

Minutes Hopton in Bloom

Wednesday November 25th 2020 after the AGM by Zoom

2. Minutes of last meeting on January 29th were proposed by Alison and seconded by Lynne and approved
3. Entry Green Flag 2021.
It was agreed that we should enter again.
4. Yorkshire in Bloom Entry. As we are still in the middle of some major projects, it was decided to wait until the next AGM to decide for the following year
5. Financial Report
As AGM
6. Garden Trail July 3rd 2021
In February, a flyer is to be delivered round Hopton asking residents to consider opening their gardens as we have lost quite a few gardens this year.
Alison asked that we think of a better way of advertising an open garden rather than balloons. Bunting was suggested but other ideas welcome
7. Planting schemes around in circles, and at Croft House
The urns have been taken out of the circles the new perennials are looking great,
The mangers and tubs are to be planted with begonias again and Alison will order 200 from Cockley Hill Farm shop.
200 bulbs have been planted in the circles.
8. Recreation Ground.
This has required a major effort to keep the weeds at bay this year following the lockdown in Spring. It is lovely to see the Green Flag flying.
Sophie donated a large stone for the green flag plaque and this need to be lifted into place with help from one of Richard's tractors. The gate needs to be cleaned up possibly professionally
Also to involve young families from the village it was suggested we need to invite them in designing and constructing an adventure/natural playground at the bottom end of the Rec again with consultation from Kirklees.
9. Health and Safety
Thanks were expressed to Roger for the very comprehensive Health and Safety policy and risk assessments for Hopton in Bloom and UHCA, which now benefit from a combined insurance policy.
10. Work Plan for each month
List of projects to be posted in the container and then see how it goes. We hope to continue in December until the 9th and resume on Jan 6th weather permitting.
Fish shop needs revamping and Roger is to ask Michael if he can do this. Inside has been cleared and the ivy removed from the walls.
11. Fundraising ideas Plant Sale in May and Gardeners Question Time in September.
12. K6 telephone Box
This is ongoing and we need to get more people involved. Kath Cal is doing the Christmas display.
14. Gateways in Recreation Ground.

The gateway between the churchyard and the Rec is taking shape. It was suggested making National Trust type steps from the churchyard to the Rec and from the Rec down to the Community Orchard and also to the cricket field. Chris to Contact Kirklees for Permission.

We still need a quote for a wrought iron gateway from Croft House to the Rec.
Kirklees have given us some wonderfully healthy polyanthus and these are being planted

15. Churchyard

A lot of work has gone into tidying the churchyard, crown lifting some of the trees and removing self-seeded saplings. A Lombardy poplar near the wall with the Hall is to be felled, as it is diseased. Some of the graves have been filled in to level the grassed areas and planted with allium bulbs.

Again, there will be areas left for wildlife, but not big as last year as there are three weddings planned for this year.

16. Plans for working with Preschool and young families.

Hopefully we can organise another day with young families when Covid19 restrictions are lifted

17. Publicity

Alison is going to do flyers

Sandra is posting regularly on Facebook

18. Round the Team Sharing.

Lynne is going to plant lots more hellebores in the Rec

Roger is concerned about the trees around Croft House. Chris to contact Lewis

One of the apple trees in the Community Orchard has broken and is to be dug up.

18. **Date of next meeting will be on Wednesday February 10th at 7pm by Zoom**