

Liphook in Bloom



Welcome to Liphook in Bloom's Spring Newsletter. We hope you'll agree, that at the time of writing this, the village beds are magnificent right now. A huge thank you to all our Sponsors, Friends of Liphook in Bloom, Helpers and the Team for your contribution to making this happen, and ensuring Liphook is a great place to live, work and play.



LITTER PICK

This Sunday, 14th April is our annual Litter Pick. If you have an hour or so to spare please join us. Please meet in the Midhurst Road Car Park at 9.15am.

Litter pickers and refuse bags will be provided, but if you have your own picker, or high vis jacket please bring it along.

Very importantly - please wear protective gloves.

Everyone is welcome and the more of us who take part the cleaner Liphook will become of all the rubbish accumulating around the place. As well as looking unsightly, rubbish can be dangerous for children and wildlife. And the more of us litter picking, the quicker we'll do it.

A big thank you to all the villagers who litter pick regularly - it's greatly appreciated.



PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Liphook in Bloom are delighted to be taking part in the Picnic on the Green organised by Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council and Liphook Millennium Centre on Sunday May 5th 2024 between 12 and 6pm.

Following the success of their previous picnics, BLPC have decided to do it all again. They say to gather your family, and friends for a relaxing day on the village green (next to the Liphook Millennium Centre).

It is also an ideal opportunity to get to know local groups, charities or businesses who are getting involved on the day. Liphook in Bloom will be there with a variety of games, and some photo albums of our activities to browse through. Come and have a chat with us.

Bring your own picnic & drinks and bring your own tables and chairs or a picnic blanket. There will be burgers, hot dogs, cakes, tea and coffees all available to buy on the day.



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2024

LiB's Sunflower Competition is back for 2024. Our competition is open to all - individual's, families, clubs, businesses, schools - everyone is welcome to enter.

We have various categories this year. If you don't have a garden, you can take part by growing sunflowers in a pot, and if you don't have room for a big pot there are dwarf varieties of sunflowers, so you can still take part!

Who can grow the tallest sunflower?
Who can grow the sunflower with the most blooms?
The most unusual sunflower?
The best display of sunflowers in a pot?
The funniest sunflower?

You can grow your own sunflowers from seed - it's the ideal time of the year to get them started - or we will have some plants available at Picnic on the Green on May 5th, between 12 and 6pm. Come along and pick one up.

As your sunflowers grow, please email photos, including your name and contact details, to liphookinbloom@gmail.com and we'll add them to our website.

The competition closes on Sunday 18th August and judging will be shortly afterwards.



SUSTAINABLE PLANTING INITIATIVE

During March, Phase I of the Sustainable Planting Initiative was completed, with some permanent planting added to the beds at Fletcher's Field, Millennium Hall and some in the bed outside Homes Estate Agents. This will help to reduce the amount of water needed to water the beds. I know, lack of water is hard to believe right now, but last year after we'd planted the summer bedding the ground was parched for the month of June and if we hadn't watered we'd have lost all the summer displays! It will also make us more sustainable and there will be added interest in the winter months.



LIPHOOK IN BLOOM PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

Did you know that Liphook in Bloom makes a beautiful photographic record of our activities each year? The majority of the Photo Albums are kept in the Heritage Centre at the Millennium Hall, but Liphook Library will keep a couple of albums in the Library to browse through. Please visit the library and have a look.

Carole Burns has been creating these gorgeous albums on and off since Liphook in Bloom started in 1997 and has decided to step back from this activity. A huge thank you to Carole for her creations and dedication to Liphook in Bloom.

This means that we are looking for someone who would like to take over from her. Maybe someone who would like to volunteer for Liphook in Bloom but doesn't fancy weeding the beds or planting out.

Would you like to do it? Or do you know someone who might? Please get in touch and we can have a chat. Please email us at liphookinbloom@gmail.com with your contact details and we'll contact you. Thank you very much.



SPONSORS

Every year, as most of you know, businesses in the village sponsor our hanging baskets with a minimum contribution of £60. In return, we put a plaque underneath the basket with the name of the company or individual sponsoring.

We have a few baskets that need sponsors!

If you know anyone, who is perhaps running a business from home and would like to see their business name visible in the village please get in touch with us - we would love to hear from you. Liphook in Bloom is funded entirely from sponsorship money and run by volunteers, so your money would be used for the benefit of the whole village.

That's it for the Spring Newsletter! - as we said earlier we hope you'll pop along and see us at the Picnic on the Green. Thank you all again for your contribution to Liphook in Bloom.

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liphookinbloom@gmail.com