

Colne in Bloom Report 16th July – 12th Aug 2025



Total of 48 Volunteering hours undertaken by

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Russel Winter Judith Birtwistle

Colne In Bloom have a weekly gardening session on Tuesdays from 10am -11.30am however throughout the week the early bird volunteers can often be seen between 6.30am – 8am undertaking the tasks listed below in order to keep the town's floral displays looking at their best.

Regular tasks:

Deadheading the marguerites/geraniums at the Marsden Building Society, the Crabtree St bus stop planter, the railway/bus station, the guitar bed and the top tier of the floral towers.

Removal of chickweed from street planters and towers.

Weeding and planting at the Lanlee/Primet roadside beds, the raised bed behind Age UK, the border/ rockery at Primet Community Centre and on Cradock Rd near Sure Start.

Checking displays for missing plants and filling in gaps. *Undertaken at Crabtree St bus stop, the railway/bus station, the Guitar Bed, St John's towers, Hartley Sq lollipops and the LLAB/DofL planters.*

The Get Kerb Appeal Project

Before the Cycle Race we noticed that Colne was looking rather weedy. To try to tackle this issue a poster was designed and sent to the new Bid Officer for circulation amongst the businesses to encourage traders to keep their own shop frontage weed free. We purchased a hoe and weeded the cobbled area near the DoL, the Town Hall entrance, around the lollipops at Hartley Sq and at the Primet Community Centre. Weeding around planters, towers and barrier baskets ready for the Blues Festival is now being undertaken. P.B.C. have been contacted to see if roadside weed control measures at the bus station and around street furniture have been scheduled.

Donations

We have had a significant amount of donated poorly plants from Asda to collect, sort, revive and distribute to: Lord St Primary, Park Primary, Laithe St Green, The Citadel, Alkincoats Secret Garden, The Waterside Millennium Green, Colne Health Centre, New Life and The Red Lion. Additional Asda plants have been used in the guitar bed, behind Age UK, near Sure Start, at the Lanlee/ Primet roadside beds, Primet Community Centre and in town planters. Emptied hanging baskets have also been sent to community groups as well as bags full of compost taken from the pots of the plants that were unable to be saved. **Thanks goes to Dianne Springthorpe, the Asda's Community Champion, for donating their unwanted plants to CIB.** With approximately three quarters of the plants responding well to watering/repotting they have benefited many community groups.

Community Involvement

Thanks goes to the Taxi Drivers who have grown peas and herbs in the Hartley Square planters and the market traders who look after the flower bed nearby.

Admin

Our Annual Return including a report of yearly activities and a financial balance sheet was completed and sent to the Charity Commission.

Watering

The Town Council continue to water every day ensuring that all the floral displays continue to thrive despite the varied recent weather conditions. **Thanks goes to Christina a resident of the Gables for watering the guitar bed, ensuring that the new plants are well cared for.**

Watering the railway station continues to be a time-consuming activity for the volunteers but it is hoped that Network Rail will agree to our request to allow the Town Council's quad bike onto their property which will enable the Lengthsmen to water this area.

School Participation

In May pupils from Park and Lord Street Primary Schools helped to plant the raised bed at the railway station and barrier troughs at the Primet Community Centre. They were encouraged to enter The Growing Together/Daisy Chain Environmental Competition organised by CIB and The Waterside Action Group. Gardens at Park Academy and Primet Primary were also entered into the competition. It was great to visit these school gardens and listen to the students explain about their environment/gardening projects. At Primet Primary the children were enthusiastically harvesting a range of vegetables and at Park Academy there is a hedgehog to care for.



Stop that weedy feeling and

GET KERB

APPEAL

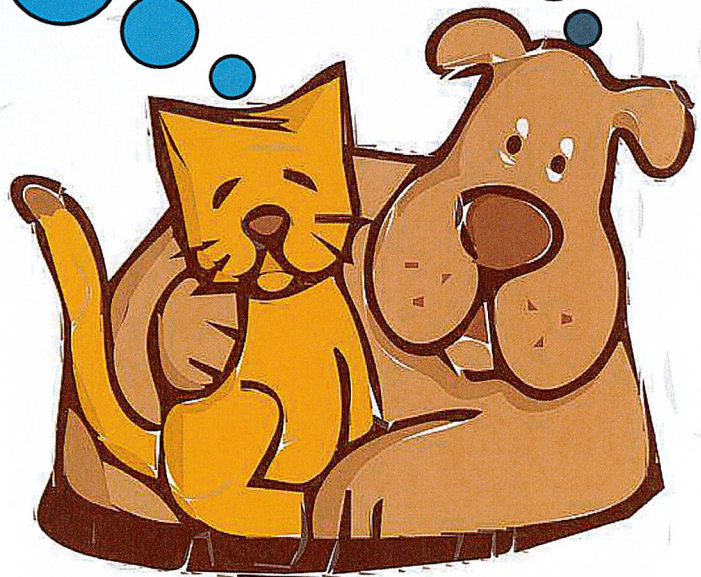
No need for
weed killer just
dig, scrap and
sweep them
away.

Just pull up the
weeds in front of
your property and
make Colne
look and feel great.

The definition of

Kerb Appeal:

The attractiveness of
a property and its
surroundings when
seen from the street.



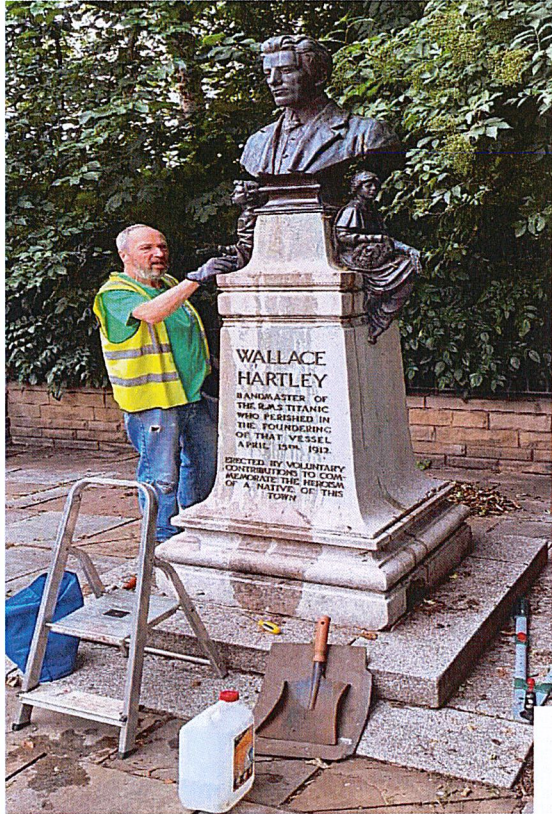
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Colne in Bloom Report 13th Aug – 8th Sept 2025

Total of 45 Volunteering hours undertaken by

Roger Wormwell Alice Mann Michael Moffit Ian Woollorton Christina Adele Aspinall
Mary Woollorton Oliver Linda Strickland

The CIB volunteers worked hard during August to make sure the town's floral displays were looking at their best, ready for the Great British Rhythm and Blues Festival.



The Wallace Hartley Statue was given a good wash. The flags were weeded and Pendle Borough Council workers applied weed killer.

The Titanic bed needed additional decorative slates. 200kg of plum slates were purchased by Colne Town Council and delivered to the site by the Lengthsmen for the volunteers to use. The ship was washed and the bed weeded. When the ivy was cut back palm and bamboo plants, donated by Asda, were planted behind the model.

The guitar bed was weeded and topped up with additional plants donated by Asda.

All the members of the CIB team came to help the PBC town sweepers clean and weed the bus station.

Areas that needed additional attention were reported and PBC placed better fencing around the unsightly bus station's derelict toilet block.

The railway station's planters, tower and containers were deadheaded and watered. The platform and walkway was weeded and swept.



With the start of September work has begun to prepare the CIB polytunnel and allotment plot ready to receive the hanging baskets and store those plants from the town's summer floral displays that can be protected against the winter frosts and used again next year.

The nettles, brambles and bindweed that had grown up around the outside of the polytunnel were cleared and a membrane put down to create a better working space.

The winter barrier troughs are being filled with soil ready for winter planting.

Community Involvement The Growing Together Awards

Visits to several community gardens and green spaces have been undertaken to take photos and talk to volunteers about their gardening experiences as part of this year's Waterside Action Group and Colne In Bloom Environmental Competition.

Nominated sites to date include: ***The Citadel Bank House Allotment The Red Lion
The Waterside Millennium Green The Secret Walled Garden Holy Trinity
Bluebell Farm The Philip Wright Crown Green Bowling Academy The New Life Centre
The NHS Colne Health Centre Garden Alkincoats Woodland and Nature Reserve
Greenfield Nature Reserve The North Valley Community Centre The Peace Garden and
St Bartholomew's Churchyard.***

Poorly plants, donated by Asda, have been cared for throughout the summer and continue to be taken to community gardens and green spaces.

The Titanic bed, The Secret Garden, The Millennium Green, Lanlee and Primet roadside beds have received additional plants with Lord Street Primary school gaining an Olive tree for their polytunnel.

Colne In Bloom continue to look for more volunteers.

Weekly gardening sessions take place on Tuesdays from 10am -11.30am.

Contact 07940084741 for more details of where to meet and information on additional weekly sessions and autumn activities.