



September 2026 Newsletter



Monday 3rd August saw 14 volunteer gardeners continuing to look after the roses in Rodmoor Gardens – and then enjoying a well earned coffee in the shade. There was also a lot of ‘serious cutting back’ for the overgrown shrubs in the far border which

has opened up space for some new planting in the Autumn.



With the hot dry weather continuing the Town Garden was looking a little sad, many of the plants had finished flowering so were cut back, a job which we normally do in Autumn. The



volunteer gardeners were also tidying beds elsewhere around the town and watering in Rodmoor Gardens.

The hot dry weather continued – just look at the grass in Rodmoor Gardens on 19th August – we have decided to focus attention on the far borders this Autumn and will be clearing some spaces and revamping the planting to give more colour and focus to this area of the garden for next year.



The social aspect of our work parties is very important – thanks to Anita for this lovely photo of the coffee break. If you enjoy gardening, we would love to see you at a work party, no expertise required, everyone welcome.



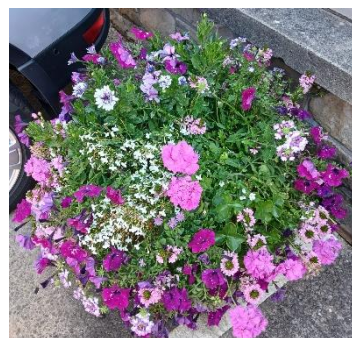
Brian and Bill love a big task so they decided to lift the crowns of the trees in the Station Road beds on 27th August – this required a bow saw and created a huge pile of branches – a much needed improvement which will let more light in. Eight more gardeners weeded, cut back and generally tidied. And to finish here's one more coffee break!





The annual judging of the business tubs has taken place, and as so often it was very difficult to choose the best. So, this year we decided to award more certificates of recognition as it has been incredibly hard for people to look after the tubs in such difficult weather conditions. The judging looks at overall look, watering, deadheading. This year's winner is iSunn tanning on West Hill (the owner was delighted as he also won in 2025- which this year's judges didn't know!), joint second were Petite Hair and Cosmo Derma with a further tie for third between Monmouthshire Building Society, Reel Fun Fishing, Co-op Marina and Tudor Garage. Highly Commended, in recognition of keeping their tubs looking great: Robert John Hair, The Card Shop, Ebb and Flo, Powell and Associates, Mokoko, Costa Marina, Sue Ryder, Evolve Dentist, Specsavers, Miles Morgan Travel, Portishead Dental Practice, Dyer and Scott, Oxfam, The Sports Shop, Blockhouse Bakehouse, Tonic Hair and Beauty, Habourside Chiropractor, Habourside Family Practice, Mark's Barbers, Teepig.

Thank you to all the businesses which purchased one or more of our tubs – having so much support makes a big difference to the High Street and demonstrates pride in the town. The RHS judges were all impressed by this community effort.



All work parties are 9.30-11.30am	Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags
Monday September 7th	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Tuesday September 15th	Town Garden and Old Mill
Saturday September 19th	West Hill
Wednesday September 23rd	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 1st October	Jubilee Park
Monday 5th October	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Tuesday 13th October	Town Garden and Old Mill
Sunday 18th October	Empty blue tubs
Wednesday 21st October	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Sunday 25rd October	Replant blue tubs