

WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER Looking back at Autumn, planning for Spring and ringing in the festive season

The weather this year has certainly been a challenge and we thank all our resourceful volunteers who have coped admirably throughout drought and deluge.

All sorts of interesting fungi popped up in Autumn, early Spring flowers made a surprise appearance then suddenly it was Winter. Here are some unexpected October visitors.....



In the pink – volunteers plot the potager

Looking good and tasting delicous, the veg and fruit in our new help-yourself Potager is proving a great success.

This is one of our Tuesday morning working parties – with some very welcome new volunteers - planning further suitable vegetable planting going on into Spring.



Meanwhile (see next page) past the bike – which we love so much we show you at every opportunity - and around the corner, the herb baskets are flourishing in their sheltered niche and Sue was spotted in The Library decorating the window with a string of hand-crafted sprouts!





On into Falkland Square, the planters are coming along well, ready to burst into full glory in Spring.

Encore for the bells

There were so many ringing endorsements for our recycled flower pot bells last year, we just had to hang them up again. Merry Christmas everyone.



Hyacinths





Our first appearance selling the pots of hyacinths we had planted in October was at The Farmers' Market outside the Town Hall in November. The sun shone brightly, a musician entertained and Heather couldn't help dancing!

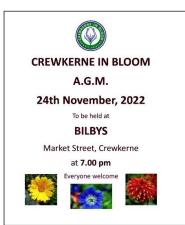
The following Saturday, it was chilly and dull when we were at the Christmas Market but It's Your Neighbourhood group **Friends of Crewkerne Station** were alongside our pitch which made for a very jolly gathering. The bulbs, the station's display and items for sale attracted plenty of interest.







Home your hyacinths however you fancy. They look fabulous any way – even if you forgot to straighten the bulbs! Simply pop the grey pot straight on to a dish. Or be creative with ceramic containers, galvanised buckets and wickerwork. When the bulbs have finished flowering you can keep them to plant in the garden for a wonderful display in Spring 2024.



Crewkerne in Bloom is run entirely by volunteers. Our aims are to encourage a sense of community and pride in Crewkerne, enhance its attraction and environmental friendliness. At the AGM, we reviewed our very successful year and financial position, and all current officers were re-elected.

Committee member John Davies has resigned and it was agreed that Sallie Gill will join the committee in his place.

John was thanked for his excellent work in many locations around town - which he will continue - and we look forward to keeping in close touch with him.

Our steering committee of seven volunteers will be delighted to welcome more active helpers.

We meet together every Tuesday morning for working parties around town joining up afterwards for coffee - usually at Bilby's or The Crooked Swan.

Find us and have a chat - or call 01460 72665 There's a niche for everyone.

We're taking a brief seasonal break now but will be back again soon.

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