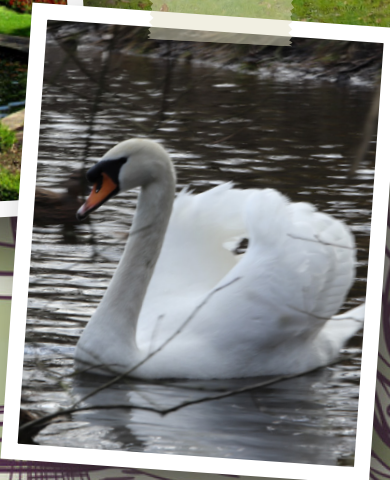
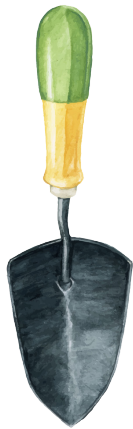


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Chairman's welcome...

To become chairman of the bloom board this year following in the footsteps of Andy Rush and Marion Smith is a real honour for me, to be able to work with so many dedicated people and community groups who all want one thing and that is to make Loughborough Bloom.

This year being the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a lot of hard work and preparation is going on, not only within Bloom but also around the Borough. A four-day bank holiday for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee kicked off with the lighting of the beacon in Queen's Park on the Thursday and ending. Unfortunately the weather curtailed the picnic in the park on the Sunday, but the celebrations were still a success.

Hopefully this year we can get back to some form of normality. It will be nice to be able to meet with people in person and not on Zoom.

I would like to say thank you to everybody involved including Charnwood Borough Council, idverde, Serco, the BID, Love Loughborough, the Community Groups, and also the support we get from the university, for all their hard work in keeping Loughborough looking so good over the last two difficult years. I hope you all enjoy what you see.

Stay Safe.



Bloom chairman Pat Cook

Pat Cook
Chairman, Loughborough in Bloom



Green Flag Community Award judging - May 2022

Horticulture



A selection of wonderful hanging baskets from residents in Charnwood

Hanging basket competition

A competition has been launched to find the best hanging basket in Charnwood in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

idverde and Loughborough in Bloom are inviting residents across the borough to put on their gardening gloves and plant-up a hanging basket to mark the Jubilee.

The prizes up for grabs are:

- first prize – an annual family membership for The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
- second and third prize - £50 National Garden Gift Voucher.

The closing date for entries is Sunday July 31, 2022.

The judging panel will choose the best 10 hanging baskets which will be shortlisted to the final three during the first two weeks of August. Competition winners will be announced in September.

Celebrating 10 years of the University Fruit Routes

Loughborough University invited residents to 'In Your Hands' a celebration of ten years of Fruit Routes at the university. Over two days (May 17-18), there were events, performances, wild food, stories, discussions and talks as part of The Institute of Advanced Studies' Festival of Ideas: Transitions.

Students, staff and the local community were all welcome to come and enjoy the edible campus and the evolution of this project which focuses on celebrating the natural world, exploring food systems and developing the campus as a living laboratory.

View the programme of events from the Fruit Routes at www.charnwood.gov.uk/fruitroutes.



This year's Bloom calendar

Loughborough in Bloom's 2022 calendar was printed at local company, Quickprint, and contains photos taken at various Bloom sites throughout the town. Each photograph used reflects both the correct time of the year and our all-year-round working.

Individual community groups were invited to submit entries to be considered for the calendar, and those in the calendar were chosen out of xxx submissions by a small panel of representatives. All of the calendars were sold and made a small profit for Bloom.



December's entry in the 2022 Loughborough in Bloom calendar

Loughborough University

The Queen's Green Canopy

In association with the historical Platinum Jubilee, we have participated in 'The Queen's Green Canopy' initiative. This is a unique tree planting scheme created to mark the Queen's 70 years as monarch. It invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". We participated in the initiative by adding a tree to our small but growing Heritage Orchard, in which we plant only Leicestershire varieties of apple trees. The tree we chose, Malus 'Annie Elizabeth', was introduced into the county in around 1857 by a magistrate's clerk called Samuel Greatorex. The tree was named after his baby daughter and, like Samuel, we hope to be picking its fruit to use in our cooking before too long.

Hedgerow repairs

The gardens team is always considering the natural habitats on campus and one of our main focuses is to continue enhancing the environment for all the creatures with which we share the green space. In certain areas, the teams have been busy repairing gaps in hedgerows. We do this by creating natural wattle fencing with hazel sticks coppiced from our own tree stock. The sticks are woven in between upright stakes and secured. We then replant the hedgerow behind the fence so it has chance to grow whilst being protected.

Student action

We are delighted to be welcoming back a keen army of Student Action volunteers after the activities had to be suspended during Covid. Team arborist, Rich Fenn-Griffin has a regular slot on Wednesday afternoons and the volunteers join him in a variety of conservation tasks, from clearing Butler Court Nature Reserve to enhancing the Forest School in Holywell Wood.

Cedar of Lebanon (Cidrus Libani)

There have been essential works carried out to the iconic Cedar tree outside Edward Herbert Building which has become a historical focal point of Loughborough University. These works were undertaken to make the tree safe and protect it as a veteran tree for current and future generations.



The Queen's Green Canopy



Cedar of Lebanon (Cidrus Libani)

Case study: Incredible Edible

Volunteers from Incredible Edible Loughborough have been busy transforming the Corner Garden in Loughborough by planting all manner of flowers and vegetables in the small park on Cambridge Street and Charles Street. These include potatoes, squashes, sunflowers, lettuce, beans, herbs and much more.

Loughborough University recently made a £200 donation from its Community Fund to the group, whose aim is to grow food in public places for the public. Incredible Edible is a nationwide movement which was started in Todmorden, Yorkshire and has now reached many villages, towns and cities in the UK. More details can be found on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/368547475219206.

The Corner Garden was a wasteland until it was transformed into a community garden with funding from The Rotary Club of Loughborough and the support of Charnwood Borough Council. It formally opened in September 2014.



Incredible Edible are growing all sorts at the Corner Garden in Loughborough

Songster's wildflowers

Songster the war horse looks beautiful as he stands in wildflowers within Queen's Park.

The real Songster served in the First World War war between 1914-1918 and remarkably returned to Loughborough safely in 1919. He was awarded several medals for his bravery and went on to live a healthy life with Major Poole on his farm in Woodhouse Eaves. He sadly passed away in 1940.

To mark 100 years since the end of the First World War an armature of Songster was created by artist Jenni Cairns. The armature now stands in Queen's Park in Loughborough paying tribute to his service and story.



Case study: Purple4Polio

idverde and Charnwood Borough Council were delighted to support the Rotary Club of Loughborough and the #purple4polio campaign as part of World Polio Day, which is observed on the 24th of October each year, raising awareness of the polio vaccination and the great progress made in eradicating the disease.

To support the campaign, idverde and Charnwood Borough Council, alongside volunteers from the Forest Road Belt Gardeners, helped The Rotary Club of Loughborough plant a total of 4,500 purple crocuses around Loughborough. This included around 2,000 corms in front of the Bee Hive Lane Car Park and a further 2,000 being planted on the Forest Road Green Belt.

The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide polio campaign with the colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunised.

Full details of the campaign can be found at www.charnwood.gov.uk/purple4polio.



Planting crocuses at the Bee Hive

Leicester Road murals

Two large murals have appeared on Leicester Road in Loughborough, behind the Phantom public house.

It would appear that the spirit of Bloom has found its way into public murals! What a bright and colourful display!



Business areas & premises

LOVE
Loughborough



Businesses within the Town Centre area are represented on the Bloom Board by the Love Loughborough BID (Business Improvement District) and the Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce. Love Loughborough play a big part in the promotion of Loughborough in Bloom to attract the public into the vibrant, colorful and diverse market town.

A selection of the 700 plus businesses are involved this year in a Window Dressing competition to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which the Mayor of Charnwood will be judging.

All 253 hanging baskets are fitted this year with a sign with the Queens Jubilee logo to promote the events in the town with the Jubilee and for the following years, the signs will be reversed and reused the following years with an eye catching Love Loughborough logo.

Ian Shonk, director of local independent business Sign Shop, has worked closely with Michael Furrows, director of Furrows Horticulture to install the signs into the hanging baskets.

As well as dressing the town with hanging baskets and beautiful flower displays, Ioni, the Loughborough Business Crime Reduction Manager (Bloom board member) Business Crime Reduction Manager conducts regular environmental checks in the town to address graffiti, litter, etc. and reports to the Charnwood Borough Council Cleaner Greener department to get the issues quickly resolved.



Church Gate



Ian Shonk and Michael Furrows



We are very proud of Loughborough's involvement again this year in Bloom and in particular the visually attractive and eye-catching Queens Jubilee logos which have been added to all the Love Loughborough hanging baskets. Again, the efforts of all those involved this year have resulted in a vibrant and colourful town which is inviting for all people to visit"

**Lez Cope-Newman, Chair
Love Loughborough**

"There is always a never-ending effort from the team at Love Loughborough to make our town attractive and appealing to all that visit. Although the hanging baskets may not be noticed by everyone, they help build an overall satisfaction, a continuous theme running through our gorgeous market town that shows how much pride we have in Loughborough."

Tim Garratt, Director of Slider Town

Loughborough Town Deal support

Plans to make the River Soar towpath more attractive for walkers and cyclists is being backed by Loughborough Town Deal.

The Town Deal Board has confirmed an £885,000 grant to support the project by the Canal & River Trust which wants to upgrade two kilometres of towpath alongside the River Soar in Loughborough. It is one of 11 projects Loughborough Town Deal is supporting after securing £16.9 million of Government funding. In total, the projects are worth over £40 million of investment for the town.



The Trust's plans for the River Soar will focus on the towpath between Moor Lane Bridge and Belton Road. Works are due to take place towards the end of the year. The trust plans to upgrade the surfacing to provide a consistent high standard finish, remove barriers, improve signage, wayfinding and access points as well as increasing the number of moorings to attract a greater number of visiting boats that will be able to access town centre facilities and attractions.

Loughborough Town Deal is backing projects to boost skills, improve the town centre, reduce flooding, regenerate the riverside, develop a creative hub and support two key attractions – Great Central Railway and the bell foundry. Combined with the River Soar towpath project, that brings Town Deal investment in Loughborough so far to over £6.7 million.

For more information about the Town Deal, visit www.loughboroughtowndeal.co.uk.

Regenerating the town centre

The Bedford Square Gateway Project is regenerating Ward's End, Devonshire Square and Bedford Square to make it more attractive to visitors.

The area has been improved with high-quality paving, wider pavements, new street furniture and a new wide-open space in Devonshire Square to host events and activities.

The £3.8 million regeneration scheme has been funded by the borough council, Loughborough Town Deal and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership.



Environment

Resource management

This year, for the first time, all of our annual bedding has been grown in 100% peat-free compost. Trials are being looked at for a peat-free alternative for our hanging baskets for next year.

Conservation of and appropriate use of water resources is key to the management of our open spaces. During the dry seasons, idverde has access to a 600-gallon water storage tank at Charnwood Water. Water from the man-made lake is used to water nearby beds if they are threatened by drought.

Water butts are used by a number of community groups to gather water in an environmentally friendly way and ensure natural resources are used as much as possible before the need for hose pipes.

idverde uses mulch wherever possible to retain water on beds, alongside gel beads to hold some of the water and keep it in the soil, reducing the need to water the areas.

The Plantscape hanging baskets help reduce our carbon footprint as they all have a water reservoir to enable self-watering, reduce wasted water during watering visits and are fully recyclable.

Loughborough University continues to use a mechanical bulb planting programme alongside their traditional annual programme; this has led to more than 30,000 bulbs being planted across various vast campuses that will continue to bloom in the future.

Mechanical bulb planting has also been undertaken by idverde on Alan Moss Road to plant daffodils. They are looking at plans to continue this elsewhere.

Serco provides a mixed recycling service which makes it much easier for residents to use, and in turn reduces the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

No green waste leaves the University campus, everything is shredded and left to compost, turned over the years and then either reintroduced to the campus shrub beds as a soil enhancer or sieved and used as topsoil for reinstating grass areas.

Composting skills are also shared by a network of Master Composter volunteers. Individuals are encouraged, by Leicestershire County Council, to use their experience of composting to help those who have never given it a go.

The Council's annual Student Clean Up, held before the summer holidays, encourages students to have a tidy-up of their homes and gardens, while also encouraging donations to charity. In just one year the initiative resulted in 23 tonnes of rubbish being collected during the day, 16 tonnes of which recyclable.



Serco crews on the student clean up



Hanging basket in the town centre

Case study: Charnwood Wildflowers

Grassland near the Braddon Road housing estate in Charnwood is starting to become vibrant and full of wildlife thanks to the donation of hay from two nearby areas.

The grassland at Braddon Road has always been cut back to serve as a useful pathway for walkers and residents close to the Black Brook River. However, the site was recently recognised as having more potential than this. A local councillor for Loughborough proposed that the site should become a wildflower area, serving both the local community and nature, as wildflowers help to attract a range of insects, birds and mammals into the area.

The project began in 2021, as rangers from idverde and Green Gym volunteers cut a total of 30m² of hay using power scythes from the donor sites. This was then transferred and spread to the test site, with help from volunteers from the Dishley Residents Association. Rather than using intensive techniques, such as using various machinery, which is both expensive and damaging to the land, the council and idverde chose a much more natural approach to creating a wildflower meadow. This approach was more cost-effective, and more importantly, kinder to the land.

It is hoped that the wildflower area will spread right across the Braddon Road area, transforming it from a green grassland with a convenient pathway to a vibrant space, enjoyed by the local community and wildlife.



Case study: University volunteers

As Loughborough geared up for the new RHS Britain in Bloom season in June 2021, the benches and bins within Queen's Park were given a fresh lick of paint to ensure that they looked clean and tidy in preparation for judging day at the beginning of July.

Students from Loughborough University took a welcome revision break from their end of year exams by helping with some community volunteering by painting the benches and bins within their student bubbles. Visitors to the park commented how great it was to see the students supporting Loughborough in Bloom, especially the park.

Full details of the campaign can be found at www.charnwood.gov.uk/luv.



Loughborough university volunteers

Case study: Leicester College volunteers

idverde is working in partnership with Leicester College to offer weekly work placement days for students with learning disabilities and hosted another work placement day for the students at Queen's Park in Loughborough. The placements aim to provide students with moderate learning disabilities with useful work experience and employability skills.

Following a short health and safety briefing, the students set to work clearing the fallen leaves in areas of the park. The leaves collected were taken to be composted and recycled into mulch for use in the park.

There was a great atmosphere as the students worked as a team. Together, they completely cleared large, open areas of the park, leaving it looking neat and tidy and ready for the spring. Several members of the public stopped to comment on how great the park looked and thanked the students for their hard work.

Students gain valuable work experience which also helps to improve their social skills and interaction with an employer and members of the public. More information can be found at www.charnwood.gov.uk/lcv.



Leicester College students cleaning up Queen's Park

Litter pickers unite!

Charnwood residents were urged to help give the borough a spring clean away as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean which ran between March 25 and April 10.

The council provided free litter picking packs to residents who wanted to help. The packs included litter pickers, high-vis jackets, and litter bags. The Council also arranged for its waste partner Serco to pick up bags litter collected by local groups.

The Great British Spring Clean returned for its seventh year and was a huge success, with all the litter packs being handed out. Families, work colleagues, community groups and schools all took part. It was great to see.

Find out more, including top tips, at www.keepbritaintidy.org.



Amie, Molly and Ali from Arthur Civil Engineering



Families out and about in Loughborough

Communities

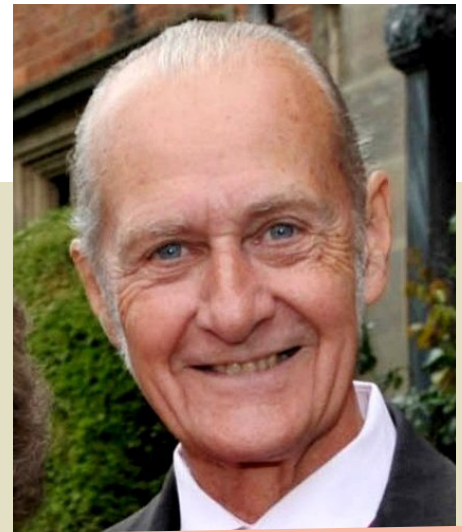
A word from Community Participation Group Chair Mike Jones

Although we have said it many times, our Community Groups are the lifeblood of Loughborough in Bloom. Across the town and throughout the year, hundreds of Bloom volunteers can be seen, enhancing the local environment and making Loughborough a great place to live, work and visit.

Activities of our community groups are co-ordinated via regular, usually monthly, meetings of the Bloom Community Participation Group, to which representatives of each local group can attend. This 'CPG' provides support and circulates information via a structured distribution network, including EMIB and RHS newsletters, bulletins and local funding opportunities.

Once again this year, the vast majority of Loughborough's Community Groups (at least 30) have entered "It's Your Neighbourhood" including some "returners" and one first time entry. Following the Coronavirus lockdown, other groups are still nervous about mixing, but hope to enter again in the future.

In closing, I must record my personal thanks, and those of our excellent Statutory and Business partners, to the many unsung heroes that make Loughborough in Bloom such an enduring, sustainable and valuable initiative. With their help and enthusiasm, long may it continue!



Community participation Group Chair Mike Jones

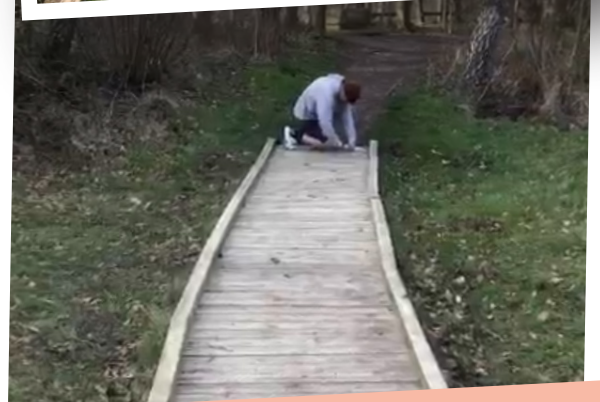
Fixing the boardwalk at Stonebow

Stonebow Washlands is a Local Wildlife Site situated off Maxwell Drive in Thorpe Acre, Loughborough. It's the perfect place for local residents to walk and be amongst local nature.

The site can be accessed by foot from Mount Grace Road, off Maxwell Drive. It is also easily reached by bus. (Kinchbus no. 12 stops a short walk away on Maxwell Drive). Created in the 1980s the main role of the Washlands is to provide flood alleviation, but it is also a rich wildlife site and provides informal recreation for local residents.

Stonebow Washlands regularly benefits from the work of conservation volunteers to ensure Loughborough continues to protect and enhance local wildlife.

There has recently been some repair work required to the boardwalk, which had the potential to become a trip hazard to visitors. The walkway is now looking brand new and can be enjoyed by visitors again.



The boardwalk at Stonebow Washlands before (top) and after (bottom)

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

Lighting of the Beacon and more...

Residents in Charnwood celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a number of events across the borough over the bank holiday weekend of June 2-5.

There were scores of street parties and celebrations, including the lighting of the beacon in Queen's Park, Loughborough on Thursday June 3 which was organised by Charnwood Borough Council. Loughborough resident Stephen Hutchins, who has served the Queen his whole working life, won a competition to light the beacon. A Charnwood Heritage Plaque was also unveiled by the Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr Jennifer Tillotson on the same evening.



Lighting of the Beacon at Queen's Park

Queen's Park celebrates

Unfortunately The Big Lunch event that was planned to be held in Queen's Park on Sunday June 5 was cancelled due to heavy rain and a yellow weather warning for thunderstorms.

However, Charnwood Museum was open to the public with a number of activities for children and a special exhibition from the Local History Volunteer Group, including a timeline highlighting the Queen's key life events and visits to the city of Leicester, along with some fantastic arts and crafts work inspired by the Queen and the Royal family.

There was also live music in the park with a Carillon recital and a performance by the Charnwood Symphonic Wind Orchestra in the bandstand.



Indian tree planted in Queen's Park

An Indian Bean tree has been planted in Loughborough to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The tree planting ceremony took place in Queen's Park in Loughborough in March 2022 in support of the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC).

The Council's open spaces partner idverde also attended the tree planting along with council officers and volunteers from Friends of Queen's Park. The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative which invites people across the country to 'plant a tree for the jubilee'.

More information on the Jubilee tree planting, including handy Idverde case studies, can be found at www.charnwood.gov.uk/jubilee_planting.



Planting the Indian Bean tree in Queen's Park

Take a seat at the Rectory Garden

Thanks to community funding from Severn Trent Water and Charnwood Borough Council, the Rectory Garden have a lovely-looking new bench for visitors to take a seat on and enjoy the garden. It's a great resting point for the busy volunteers, too. The seating was completed in March this year.

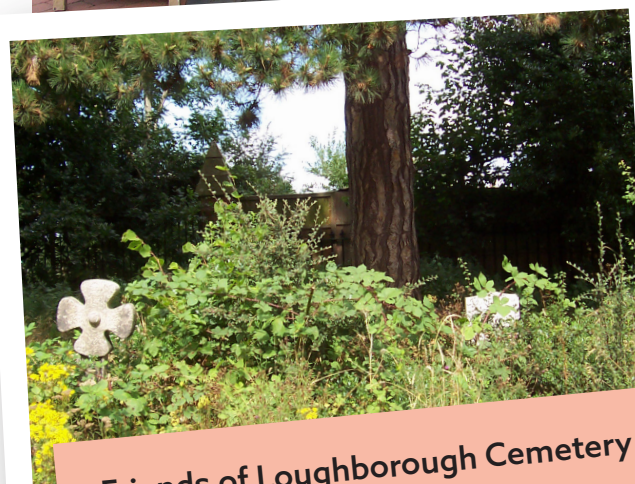


IYN groups working together

In Your Neighbourhood monthly Zoom meetings allow for the sharing of gardening ideas and activities. With Transition Loughborough's Potato Day in January at Fearon Hall, tubers were made available to local gardeners. Seed swapping events were also run. After a seed sowing workshop in March at the student garden on Loughborough campus (LAGS), we have lots of seedlings and cuttings which we plan to share with locals at regular plant stalls outside Fearon Hall. In addition, Transition is helping with planting vegetables outside the Hall.

LAGS members have linked up with the Rectory Wildlife Garden and planted out lots of wildflowers we had propagated (campion, forget-me-nots, foxgloves, grape hyacinths, primulas etc.). Together with members of the RWG we are now developing an Incredible Edible project (IE) at the Corner Garden in Cambridge Street near Fearon Hall. Transition will also be involved with this project, and we have already shared plants between IE, LAGS and the Transition Community Allotment. In addition, other groups have offered LAGS lots of pots and gardening tools, which can be used at the new IE project.

Meetings encouraged more IYN members to join our Friday gardening sessions at LAGS; Friends of Loughborough Cemetery provided woodchips that can be used on the Allotment and at LAGS on the paths around the beds. LAGS members are also very grateful to the campus gardeners for providing water for our butts and cutting the grass on the site.



Friends of Loughborough Cemetery

The joy of being an IYN assessor

After over 30 years working in the airline industry, I retired in 2014 but needed something to occupy my busy brain. I completed some courses with Garden Organic, with the aim of spreading the word about organic growing and composting with community groups and households in the area.

My first project was with Three Close Tenants Association, where I learned that they had entered a scheme run by the RHS called 'It's Your Neighbourhood'. I was happy to accompany an IYN assessor and the tenants to display just how well they had improved their surroundings and how their community benefitted from all the veg they produced.

This led to my becoming an IYN Assessor myself and I now complete 20+ assessments in Charnwood every year. It always seems a great privilege to me to be able to give advice and contacts to groups and to have made so many personal friends over the years as a result. The most important feedback from them is their great community spirit and particularly during the last couple of years, the improvement to mental health and well being. All are so enthusiastic over their achievements. Long may it continue.



IYN Assessor Helen Burgess

LAGS seed swaps and potato planting

Members of Loughborough University Landscaping and Gardening Society (LAGS) organise regular seed swaps and food share activities, using the produce from their gardening site. Seen here are an enthusiastic group of volunteers enjoying a food share picnic outside their work shed.

No produce can be grown without the graft of planting. In this view, LAGS volunteers are seen planting their annual potato crop, no doubt looking forward to the eventual harvest.



Sharing and enjoying food



Potato planting

Transition Loughborough's seed swap

Transition Loughborough are working hard towards making Charnwood a low carbon, more sustainable borough. This involves creating events to encourage year-round involvement for residents, including their ever-popular Seed Swaps.

This year's Seed Swap took place at Fearon Hall in Loughborough on January 29, where visitors were encouraged to bring their old seeds and swap them with each other. These included excess packets, unwanted seeds, out of date packets, magazine seeds and much more. There were also seed potato tubers for sale.

The event was well attended and there have been plenty of successful events held at Fearon Hall since.

To find out when the next event takes place, search for Transition Loughborough online and search for them on Twitter and Facebook for updates.



Tenant garden competition

2021 saw the return of the garden competition. It was a huge success, with 28 entrants winning a prize for their amazing efforts. This year the council wanted the competition to be bigger and better and encourage green-fingered tenants to showcase their gardens, hanging baskets, window boxes and balconies.

Gardening can help in so many ways including reducing stress; it's good for your heart, can help with building self-esteem and can make you happy. It's great to see so many tenants getting involved.

This year the council allowed entrants to send photos of their work to be considered for the judging process as they appreciated that entrants' hard work doesn't look the same all year round!

Judging takes place between July 11-15. Best of luck to everyone who enters!



New markets signage

If you've walked through the market place recently you may have seen some snazzy-looking signage.

The signage has been put up to promote the markets and facilities, including the toilets and markets office. You'll spot the signage on the planters and some of the electric and storage boxes, helping to modernise the area..



Contributors

- The Abbeyfield Loughborough Society Gardens
- Age UK Men in Sheds
- Ashby Road Estate Green Fingers
- Beacon Road Flats Gardeners
- Chapman Street Gardeners
- Charnwood Borough Council
- Clear Cut Conservation
- Emmanuel Church
- Fearon Community Association
- The Flower Pot People
- Forest Road Green Belt Gardeners
- Freehold Street Bloomers
- Friends of Queen's Park
- Friends of Loughborough Cemetery
- Garden Buddies
- Garendon Green Gardeners
- Glebe House Work Skills Project
- Great Central Railway
- Green Gym
- Grow Loughborough
- Holt Green Gardeners
- idverde
- John Taylor Bell Foundry
- John Storer Charnwood Allotment
- John Storer House Cottage Garden
- King Edward Road Gardeners
- Knightthorpe Methodist Gardeners
- Loughborough Baptist Church
- Loughborough Lions Club
- Loughborough Student Union Landscape and Gardening Society
- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicestershire & Rutland Fire Service
- Loughborough Business Improvement District
- Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce
- Loughborough District Scouts
- Loughborough Echo
- Loughborough University
- Loughborough United Reformed Church
- Marios Tinenti Centre
- Peter Le Marchant Trust
- Plantscape
- Primary Schools of Loughborough
- Rainbow Children's Hospice
- Rectory Wildlife Garden and Hospice
- Rockingham Road Gardeners
- Ronald West Court
- Rosebery Community Centre
- Sacred Heart Church
- Serco
- Shelthorpe Community Garden Project
- Siding's Park Area Residents' Association
- Stonebow Washlands Group
- Student Action Volunteers
- Thorpe Acre Residents Association
- Three Close Tenants' Association
- Transition Loughborough – Community Allotment
- Wolsey Way Gardeners

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