

Congleton In Bloom Working Group Meeting

2nd May 2025

Attendees: Cllr D Brown (Chair), Cllr R Chadwick, Cllr G Williams, Cllr H Seddon, P Pinto, R Burgess

Apologies: Cllr R Britain, M Gartside, Cllr S Mead

The Main focus of the meeting was on finalising, to the best of our ability, the route for the Britain in Bloom Judging day and the different sites we will be visiting.

Key Action Points/ notes to consider:

Astbury Mere:

- Arrange for a variety of activities on site, (Dog Farther, Pram Fit, lake activities, volunteers on site,
- Water butts near the cafe

Alexandra Court Hotel

- Visit depending on if the judges stay overnight at the hotel

New Life Church Jubilee Club,

- See the view from the North West in Bloom Judges in a view to visit the Jubilee Club and gardens

Elizabeth Garden :

- Staying on the front pavement to view the garden
- Check Mereside Ave (360' view)

Stirling Close Biodiversity site :

- Invite Rebecca Franklin, Adrian Bullock and Cllr S Firkin to speak to the judges
- 2 min speak on biodiversity x30 sites

Bear Roundabout :

- Cosmos around bears as per previous years

Fariground Car Park food 4 freed area:

- Display board
- Invite Val and Alec to speak to judges using crib sheet provided

St Peter's Church :

- Strip grass at the back for wildflower seeds
- 10 displays within the church
- Contain the tour to the church only

Congleton Park :

- Back to back gardens to be done first then go around the park to end the tour
- Bee garden the decision whether to visit the part of the park will be made the week leading up to judging day as the sites requires some work to enhance and tidy the area, as currently ASB is occurring within the garden.

Lunch will be in the park outside if weather is fine, catering to be done via Mark Bailey and transported across to the park from the town hall. If the weather is poor to have lunch at the Town Hall

Following paperwork to be completed by 23rd May via Ruth Burgess:

- Portfolio
- Presentation
- Speech for DB
- Leaflets for each site to hand to judges
- 2 x videos from new working group members
- Photo loop

Actions separate from route meeting

Email – Summer bedding order to group

Bike rack in the pedestrian area to be removed

Make sure the following are all booked for both judging days

- Ian from the museum
- Rickshaw for the park tour
- Town Crier and mayor

Emails to finance regarding train and hotel tickets for Britain in Bloom Awards Day in Brighton for x 5 people