

## PLANTING REPORT 2017/2018

This year's planting programme has commenced with clean ups and tidying of troughs, beds and planters. The spring flowers have eventually appeared, several weeks later than usual, following the harsh weather. They bring colour to the village and smiles to our faces.

>> We are planning for the Plant sale on May20th preparing cuttings, seeds and plants, critical to our fundraising for the funding of our Village planting. So anybody having any plants to split, bedding, herbs, vegetables or seeds, your donation will be happily received. The programme for the summer planting is to be solely funded by Love Lydgate, which is a considerable investment. However, we have received confirmation that we can purchase bedding plants from our Oldham Council colleagues, who have supported us so much over the past few years. This means a lower cost price, reliable hardy plants and usually larger than commercial garden centre purchases, that we can fund.

The main troughs and baskets all through the central stretch of road from the Crossroad to Lower Lydgate Farm will be planted. This will involve removal of the spring planting/bulbs and inserting summer planting around the perennial framework.

The raised bed, smaller bed on the main road and Long bed containing an established Perennial structure, but still requiring the addition of colour attained from the summer bedding. The planting is no easy task, so we are welcoming volunteers, of whatever age or skill level, to assist in the clearing and planting programme. Wether it be an hour or more, any contribution will be welcome. We are commencing the Summer planting programme from Mid/End May. If you can't get involved in the village planting, please think about your own space. Pots and planting in your own areas all contribute to the beauty of the village. If you want to help and need any more details or advice, please contact either Jennifer or Lesley on 01457 511846 to discuss.

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