

WIGAN BOROUGH IN BLOOM

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

For those of you who follow Wigan Council on Facebook, you will have noticed that photos of this year's North West in Bloom entrants from the Wigan borough have been posted.

As a way of involving the wider public and raising awareness of North West in Bloom, we have created a People's Choice Award. The scheme with the most likes will win the award. People have until 12noon tomorrow to vote for their favourite. The post will then be removed and the winner will be announced on Thursday evening.

Members of the public also have the opportunity to suggest places that they think should enter next year. This will give us the opportunity to encourage more entries into the competition.

If you or your families are on Facebook, please share the post so we get as many votes possible.

BOROUGH IN BLOOM

This opportunity is offered to:

- Individuals
- Schools
- Businesses
- Community groups

In Bloom allows you to get involved all year round involvement in :

- General cleanliness: litter picking; fly posting and graffiti removal, wash street names plates and traffic signage
- Install In Bloom planters and plants
- Plant up floral beds and landscaping areas with summer blooms (annuals)
- Plant salad, vegetable and herbs (part of 'incredible edible' planting)
- Early weed control treatments
- Remove moss growth from street furniture

For further details and to volunteer go to

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/The-Deal/Volunteering>

'FRIENDS OF' GROUPS

'Friends of Groups' are local community-based volunteers, who need your help to keep our parks and green spaces maintained for the enjoyment of all.

There are 17 groups across the borough that does things like:

- Fundraising and grant applications
- Nature conservation

- Horticulture
- Clean ups and painting
- Health walks
- Events

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STANDISH IN BLOOM/INCREDIBLE STANDISH

Standish in Bloom/Incredible Standish has a working party that meets every Monday at 4.30pm near the Three Dishes close to the Market Cross in Standish. We tidy the planted areas, weed and sweep street sides and edges, plant flowers, vegetables and herbs and paint the seats around the village, plus lots of other jobs. The first Monday of every month Standish in Bloom/Incredible Standish meet at 6 pm in The Globe Inn Standish.

For more information contact Tony Jones: Anthony-jones52@sky.com

APPLEY BRIDGE IN BLOOM

There is an exciting new project at Forest Fold in Appley Bridge which we are calling Edible Appley Bridge. 10 new fruit trees were planted at the beginning of April to form a mini-orchard, and 5 raised beds were installed on the 16th. May. We shall be inviting school and uniform groups to get going, growing vegetables, herbs and soft fruits with us which will be made available to local residents when ready.

Any offers of help - regardless of level of ability - from local residents will be welcomed. If you would like more information or to make arrangements to visit, please contact Eileen at brileen.longmore@blueyonder.co.uk or look at our Facebook, Twitter or Community Book pages

THE FRIENDS OF HAIGH WOODLAND PARK ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS...

We are a group of like-minded people who came together a few years ago to breathe new life into a much loved area of Wigan which was beginning to look very tired and neglected. Over the last few years we have renovated the original crazy golf course and staff it entirely by volunteers; our aim is to open every weekend and school holidays from Easter until the end of October.

The park has been transformed over the last couple of years and, if you would like to be a part of that, why not come and join us and help us to play a part in continuing this transformation.

Although we have a wide range of talent and skills, anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome as we are always looking for new ventures. Contact Cora on 01257 422377

GARDENING HELP

Gardening help is needed to help keep the Haigh Hall Walled Kitchen Garden looking its best.

The garden is open Monday's and Thursdays throughout the year and volunteers may attend as often and for as long as they wish. No gardening knowledge and experience is needed. Produce and plants are made available to the volunteers for a donation to funds which helps to pay for seeds and equipment.

For more details email haighwalledgarden@virginmedia.com

SHEVINGTON IN BLOOM

Need more help to maintain the beds and planters to the existing high standard which is for the benefit of everyone in the village. New volunteers can do as much or as little as they like; an hour a week for a few months of the year would greatly help this organisation to continue.

If you are able to help ring 01257 401997 or email shevingtoninbloom@yahoo.com

FRIENDS OF THREE SISTERS

Have a work morning on the second Sunday of each month, meeting at 10 am in the car park. Any amount of time would be appreciated. If you are not a gardener but would like to learn the group can offer help and advice and practical experience: visit www.friendsof3sisters.org.uk

GOLBORNE IN BLOOM

Golborne in Bloom is welcoming volunteers. They meet regularly in a bid to get the area looking its best. More details from www.facebook.com/GolborneinBloom

GOLBORNE IN BLOOM COMMUNITY GROUP TRANSFORMS DERELICT LAND BY LIBRARY

Volunteers have completed a three-month gardening project to transform derelict land near Golborne Library.

Golborne in Bloom members have cleaned up the bankside by the library on Tanners Lane and improved its appearance with woodchips that will prevent weeds from growing again.

They began the work in February and have also cleaned up Peter Kane Square in the town centre recently. The community group is now turning its attention to growing fruit and vegetables in the town. Claire Barber established Golborne in Bloom last February.