

OULTON IN BLOOM 2017/18

Our ten hardworking volunteers have maintained the established planted areas around the village and kept them at a highly respectable standard throughout the last 12 months.

Difficulties have presented themselves in various ways; -

- The natural deterioration of wood and iron bands to some tubs have made maintenance difficult and time consuming.
- Theft and destruction, by vehicles, of some tubs have resulted in non-budgeted costs being incurred.
- In addition, the “old nutmeg”, the watering of tubs, especially through very warm and dry periods in the year is a time-consuming exercise.

Despite all of this there have been highlights; -

- Financial support through grants and the invaluable contributions given by the Oulton Society, the Oulton Institute and our faithful village company sponsors, which enables us to acquire bedding plants etc.
- Northern Gas Networks donated moneys enabling us to purchase three ‘self-watering’ planters made of heavy duty plastic and closely resembling wooden half barrels. Two were installed in North Lane where they proved to be much better than regular half barrels.
- The star result came from funding from our local Ward Councillors who have enabled us to replace all the tubs throughout the village with smart, recycled material, self-watering ones. They also provided further funding to purchase a water bowser, pump and hose to extract water from the River Dolphin/Oulton Beck and feed the reservoirs in the tubs. This will be a wonderful time saver especially during our hot summer days.
- In July, we organised a Cream Tea held in the barn and garden of 4 Bentley Square. The weather was kind and the event was well attended, raising over £430 for our account.



Our new recycled self-watering barrels ready for planting up and distributing around the village

If you would like to sponsor or help look after and water one of the tubs

please get In touch on the contact number below.

If you would like to add to our volunteer numbers, we meet on the 1st and 3rd (and 5th if there is one) Friday of each month from 9 am until noon.

Please phone Mike on 0113 2824590 for more details.