



WELCOME TO OUR APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Put Spring in your Step

When you walk around town, do look out for the cheerful displays volunteers have planted. The three photos below were taken on a chilly February morning in Falkland Square.



The sign between the Library and Waitrose reads: *This area is planted with bulbs for your enjoyment and to provide food for bees and other pollinators.*

The beds and planters flourish in one way or another all year round. Below is a selection of attractive sites spotted on the first day of Spring.



We're going for Gold again!

Not only will we be doing our utmost to win another Gold when we enter **Britain in Bloom South West 2022**, the RHS has selected **Haselbury Mill to host the Final Awards ceremony in October**. So, no resting on our laurels after judging in July! Crewkerne will be well and truly in the spotlight until Autumn as we welcome visitors from all over the region to this prestigious event.

Judging criteria this year includes: **Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation** – so there's an opportunity for everyone. All ideas welcome.

Volunteers have already made a great start, brain-storming and working on the popular hanging baskets, but with such an exciting and busy time ahead we have a real need for more helpers to join in the action.

Budding Gardeners, Busy Lizzies and Wallflowers where are you? Anyone can find a niche to suit them. No experience necessary. Call us on 01460 72665.



You could get together with neighbours to bring new life to a neglected patch. Contact us for advice and suggestions for suitable planting.



In our next Newsletter we'll report progress on current and new projects and give details of our popular local competitions including business windows, gardens and categories for children.

Meantime, do visit the **Queen and Community Exhibition at the Museum** running between 9th April – 18th June. While celebrating the Queen's 70 years of service, the Museum also takes this opportunity to recognize the dedication of the many local volunteers in Crewkerne - including our Bloomers.





Speaking of volunteers, we must mention how proud we are of **John Davies** who has accepted a prestigious invitation from South West in Bloom to join their judging panel.

Last year John won the **Best Community Champion Award** for the remarkable work and hours he and his team of volunteers have put in to the **It's Your Neighbourhood project at Severalls Memorial Gardens.**

Do meet John at the **Severalls Memorial Fete on May 7th.**
Thanks to John's enthusiasm and organization, this event promises to be a great occasion for the whole town.

Meanwhile, following their top score in the **South West in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood** awards last year, the **Friends of Crewkerne Station** won the overall winners' cup for the most festive Christmas station in **The Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership's contest.**



Heather & Frankie charm the judges with their elf outfits and festive displays.



Awards presentation at the Castle Garden Centre in Sherborne.

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
and bring more visitors to the town.

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