

## **WIGAN BOROUGH IN BLOOM**

### **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

Stock up on bin liners because the Great British Spring Clean is back!

The official weekend is 2nd-4th March but Wigan Council are pulling out all the stops with a week-long Spring Clean (2nd-9th March) and is urging everybody to take ownership and come together to make the borough a better place. As part of The Deal, the town hall will work with communities to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages and open spaces.

Keep Britain Tidy, who is supporting the national campaign, want to inspire at least 500,000 people to get outdoors, get active and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us. Do your bit and get involved!

If your community group would like to take part in the Spring Clean next month, email [inbloom@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:inbloom@wigan.gov.uk) with information including what you are planning; when and where so the council can share your efforts on social media.

Full details at <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-britishspring>

### **COMMUNITY TREES FUND**

The Tree Council is the UK's lead charity for trees and works in partnership with communities, organisations and Government to make trees matter to everyone. The Community Trees Fund, which forms part of the Council's annual Community Action Programme, opened for applications on 4th December 2017 with new guidance notes and application forms.

The programme funds trees of appropriate species, size and numbers. Groups may apply for the costs up to four fruit trees on semi-vigorous, vigorous and very vigorous rootstocks.

Applications must be made on behalf of a community group which must be a charity/not for profit organisation.

Children under the age of 16 years must be actively involved in the planting process.

Planting must take place on publicly accessible land, usually in public or charity ownership.

The community group must be able to raise 25% of planting costs.

Planting must take place during National Tree Week (or as soon as possible afterwards).

Hedge plants, willow and retrospective costs will not be funded.

**Deadline 31 March 2018.** <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/community-trees>

### **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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/GolborneinBloom)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:brileen.longmore@blueyonder.co.uk) or look at our Facebook, Twitter or Community Book pages

### **'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

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:shevingtoninbloom@yahoo.com)

### **THE FRIENDS OF HAIGH WOODLAND PARK ARE LOOKING FOR 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

### **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/to volunteer visit <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/The-Deal/Volunteering>