

Pilling in Bloom 2022

Spring bulb planting to start the year



*A little later in the year
colourful summer planting*



We have had another great year in Pilling, maintaining some of the more successful aspects of last year's planting and introducing some new ideas. Again, we have involved our community and been encouraged by their enthusiasm, practical help and support.

These new ideas and enthusiasm have been supervised by our hard-working lengthsman, Stan. He has continued to build good relationships with people in our village and they have responded with offers of plants, advice and practical help.

We have also learnt more about increasing biodiversity, supporting pollinators and establishing wildflowers from Plantlife and Lancashire wildlife trust.

New additions this year

- A large bug hotel on School Lane



Designed by Stan and made with the family at the Old Ship who also made signs to encourage visitors!

The area behind this has been a little problematic as it is in shade with thin soil. We've planted shade tolerant hostas, cranesbill, succulents and wild strawberries whilst encouraging some spring flowers for the early bees.



- We've included perennials and different annuals this year in our planters to extend the flowering period.



And used peat free compost in all our planters. We are supported in this by a generous donation from Resource Recycling Solutions Ltd. In Out Rawcliffe.

- **Community Sensory Garden**

A new sign was added to the garden inviting people to enjoy the new bench and variety of plants.



The variety of herbs in this pretty garden encourages people to help themselves and three fruit trees have been bought by a generous resident.



The herb patch has been extended and is full of bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other guests.



- **Verges**

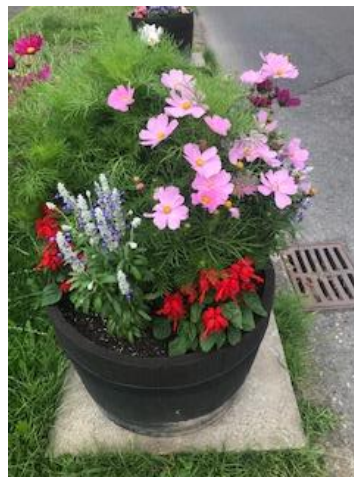
We have introduced staged mowing to some of the verges and seeded with red and white clover. These verges will take some time to establish, and we have added signs to explain this. We make sure that there is clear vision for road and pavement users. The verges will be cut back, and the thatch removed in September.



Spring bluebells helping our early pollinators and brightening the verges



*Some of our summer
planting*



We have used a more varied selection of plants this year avoiding hybrids, if possible.

The plants are kept well-watered and fresh by residents who live close by

- Celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee, a red, white and blue boat was floated.



- Wildflower seeds on Back Sands Lane produced.....



Ox eye daisies

Self heal





*Common Hogweed
which provides
valuable habitat for
insects and birds*



*Glamorous poppies and Birds
foot trefoil*

This year we have seen an increase in numbers of pyramidal orchids.



These have been appreciated by many people in the village who made daily visits to watch their growth, they are not a rare species, but this is the first time we have seen them so many of them.



Two willow trees have been planted near to the Windmill, this area is very wet and has flooded in recent years so will be suitable for the thirsty trees.

Our Pilling Pickers continue to keep the village litter free and a small, dedicated group of regular supporters who plant, tidy, donate and work alongside Stan.

We are proud of our village and thank all those have helped to create this environment.

This year we have also involved some of the newcomers to the village who tell us how much they enjoy living in this welcoming and pretty place.

We thank them and many anonymous donations and support from

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