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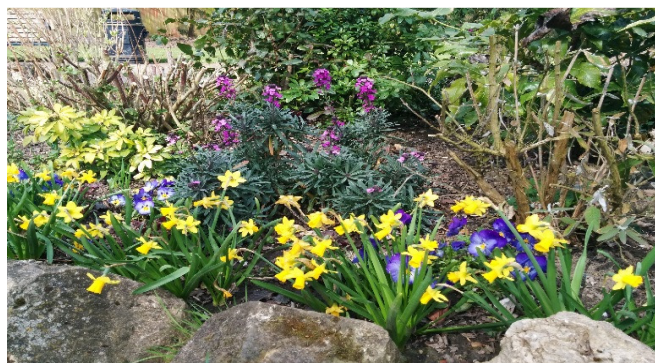
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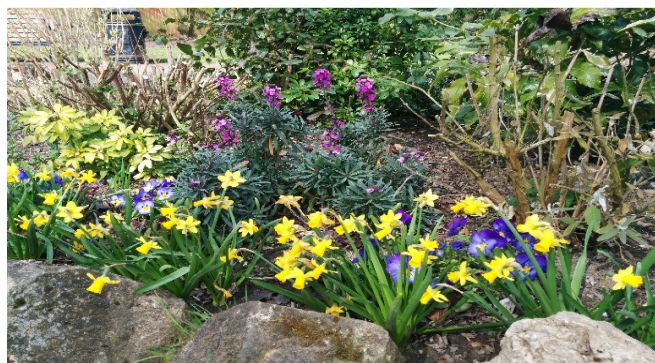
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  - b. *Every member attending has one vote.*
    - a. Election of Officers
      - i. Chair
      - ii. Secretary
      - iii. Treasurer
    - b. Election of up to 7 committee members
6. Any Other Business – provided due notice has been given in writing to the Chair, not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting.

#### Current Officers and Committee members

- Chair – Elaine Robinson
- Secretary – Claire Birch
- Treasurer – Dave Bigby
- Committee members – Yvonne Smith, Chris Smith, Annie Ingram, Phil Jones, Lorna Titley, Geoff Bibby.

## Pride in our Bath Grounds

**We will be launching the Pride in Our Bath Grounds campaign this summer. This campaign is to be more proactive in tackling ASB on the Bath Grounds.**

We have been liaising with the Town Council, the District Council and the Local Police to focus on more preventative measures to tackle 3 key areas;

1. Responsibility by dog owners to clean up dog mess
2. Measures to raise awareness in the community and by visitors regarding littering issues
3. Measures to tackle more effectively vandalism, alcohol consumption, and intimidating behavior especially in the evenings.



## Plant Sale – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

The Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds will be having a Plant Sale on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 (10am – 4pm)** during Ashby Arts Festival week. We have now changed our location to the **Baths Grounds** with the support of the Cricket Club and the Town Council. Half the money we raise will be donated to the Hospice Hope Charity.

Our plant sale will rely on the kind donations of members, local groups and friends to make this a successful event and raise monies for Hospice Hope and the Bath Grounds.

- You can donate perennials, including grasses, herbs, vegetable plants, house plants (no annuals please).
- Also if you have any good quality garden pots or garden accessories you would like to donate that would be great!
- **Plants can be dropped off at the cricket club on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May between 4.00 – 7.00p.m – or on the morning of the sale between 9.00 - 10.00 am.**
- Please come along and get some plant bargains!!



# Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

## Membership renewal

Thank you all so much for your support and membership in 2014. Your money has helped us to do the following;

- Printing, photocopying and advertising costs – print and poster costs really helped us to let the public know the details of the housing application and get the support to have building application withdrawn
- Perennial planting on Bath Ground flower bed
- Paying for pitches at the Food Gusto and Jims Tractor Rally to raise awareness.
- Develop our bids for the footpath project

### In 2015 our aims are to;

- Ensure the sensitive development of the Royal Hotel and its new buildings
- Continue to campaign to obtain the freehold of the grounds for the community
- Continue to fight ASB on the Bath Grounds
- Work with the Town Council to improve planting and maintenance standards
- Ensure that the Bath Grounds are designated as a protected "Local Green Space" in the Neighbourhood Plan

To achieve all our aims including progressing the Footpath Project on the Bath Grounds for this coming year, we need your continued support. Your annual membership ran for the 2014 calendar year so, if you haven't renewed it yet, now is the time to renew for 2015.

### Please pay your £5 renewal subscription by;

- Bank transfer to Acc no. 30039268 sort code 77-15-13 (please provide your name so we know who sent the money), or
- Send a cheque payable to "Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds" to Dave Bigby, Treasurer, 16 Tower Gardens, Ashby, LE65 2GZ.
- Alternatively you can also pay in cash and drop your monies off to the address above. Please ensure you write your name and address on the envelope and what the payment is for.

You can also set up a standing order to avoid future hassle.

## ASB on the Bath Grounds

Please continue to report ASB activity to the NWLDC by telephone or through their website

[www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/antisocial\\_behaviour](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/antisocial_behaviour)

Also Report to Police on the non-emergency number 101 at the time the incident is happening

**You can ask to remain anonymous if you prefer.**

<http://www.leics.police.uk/local-policing/ashby/team#.U8LioJRdWJB>

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