

Making Prestbury a brighter and greener place to live

Do you like gardening? Could you help?

The great success of Prestbury Open Gardens in 2019 showed just how many people enjoy gardens and gardening. It also seemed to bring the community together.

If you would be willing to open your garden in 2021 please get in touch. Feedback about the event showed that people really appreciated the smaller gardens and vegetable plots so we will be looking for more small gardens and perhaps allotments.

Open Gardens is a lovely event but involves a small group of people and a lot of hard work. A way to make Prestbury a more vibrant and attractive place to live and to involve the wider community would be to have hanging baskets and planters throughout the village every summer. There could be planters in such places as the Starvehall Farm development and Noverton Park, and along the wall of the Kings Arms car park. There could be guerilla garden planting along Windyridge Road and New Barn Lane. It could bring joy to everyone whether on foot, looking out of their window or stuck in slow traffic.

What we need is volunteers to put out a hanging basket on their property or 'adopt a planter' or groups of people to work together on an area of planting. Perhaps you can grow and donate some plants from seed? The benefits would be huge for us all.

You don't need to have a garden of your own. Maybe you have downsized and would love to tend and care for a planter on the roadside near your house. You would have the pleasure of gardening and meet up with other like-minded people too.

If we can build a gardening community spirit in this way perhaps we can work towards planting a Community Garden or even a Community Orchard! We need more trees to combat climate change!

If you are at all interested in any of these ideas or have any suggestions to make please get in contact via **PrestburyOpenGardens@gmail.com**