

SOUTH MOLTON IN BLOOM

Meeting held at 2.30 pm at The Amory Centre on 12 May 2026

Present: Sue Harrison, Carol Grice, David Worden, Jane Lucas, Tonia Noto, Marie Lodge, Marcus Alexander

Apologies: Miki King, Sheila Farrant

Absent: Andrew Coates, Adam Nichols, Andy Brooks, Tina Trevena

Minutes of the last meeting had been read, and agreed. All were in favour.

Proposed by Jane Lucas, Seconded by Marie Lodge.

Sue advised us Mike was leaving our Group as he was moving. A big thank you to Mike for all his help.

Miki and her husband are looking after Liverot Walk together with the School.

Sue to contact Tina re the 1 bed at the Hospital.

Sue has re-written our Constitution. We discussed a Membership Agreement. It was decided and agreed that we just sign the Constitution.

CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT

MEMBERS NOW IN GROUP:

Sue Coordinator..Gateway Path and New Rd Bed

Jane Treasurer..Sheep Pen

Carol Secretary..Stump

Miki King... Livarot Walk

Marie Lodge.. Hospital Beds x4

Tina Trevena ..Hospital Bed x1

David Worden.. Council Rep

Sheila Farrant.. East St Beds

Marcus Alexander..North Rd Beds and Website

Adam ..link with mkt

Bridget ..artwork

Andy Brookes ...general heavy help

Mike Field ..growing plants but soon to move and leave

Tonia ..Entrance to the park

ALL OF US ..Church Steps/Sainsburys/Enhancement/Memorial/ behind medical centre and help all round


We have planted the tiny trees that Brian got for us along the Gateway Path and the

entrance to Central Park.

Tonia is really getting to grips with the entrance to the park.

We had an objection to the trees down the bottom of The Gateway Path, as he said they might fall on his house, so Jane moved them. However the Gateway Path is looking fab.

I still have to contact Jim and Hilda re the Bus Stop.

Church Steps is beginning to look fab and the hydrangeas are taking after I watered them loads.

The two standard roses and pots in front of The Amory have taken, as they are being

watered. Carol glued on CCTV stickers on.

Miki King has done an amazing job at Livarot with both the beds and the planters and the trees. She has put beautiful wooden surrounds around the trees and is going to do the same at the Gateway on Friday. The school have planted some red and white plants.

The stump is starting to take shape thanks to Carol. Jane and I watered it this morning, and reminded the Coaching Inn that they promised to water it too. Sheep Pen is also looking good thanks to Jane, we just need a day working together on the top bit.

Jane, Sheila and I have done the Memorial and we have also popped loads of bare root red lupins in the pots but will be planting more at the end of May.

The New Rd bed is looking fab but needs regular weeding and bark.

Marie has done a great job with the hospital beds and we are in the process of asking the residents opposite if they will have a butt.

Marcus has also done a great job with the three New Rd beds and they are already coming out red and white. One Stop is still chasing the possibility of a butt.

The back of the Medical Centre has taken off and a guy called Jack is going to do a red and white veg patch further up there.

The three tiered planters and the East St beds and Sainsburys all need a good load of gardening and work done on them.

We are still waiting to hear about the new East St planters and the water bowser and all the funding from the council.

We have no waterproof jackets now but Clair did get us t shirts.

David .. are the community gardens and arts destination getting involved?

All three schools and all the knitters are heavily involved and ALL the churches apart from C of E are now involved.

Business sponsors are kicking off so this year ..

Engie £1500

Cheese larder £200

central Park Garage £150

NFU £250

Home Instead £250..still more to come and be approached

The Roman Catholic Church have contributed £100 towards the planting

The Baptist Church are doing their own but we are contributing a standard rose

The Methodist Church are doing their own but we contributed an acer tree

Yas collected £106.07 in our bucket in the market which has been paid into our account.

We have spent a lot on border edges for the trees at Livarot and Gateway Path, green paint for the wood at Livarot and also two special plants that Miki wanted Cercis Chinesis which I could only get from Thompson and Morgan and they have not arrived yet.

We now have wild flowers behind the medical centre, church steps and Livarot Walk.

Paul has our banner .. to be collected.

Marcus is going to redo our website as Adam has a lot on at the moment.

So the amount in the bank at the moment is £1586.74

WINDOW AND FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION TO BE DISCUSSED

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT >> SHALL WE JUST DO THE CONSTITUTION AND GET IT SIGNED ?

Nothing from Quince Honey Farm re sponsorship.

We discussed a window and front garden competition, before July. Sue was going to ask the shops, and organise a poster. Also put an advert in the Molton Monthly. We would ask for pictures to be emailed to us and choose the top 3. Rules : front garden arrangement, visible from the road. Colour scheme - red and white, bikes or football. Start and end date plus judging date to be printed. Think of an award (St John's re plants). Find someone to give out the award.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Over the last two months Sue, Tonia, Marcus, Mike, Clair, Marie, Jane, Carol, Brian have all worked extremely hard with weeding, planting, watered, laying bark all over South Molton. Trudy in supplying the t-shirts.

****A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL. ****

Also noted from Facebook volunteers have been planting spring flowers across the town. Supporting the Gardening Club at the Methodist Church. Clair, Sue and Tonia have begun to clear the beds leading to Central Park and wild flower seeds from the WI have been scattered.

Carol has replanted plants in the 'Stump'. I have 2 new ones to put in to replace two dead ones.

Carol noticed the paved area opposite Market Vets has a sign that says "dedicated to South Molton & Liverot". It was assigned to South Molton Twinning Association by Devon County Council since 2015. Margaret and Steve White look after some of it. The crab apple tree a bit further down was planted by the old South Molton WI to celebrate 100 years of the WI pre-Covid. Margaret and Steve weed when they can, but Carol, Maureen and Tonia, or anyone else, can make a start weeding.

East Street bricks still need painting red and white.

Sue was contacted by Chittlehampton asking if we would volunteer to cheer up their pots and raised bed in The Square. We went along to see what they had. 5 large pots and a long raised bed. All need clearing out, new soil and plants. They will arrange to take away the debris. They will have to water them. We would get a donation for helping out.

Sue has all the Next of Kin forms.

No other business.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE AT 2.30 PM IN THE AMORY CENTRE