



BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALIST 2026
with the RHS

There are an unusually large number of 'Parsh Notices' this month so please save the dates!



Our annual plant sale will take place outside the library in the Town garden from 9.30am on Saturday 9th May.

Open Gardens Weekend will be on 6th/7th June – more details to follow.



PiB will have a small float in the Portishead Carnival on the morning of 13th June. We would love volunteers to walk behind the float- wearing bright clothes, (floral patterns if possible) sun hats or umbrellas/parasols - bring your children and grandchildren too- email

dianeworkman039@gmail.com if you would like to join the procession.

A reminder about the PiB Annual Front Garden Competition. If you are proud of your front garden or know of someone else's beautiful front garden, why not enter our competition which will be judged at the end of June. Email ejpgano@gmail.com with the name and address of the garden owner and their email address. Judging is based on the overall design, plant selection and integration of any seasonal displays with permanent planting. The maintenance of hard landscape and approach to sustainability is also considered.



All work parties are 9.30-11.30	Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags
Sunday 12 th April 8am start	Boat Roundabout – please mind the traffic!
Wednesday 15 th April	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 23 rd April	Station Road
Monday 27 th April	Millennium Garden
Tuesday 5 th May	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Saturday 9 th May	Plant Sale outside library
Tuesday 12 th May	Town Garden and Old Mill
Sunday 17 th May 9.30am	Empty blue tubs
Wednesday 20 th May	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 21 st May 6pm	Replant blue tubs
Thursday 28 th May	Jubilee Park



We are still collecting tools – please check the online to see what is needed. Email [portishead in bloom@outlook.com.uk](mailto:portishead_in_bloom@outlook.com.uk) to arrange collection.
<https://www.twam.uk/donatetools>



March began with some bright, dry days – there were lots of volunteer gardeners in Rodmoor Gardens on Monday 2nd – and by the time they left the whole area was looking so nice! WE would love to have more gardeners helping so if you fancy joining us just come along to any work party and we will make you very welcome!

PIB volunteers are working with the Youth Centre to refresh the mural on the wall in the Town Garden – one aspect of the design is to add some mosaic butterflies. The children have enjoyed creating bright and symmetrical patterns – and are excited to know these will be displayed so prominently. Once the weather warms up we can progress this project further...



Drought tolerant plants have been planted in one of the Town Garden beds – these have been funded by generous donations in remembrance of Greg Iles.



Thirteen gardeners were busy again in the Town Garden on 10th March – one of the beds is being prepared to be resown with annual flowering seeds whilst elsewhere gardeners were pruning and tidying in the pleasant sunshine. The blue tubs are looking their best right now....





On Saturday 14th there were two volunteer gardeners tidying the grasses near Aldi and eight working on the heather beds at West Hill. Sadly a number of heathers and grasses have not survived the winter in the beds on West Hill and will need to be replaced – we also need to try again to improve the soil in that location as it is very heavy and difficult to work.



We were delighted by the warmth and pleasant gardening conditions on Wednesday 18th March – some of the gardeners cut back the encroaching growth along the pavement whilst others weeded, pruned the black bamboo and planted out some of the ‘poorly plants’ which were rescued from a garden centre’s reduced section last Autumn – they have thrived and we are always pleased to both save money and to be able to give such plants a second chance. Definitely a virtuous circle.

It’s the time of year when weeds grow fast so our volunteer gardeners pop up all over the place – on the left in Jubilee Park and on the right the Memorial Beds in Albert Road looking so much smarter after being weeded.

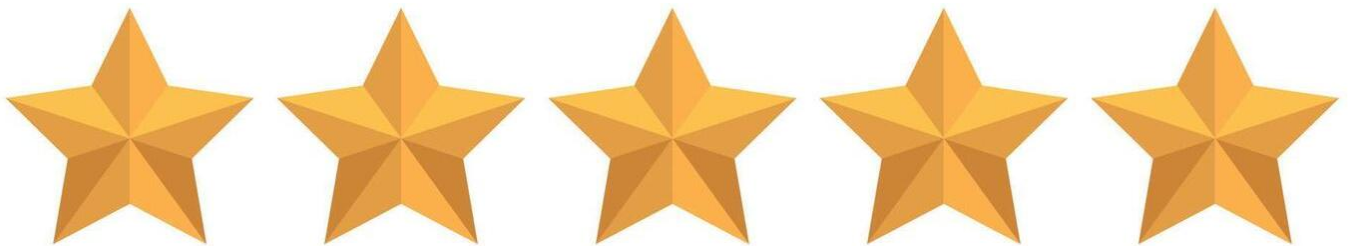




The butterflies carefully grouted and varnished, and once we had a warm dry day the wall was repainted and subsequently decorated with colourful flowers. Thanks to everyone involved – it looks great!



One final piece of good news this month – at the South West in Bloom Spring Seminar it was announced that both Jubilee Park and Rodmoor Gardens achieved 5* status in the Parks Category which was judged last August.



A late request for help! If you have any empty compost bags which can be used for the soil which is taken out of the blue tubs please bring them along on Sundy 17th May or to any prior work parties ! Thanks!!