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Village News

The team held an informal meeting at the Lord Nelson on Thursday 13th October. It was well attended and several new faces were there to offer support. Several things were raised, and action was decided. These included a work part to split and replant the perennials in the Winding Wheel garden and under plant with tulip and Allium bulbs. Npower to be contacted about the amount of ivy pulled off the sub-station and left as a result of their workmen carrying out roof repairs on the building. The Produce Table on High Street to be repaired. Date to be fixed for 2016 Plant Sale. A colour scheme was decided for the village for summer. The planter sponsored by West End Builders to be given a makeover. Further work parties needed to cut and manage saplings along the rivers course through the village.

As this is the final newsletter of the year the team will continue to communicate with villagers from now until March by way of the Facebook Page. So please look out for posts about what is happening in the village and how you can help during the winter months. Thanks again to everyone for helping keep the village looking so good throughout 2016.

Ada Brooks Trophy 2016.

Dilys and Richard have been presented with The Gold Medal Certificate and the Ada Book Shield for the Best House Frontage. The combination of vegetable, perennials, annuals and herbs has once again been spectacular. Congratulations to them both and to everyone else. This annual village competition has proved to be very popular this year, so start thinking what you can do for 2017 to get your name on the trophy.

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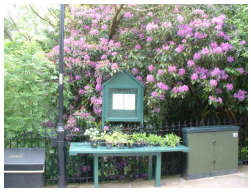

The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

The goods being placed on the table are again proving very popular. Thanks to everyone who has been making donations that supply the villagers with items ranging from veg through to plants throughout the year. The money being raised will again be used to benefit the village flora's displays. As already mentioned the table is looking a bit worse for wear so repairs are in hand to rectify the top as soon as possible.

Gardening tips for the Winter Months

If your green house is empty and you can keep the temperature above freezing, then you can grow winter lettuce leaves for use during the coming months. Any tender plants should now be brought in and protected. Whilst the weather remains mild lift and split perenials in the flower bed. Bargains will soon be available in garden centres of spring bulbs as they move towards their Christmas displays, so its not to late to pot up daffs, tulips etc. In the veg patch now is the the time to sow green manure to cover any bare patches of earth. Alternativley broan beans can now be sown direct into the soils but they should be protected if the weather becomes to cold over the coming months. Empty compost bins and use it in the garden especially around perenials. Again while the weather remains mild, mow the lawn on a high setting . Clean garden footpaths to prevent them becoming too slippery. Rake up fallen leaves, place in bin bags, tie the top up and make some holes with a garden fork and store in a sheltered area of the garden. Next year you will have some great leaf mulch for your pots.

Eric's View

On some of the sunnier days butterflies like Commas, Peacocks and Small Tortoishells can still be seen in the garden. Look out for flocks of Fieldfares in the surrounding countryside and Waxwings in the hedges feeding on winter fruits. Keep your feeders supplied with a mixture of food to help the smaller birds through hard times. Check your bonfires for hedgehogs before lighting them up. Get out and about on autumn and winter days and see what you can find and take your camera with you. Please share your results on the Facebook page.

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