

Cricklade Bloomers

Working to Make Cricklade a Better Place



Spring is in sight

February may be a quiet month in the garden but there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and birds and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do in your own garden and Cricklade Bloomers will be busy with similar jobs around the Town each Saturday morning.

If you are new to gardening and would like to learn more; come along to the Bank Garden behind the Council Offices between 9.30 and 12.30 we are always happy to share gardening advice but join us and get some great practical hands on experience in pruning, tree care and planting, growing vegetables, wildlife gardening, choosing the right plant for the right place and how to plant and care for seasonal floral displays.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Prune apples and pears trees
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

Local Roots

- This year the theme for Britain in Bloom is 'Local Roots' The judges will give a special award to the community that best encourages activities and links between their unique local history and cultural diversity within their community and demonstrate this through in Bloom community activities, planting styles and themes. Cricklade Bloomers would like to hear from any group/organisation or resident in the Town that would like to become involved in the 'Local Roots' theme, we have lots of ideas such as;
- A 'One World' planting project, a garden with trees or plants to represent the different cultural groups within the area.
- Herbs and vegetables specific to cultures might be grown and used in cooking by groups to demonstrate the range of foods used by cultures.
- A Sensory Garden for disabled people within the community to experience the joys of growing and smell, taste and touch plants.
- Floral displays to artistically celebrate a key moment in the history of an area (perhaps a famous figure lived there or an important event took place in the area)

Working Parties in February

We meet each Saturday morning 9.30 to 12.30 at the Bank Garden. Refreshments Provided.

Annual North Meadow entrance clear up.

Saturday 27th February.9.30am Meet at the entrance to North Meadow. Refreshments Provided

Please phone Anita Barratt 01793 751403 or Bob Jones 01793 750773 for more information

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