

Haughley in Bloom



I remain optimistic that we will improve HiB year on year.

The containers seem to be overwintering well and we await the emergence of our interesting mix of largely donated spring bulbs and alliums to appear.

We concentrated on our containers in 2016 and now we are exploring ways to enable a good display in 2017. However, when the weather improves infrastructure work will continue. We intend to replace the 4 worst *old* tubs (2 in Harvest Close and 2 at the rear of Palmers) with seasoned oak beds made from donated wood. We anticipate 2 beds at the entrance of Harvest close and 1 re-sited bed at the rear of Palmers. The beds won't be as big or robust as the railway sleeper beds, but we should get at least 20-25 years wear out of them. If we have enough wood, we will site a new bed on the small green at the junction of The Folly and Duke Street. If this is not possible, we will explore alternative solutions. The new beds will most likely be planted up to replicate the railway sleeper bed planting schemes.

There is little work to do until the spring, but keep your gardening gloves at the ready for when the call comes later in the year!. We will need to inspect our planters to identify necessary remedial work. One kind parishioner has volunteered to treat exposed surfaces of the tubs in Old Street and another has offered to grow us some plants to help with infill. Working party members in Haughley Green have said they want to be responsible for the management of their bed. They did a really good job last year, so this is good news and we wish them well in their venture.

For more information, to donate spare bulbs or plants suitable for containers or to share your ideas, please contact me, it would be lovely to hear from you.

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