



March 2026



All work parties are 9.30-11.30am	Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Town Garden and Old Mill
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	West Hill
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Jubilee Park
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Town Garden and Old Mill
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Boat Roundabout
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Station Road
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Millennium Garden

Harbourside WI, who look after three flower beds at the entrance to the Lakegrounds, contacted PiB to ask for a one-off work party to get the huge yuccas back under control. Ten gardeners spent an hour doing just that on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February then they turned over the soil and edged the beds – we hope the WI gardening group will now be able to continue to manage their beds and enjoy their gardening. Subsequently the gardeners returned to Rodmoor Gardens to rejoin their PiB colleagues weeding, pruning and tidying!



It was exceptionally muddy on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> when the gardeners mulched the rose beds with our home-made compost. This is heavy work made worse by the prevailing weather conditions – so huge thanks to all who helped.



The mild winter has meant that the annual meadow seeds in the Town Garden have germinated well for a second year although they are not designed to do this, so we decided to give them a chance by transplanting some of the plants to less prominent sites – if they continue to flourish we will have a bonus display in the summer! It was so nice to have a dry day for the work party and lots of people helping – we were able to weed extensively and give the whole area a thorough tidy.



It was a bitterly cold morning when nine gardeners pruned the roses in Rodmoor Gardens on 17<sup>th</sup> February – it can be a back breaking task but with many hands the task was completed fairly quickly which was a relief as the gardeners were finding such a static task particularly challenging in the cold – but we always enjoy the companionship and being in such beautiful surroundings!



PiB volunteers, old and new, including some of the flag-makers met in the Lido Café on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February – a chance to catch up, in the warm and find out more about plans for 2026!

***Hold the date! Portishead in Bloom will be having a float in the Portishead Carnival on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow but put the date in your diary if you would like to be involved!***





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 [eipagano@gmail.com](mailto:eipagano@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.



The Spring flowers are appearing in the Memorial Beds at Albert Road too – thanks to the small group gardeners weeding here!



The gardeners completed the month with a work party in Station Road – the daffodils are a delight! We would love to have more gardeners join us – if you enjoy being outside, would like to help keep the town looking lovely and have time to spare please think about coming to take part in a work party.



Save the dates! Our annual plant sale will take place outside the library in the Town garden from 9.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Open Gardens Weekend will be on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow.

