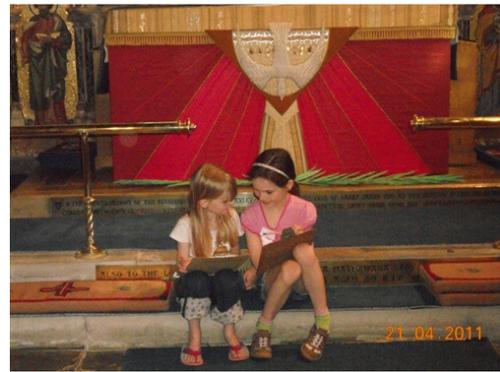
Medical Centre Planter and bulbs



Hastings Road Project



Path Laying



Inspiration Art in Church



Crazy to Work With WIB



Precinct Planter

Wellesbourne in Bloom

Although the weather has been in deep winter mode we have still been very busy.

The St Peter's Church Project is going well. The Scouts have been infilling all the gaps in the hedge by the horses field with new native hedging for us. The 3 new planters arrived with a few hitches, the delivery lorry got stuck in Church Street and they forgot to bring a fork lift to put the planters in position. We were stuck but were kindly rescued by two of Michael Twites Landscapes employees who came straight down after a plea for help and put all three in place for us. We are so grateful. Due to the weather our library planting has been postponed. Once the trees are in and the turf down we will do our bit. Happy New Year and may it be a 'Blooming Good one'

Heather Sims

Chairman Wellesbourne in Bloom

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Wellesbourne & Walton News Report



Bloomers Spring into action

Despite all the horrid cold weather the "Bloomers" have started their gardening year. The St Peter's Church Project is coming on. We are planning to hold workshops with the youngsters and the artist commissioned to do the sculptures sometime in the next couple of months. The path should be going in soon too.

We have planted the library planter and created a border of mixed bulbs and spring bedding. There are 8 trees to go in, so when it is finished it should look lovely.

I have been in Vietnam visiting my daughter which coincided with the Chinese New Year. The centre of Ho Chi Minh was totally transformed. The main street was closed, brick structures were built on the road. Hundreds of thousands of plants were put together to make huge sculptures. Huge poinsettia lights hung from the street lamps. I have never seen so many yellow chrysanthemums in my life. Everyone on a scooter seemed to be carrying them as well. I don't think Wellesbourne is ready for that, but I did get some ideas.

A lady rang me when I was in Vietnam and I have lost her number if she could contact me again that would be great, my sincere apologies it was all a bit too exciting.

Heather Sims

Chairman Wellesbourne in Bloom

Wellesbourne & Walton News Report

Wellesbourne in Bloom

We have had a hectic month not helped by the frosty sub zero temperatures but progress has been made. The Cubs and Scouts have been very busy planting their Scout logo on either side of the playing field lay by. It should look a picture in the Spring with the Guide logos top and bottom of the lay by. It was muddy, messy and great fun was had by all especially the munching of Kit Kats at the end.

The poor Lions planted their logo in crocus in sub zero temperatures. They did get their own back because we helped with the Lions Christmas Float and the temperature was about the same. It was a very idyllic night though with the hoar frost covering the trees and Christmas carols playing; just the way to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Thanks must also go to the Allotment Society, Michael and Linda Dane and the teachers and pupils at the School Annex who have also been busy bulb planting.

The library extension has now been completed and Wellesbourne in Bloom has been in consultation with the project leaders all of the time regarding the landscaping. I have attended numerous meetings and am very pleased with the way it has gone. The County Council have been very understanding safeguarding the bench and planter and seeking our views on the new positions now that the work has been done. As has "Bob the Builder" who has let us have materials for another project in the village. There are to be 8 trees planted around the library and turf laid. Our plan was to plant bulbs around the trees and along some of the perimeters. Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions it has not been possible to put either the trees in or the turf down. So consequently the bulbs have not been able to go in either. It has now been agreed that we will plant the bulbs in pots to start them off and in the Spring we will create two borders either side of the entrance once the weather has warmed the soil up a bit. A few hours in the shed then! . The planter has been repositioned outside the Library and looks great but if anyone knows how to get another £1,000 we could get another one for the other side to match. We appreciate that money is tight but if anyone has any ideas please let me know.

The St Peter's Church Wildlife Project is gaining pace we are awaiting the delivery of the posh new planters for the Church Centre, the Scouts are planting the new hedging to in fill the gaps and the Horticultural Division of Moreton Morrell college are coming to look at what help is needed to lay the two new paths. If any one would like to get involved in the project who is not involved already please contact me, we need a wide variety of skills to complete the project and all help is gratefully received.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us in 2010 and a very Happy 2011 from all the "Bloomers"

Heather Sims

Chairman Wellesbourne in Bloom

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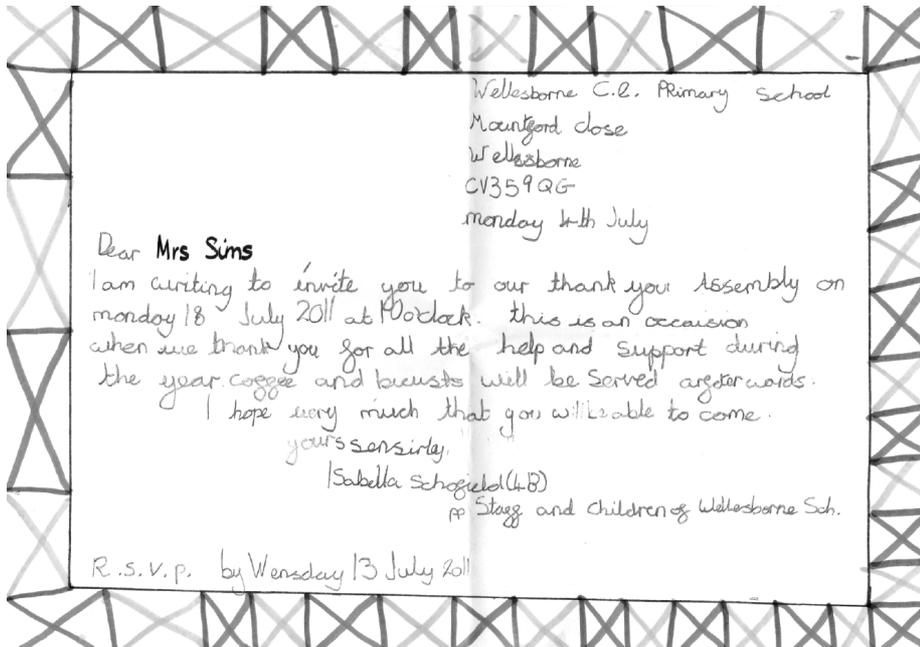


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From: malkithiarat
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Subject: Re: Youth Club.

Hi Heather.

Thank you for your letter it is very encouraging and means a lot to me on a personal level!

I would also like to thank you for your commitment to young people in Wellesbourne and the support/inspiration that you have offered me and the Staff Team over the past few years.

I look forward to working with you over the coming months and dealing with the challenges that lay ahead.

Cheers
Malkit

Wellesbourne in Bloom – St Peter’s Church Wildlife Project

We delivered the first elements of this project back in December where a group from Wellesbourne Scouts who are working on their Environmental Partnership Award, came down and planted up over 100 native hedging whips to enhance the existing hedge in

the church grounds. The planters have also arrived for the courtyard and have since been planted up with spring bulbs. We shall be running plenty of other events and workparties over the coming months; so keep an eye open for the dates to add to your diary.



ST PETERS CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE

The Trust in partnership with Wellesbourne in Bloom was successful in securing funding from the Community Spaces Programme, which aims to help communities improve green open spaces to enhance people’s quality of life. Since receiving the funding we have been very busy installing the different elements of the project. In April we had 5 ton of gravel delivered ready for the construction of the sensory pathway that will give the users of the church and centre a safer alternative for children and wheelchair users than the driveway. Students from Morton Morrell College volunteered to install the path and over two busy days managed to finish the path. Work was hard but luckily the weather was kind and fuelled by cake and tea from Heather (Wellesbourne in Bloom) we pushed on. The sensory posts were fixed in and now there is a lovely path meandering through the trees highlighting the senses and providing a learning experience for all that use it. We also had an artist workshop for local children to input their ideas for the design of the artwork that will be installed in the coming months. This will be a design along the lines of “Natures Stained Glass Window” A lovely day was had by all and the children were able to wander around the church and grounds taking in all the sights and looking for inspiration for their designs. Although a lot of work has been carried out so far and big thanks is sent to all that have helped, there is still much to do with numerous planting days set to come up over the next few months so watch this space.

