



April 2025 Newsletter

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March was a bright sunny day – as proved by Marjorie’s sun hat! It was also the date designated for pruning the roses in Rodmoor Gardens – 13 gardeners set to as it’s a big job which needs care. And we were grateful to Brian who acted as our ‘tinker’, sharpening everyone’s secateurs and loppers. Rodmoor is looking really colourful with lots of daffodils, crocuses etc – the ones newly planted along both the bottom beds and the wall where the box hedge used to be look splendid.



All work parties are 9.30-11.30am

Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Lido beds and meadow

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Millennium Garden

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Town Garden and Old Mill

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Old Mill – removing gravel – heavy work!

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Jubilee Park

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Town Garden and Old Mill

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Empty blue tubs

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

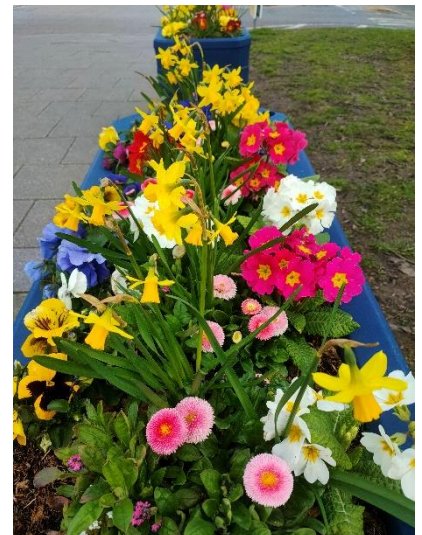
Replant blue tubs

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Millennium Garden



Our annual plant sale will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Garden, opposite the library from 9.30 am



More dates for the diary – our annual Open Gardens weekend is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow!





The photinia (Red Robin) trees in the circular beds at Rodmoor Gardens had become too large,



preventing the sun and rain from reaching the roses below. Pruning them was far too big a task for the volunteers so we have employed a skilled, local tree surgeon to do the job.



One of our major tasks this year will be replacing the rotten timbers which form the raised beds in the Town Garden. The first step was to remove the top line of sleepers and assess which needed renewing – sadly the situation was worse than anticipated and we will need to order some soft wood ones for the middle rows as well as hard wood sleepers for the top row. On the same morning, other gardeners



were pruning the large hydrangea and weeding the beds whilst at the Old Mill more progress was made exposing the cobbled road surface.



A reminder that we are looking for the perfect photograph for the front cover of the portfolio which showcases PiB's horticultural achievement, community involvement and environmental responsibility. The photographs should be images of Portishead taken between September 2024 and May 2025 and should be emailed to [portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com](mailto:portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com) by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. We look forward to seeing your ideas!





Fortunately, the weather was ideal on 19<sup>th</sup> March when the new sleepers were delivered. The preparation work already undertaken meant it was a relatively simple, if heavy, task to slot the replacements into the spaces already created and fix them securely. We think the original timbers have been in place for nine years so hopefully the Town Garden is in good shape now to continue for a similar period of time. Thanks to Barry and his team for their hard work.



The regular working party in Rodmoor at the same time was consequently reduced in numbers but nonetheless more weeding, edging and general tidying took place.

Our busy month continued with a slightly depleted working party at Jubilee Park - but good to see two of the DoE students helping!



And we finished the month weeding and tidying the two large beds on the corner of Station Road – they are both looking much better now all the brambles have gone and we look forward to seeing the shrubs planted last year flourishing now they have more light. It's amazing how much can be done by ten enthusiastic gardeners in just two hours – and that includes our coffee break! More help is always needed – you would be very welcome!