

## **Groups with Horticultural Interests:**

**Barrow Gardening Club** – Members of the Club maintain Jerusalem Island and support various events around the village throughout the year

**Barrow Open Gardens** – Raises funding throughout the year for a local hospice, Rainbows, by holding various events throughout the year, with the main event being Barrow Open Gardens in June every year.

**Allotment Association** – The Glebe allotments on Nottingham Road are the last remaining allotments in the Barrow parish.

**Barrow Community Library Volunteers** – the volunteers from the library, with support from BUSCA, maintain planters on North Street

**Women's Institute** – Members of the WI maintain the Centenary Garden on Nottingham Road

**Barrow Footpath Group** – Cut back overgrowth from jitties around the village, and footpaths leading to nearby villages, throughout the year. The footpath Group also run litter picking events in the village in support of Keep Britain Tidy and the Great British Spring clean.

## **Parish Council owned land:**

- King George V Playing Field
- Sensory Garden
- Mill Lane Playground
- Marans Twinning Garden
- Millennium Park
- The War Memorial
- The Cemetery
- Entrances to the Village

## **Other Community Groups**

- BUSCA
- Barrow Hedgehog Rescue
- Hall Orchard Eco Warriors
- Walking For health

## **Review Of Areas For Development from July 18 Judges Tour**

### **Details of 2019/20 Plans**

### **Ideas for Future Consideration**

## BARROW GARDENING CLUB



In 1952, to mark the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, Jerusalem Island was gifted to the Parish Council and the monument and plesiosaurus sign was erected about 1953. This sign is commonly referred to as the 'Kipper'.

About the same time, the oak (*Quercus robur*) was planted. We think it was in the late 1980's that the Gardening Club's group

of keen volunteers led by Doug Knight were given permission to 'garden' the island.



Initially, the group started by dividing it up into beds and then planting lots of bedding plants grown by members. More recently, annual grants from the Parish Council enabled shrubs and a wider variety of bulbs and seasonal colour to be planted.

At present we have only 5 members volunteering but we hope to increase this soon as more members have expressed an interest in getting involved. We each have our own areas but help each other as needed.

Each area is different as we can choose what to plant as long as it does not grow too big and obstruct the view of the monument.

We garden when we want but always try to meet up on there on the first Saturday of the month and discuss

ideas as well as weeding and planting.

The volunteers were delighted last year to take part in Barrow in Bloom and to receive a Judge's award for the roundabout.

## BARROW GARDENING CLUB

RHS Chatsworth 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> June 2019



The Royal Horticultural Society recently sent out an invitation to all of their affiliated associations to ask if they would like to apply to exhibit a planter at RHS Chatsworth from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. Barrow upon Soar Gardening Club, who are affiliated, decided to apply. How could they not?

This year's theme is "a sense of wellbeing". All the village gardening club members were involved in designing the planter as they gave their individual views on what plants and ideas conjured a feeling of well-being for them. Suggestions came thick and fast from bluebell woods, spring flowers, poppies "dancing" in the breeze, alpine meadows plus trees in blossom. There was a common theme which centred on "finding time to smell the roses" and involving all five senses.

With just a week to go before the deadline for a submission, a design was drawn up by Sue Perkins. It was based on everybody's ideas and really does give you a sense of well-being. It shows a half finished planter with a half written "to do" list as the gardener has stopped for a cup of tea and a lavender biscuit so that there's time to "smell the roses!".

The plants chosen complement the theme, aiming to feed all the senses. A colourful scented rose "Morada", which means "be happy", tumbles down and is also a good pollinator. There's lavender and peppermint for touch, taste and smell, yarrow for healing and health, a wind chime for movement and sound and finally some butterflies on sticks for added colour. There's no plastic anywhere.

The application was submitted, informing the RHS that although the gardening club is small in membership, they are passionate about their chosen pastime. They know that gardening lifts their spirits and brings a real sense of community and well-being. Obviously, they mentioned the fact that the village roundabout called "Jerusalem" is maintained by them!

Club members were surprised and excited when they learned that their application had been successful - their little gardening club would be exhibiting at RHS Chatsworth! Four club members, Maggie, Lesley, Annette and Jan will travel to the site to set the planter up – the actual materials will be provided by the RHS. There will be an opportunity for visitors



to the show to vote for a "People's Choice", a bit like a "best in show" event. The winner will be announced on the final day. Two club members, Maggie and Veronica have free passes to attend on behalf of the club. Watch out for an update in the next issue of Barrow Voice!

The gardening club will let the RHS have the planter because at the end of the show it will be donated to a charity – so it will be enjoyed by others. The club will also put together another, similar planter for the village. It will be donated as a prize at this year's Open Gardens – so will benefit Rainbows as well. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the next Gardening Club meeting on Thursday September 18th in the library at 7.30pm. The talk will be "How to start a new garden".

*Jeanette Hollis*

## BARROW OPEN GARDENS



**Children planting at the Sashay into Spring event.**

This is an annual event usually held over the last weekend in June where gardens around the village are open to the public. All monies raised are given to the local charity, Rainbows Children's Hospice. The Open Gardens team hold various events throughout the year to raise funding; for the 2019 event it all began with a stall at the 'Barrow Street Market' on 8th July 2018, next it was 'Autumn Watch' and the 'Scarecrow competition' on 22nd September 2018, followed by 'Winter Wonderland Stall' at the village Christmas Market on 1st December 2018. The final event was 'Sashaying into Spring' and 'Wind chime/Suncatcher Competition' on 23rd March 2019.

### Open Gardens 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 19:

For 2019 we wanted at least 20 gardens, of different styles and types from all corners of our lovely village to feature in a fantastic weekend. Our programme boasted 22 hidden gardens, including 6 new openers plus one returning after a long break, 4 community

gardened public spaces, 1 garden planted by children and 3 Parish Council spaces all linked by walks highlighting the village's many jitties tended by the community Footpaths Group.



## BARROW OPEN GARDENS

There was also a special exhibition celebrating the contribution that Openers past and present have made to the life of our village. Beautifully curated by Barrow Heritage Group it drew on a mix of personal memories and material gathered from back copies of Barrow Voice, our community magazine. The exhibition was accompanied by a display of artwork by Barrow artist Chris Bates, whose images are to be found illustrating many of the village publications.



It wasn't the easiest of run ups to this year's event as we watched the rain lash down on our poor gardens but the forecast did suggest the weather might manage to rally over the weekend.

Programme sales at the flower shop were going well but there was always a bit of a worry that people wouldn't turn out, though we knew intrepid fellow gardeners from far and wide would, come what may! In the end though the rain stopped, the flowers rallied, the sun shone and the people came. It was fabulous! The gardens looked lovely, the plants amazing, and the cakes even more scrumptious than ever. The exhibition and art gallery were wonderful and of course there were Rainbows in the Roundhouse.



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The rain did manage to make its presence felt on both afternoons but it didn't dim our enthusiasm or diminish our achievements.

All of the visitors I spoke to had nothing but nice words to say about Barrow, the gardens and in particular people

showing their gardens. They loved the variety of gardens, the plant stalls, the friendliness and the programme.



**The amount raised in 2019 for Rainbows - £6,777 Fantastic**

*Lin Webb*

## ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Glebe allotments on Nottingham Road are the last remaining allotments in the Barrow parish.

Allotments were once numerous on sites such as Hall Orchard School and opposite the terrace houses on Nottingham Road.

There is no water connection present on site which can be a challenge in dry summers.

Water collection proves invaluable in the months of May and June when many plants are establishing and their roots growing ever deeper. Of course, clean tap water is beneficial for seed beds and seedlings.



Good garden husbandry such as digging deep trenches in the autumn and half filling with manure/garden waste then back filling with soil are very helpful. This is especially helpful with pumpkins, beans and peas.

The soil is clay based so prone to drying to a hard crust in summer. Green manures and mulching help retain the water in dry summers. The site has plots in varying levels of cultivation. Two or three of the 32 plots even being fallow. There are in fact fifty plots but 12 have long been set aside by the landlord for agricultural rent and this land has been left fallow for two years.

From time to time plot holders seek helpers (see email below) - who garden, without a charge, a portion of the plot for free in order to keep it in good condition.



Enquiries about helping a plot holder email: [publicity@glebeallotments.co.uk](mailto:publicity@glebeallotments.co.uk)

Webpage <http://www.glebeallotments.co.uk>

*Simon Grant*

## **BARROW COMMUNITY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

The planters outside the library were put in place in October 2017 to help to make the area look as inviting as possible, but also in part, to try to discourage people from parking in front of the library.

The planters were made and maintained by a volunteer; they are planted up twice a year by BUSCA; and they are watered by library volunteers and the Parish Council.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



**March 2019**

We took over the garden from the Guides late 2014 with the intention of making it the WI Centenary Garden in 2015, celebrating 100 years since the WI started. We purchased three centenary rose bushes to go in the garden, but only two have survived. A fellow WI member, Brenda, helped to get the garden started but she moved to Ashby and I have tended it on my own since. An ex-mayor did the official opening for the garden with drinks and cakes laid on.

It has not been without its challenges. The flower bed's position is far from perfect, with two Hornbeam trees hovering over it, trapping the sunlight and moisture. At some point in the future it is hoped that some of the overhanging branches may be able to be lopped back. There is no access to water close by and this does cause a problem, however, solutions such as installing water barrels close by are to be looked at by the Parish Council, and this would help significantly.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



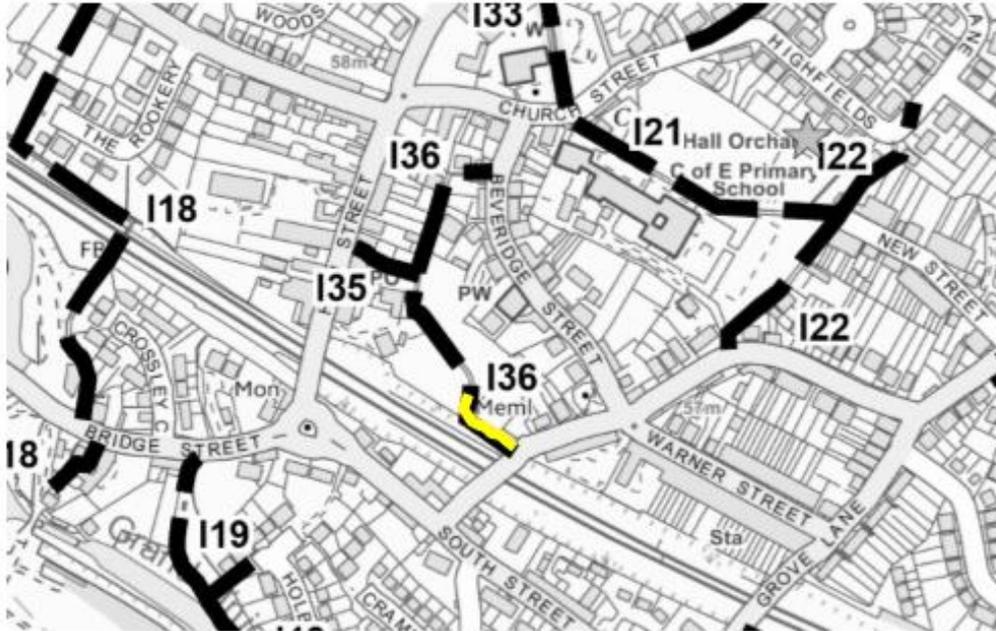
**July 2019**

The garden is looking quite established now. Some plants have not survived so I have had to do a bit of research to find ones that like the conditions. We have a small herb patch and one or two people walking by have asked if it is ok to pick some, which is fine. The recent rain has been a bonus!

*Pat Moore*

## BARROW FOOTPATHS GROUP

This is a new village group of volunteers with the aim to keep our footpaths, jitties and open spaces clear of rubbish and overhanging branches and brambles. We meet every two weeks, usually on Thursday mornings at 10am.



Bottom of Shooting Close Land - Before



Bottom of Shooting Close Land - After

## BARROW FOOTPATHS GROUP



Looking to the Bottom of Shooting Close Lane - Before



Looking to the Bottom of Shooting Close Lane - After



Top of wall - before



Top of wall - After

Green waste from our activities is usually left in situ, or under local shrubbery, in line with Borough Council recommendations, i.e., it's ecological practice to provide habitat/wildlife cover/nutrient recycling and also to save money, as well as reducing the environment footprint in terms of landfill and removal transportation costs. Where this is not suitable practice, the Parish council have provided 2 Green Waste Bins which are shared with Jerusalem Island.

## BARROW FOOTPATHS GROUP

### Great British Spring Clean 2019

The Barrow Footpaths Group organised 4 events as part of the Great British Spring Clean national event 22 March – 23 April 2019. We had 2 routes around the village with 24 volunteers in total with over 30 bags of rubbish collected. Barrow Running Club held a PLOG event, collecting litter as they ran around our village, and Hall Orchard School Eco Warriors held an event within their schools grounds.

Litter picking is also done on each clearance task throughout the year.



## PARISH COUNCIL LAND

### KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The KGV playing field has been in the ownership of the Parish Council since 1937. Over the years various areas and play equipment have been introduced to the park.

In order to make the park more attractive to the current users of the park, and to encourage more of our community members to use the facilities, a refurbishment was



**Before Re-Development**

completed in 2017. A teen area which includes a brand new multi sports area, a titan swing and a youth shelter was introduced. The older children also have the use of a BMX track located on the playing fields as well as using the football pitch for training and games. To complement the teen area we have the younger children's play area

with more up to date and stimulating play equipment which will encourage our younger community and families to use the park more for sport and play. We have also installed a perimeter path and trim trail which provides an exercise route for all age groups with the end result of providing a park that connects the community.

The Parish Council asked children from the 2 local schools, Hall Orchard and Humphrey Perkins for suggestions for improvements and ideas for play equipment to be used Play Area during a Consultation at the Parish Council Offices.



**After Re-Development**

## SENSORY GARDEN

A peaceful sensory garden has also been planted and 2 memorial benches have been installed. All the grounds maintenance for KGV is carried out by Parish Council contractors.



## MILL LANE PLAYGROUND

Mill Lane playground is a Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust site and is managed by the Parish Council. The playground on Mill Lane has a junior four seat swing, four seat cradle swing, slide, Van Springer, Bike Springer, Cone climber, roundabout, rocking Rockette, toddler picnic table and chairs and play panels.



## MARANS TWINNING GARDEN



The garden marks the links between Barrow Upon Soar and our twin town of Marans in France. The area is maintained by a volunteer. The French Roses, which mark our links with Marans, were planted in Summer 2018 during the exchange visit with

our twinning town and commemorate the 100 years since the end of World War 1.

## MILLENNIUM PARK



Millennium Park was acquired by the Parish Council from developers, in January 2003 in order to provide a Country Park and to retain, in perpetuity, a green wedge between the village and any future development. The Millennium Group, a community group, worked over a number of years to bring this project to fruition. In 2003 there was substantial planting of native trees and wild plants including a grove of trees planted by village organisations. The Millennium Group were also responsible for the installation of paths, signage, tree and wild flower planting and the creation of a wild flower meadow. The site is now managed by the Parish Council.

The most striking feature in the park is the sundial which contains one of the biggest gnomons in England. This sundial, which is one of only five of its type in the country, has received considerable public acclaim and is a major tourist attraction in the area. It set in a chapter ring of 16 hour marking granite blocks. These huge slabs of granite were supplied by Lafarge. Given enough sunlight to cast a Shadow, you can tell the time with reasonable accuracy. A plaque explains how the sundial was built. The sundial can be found in the centre of the park on a promontory overlooking the village to the west. Millennium Park and sundial were officially opened by Lady Gretton, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2004. The sundial is skirted by a wheelchair friendly path which is much used by dog-walkers.

## THE WAR MEMORIAL



March 2019

This is a very important area to Barrow residents, with the November Commemoration events always drawing a very large crowd. We have recently added Private John Henry Lee to our War Memorial. Research undertaken for our 100 year celebrations of the end of WW1 project, Barrow Remembers, to remember the 70 men that died showed that he was a Barrow soldier and was missing from the memorial.

The Parish Council provides funds to maintain the area and the grass cutting is the responsibility of the Borough council, but the practical work is carried out by volunteers.



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## CEMETERY

The Cotes Road Cemetery was dedicated on March 30th, 1895 and the first burial of Mrs Fanny Jacques took place on 21 April 1895. The care and maintenance of the Cemetery Chapel and Grounds remains in the hands of the Parish Council and it was decided to light, heat and decorate this lovely Victorian building to bring it back into use for our parishioners.



The Garden of Remembrance was added at a later date for the interment of ashes. Two more rows have been added in 2019 to accommodate demand.

Plans are in progress to purchase the field next door to the cemetery in order to extend. This will be a major project for the Parish Council over the next few years.

## ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE



**Ammonite Sculpture on Sileby Road**

There are 5 entrances to the village that the Parish Council are responsible for. Barrow Road, Sileby Road, Cotes Road, Nottingham Road and Melton Road.

The Parish Council has made efforts to make the entrances to the village more welcoming. Firstly wooden planters were installed which were planted in the Summer and Winter however when LCC changed their mowing schedule the summer grass grew over them hiding them from view. As an alternative the window boxes were installed on the signs which make a bright entrance to the village. The ammonite sculpture on Sileby Road was installed in 2014 and included a planting area. The sculpture is based on a fossil found in Barrow and donated to the British Geological Survey around 1889 by

Montagu Browne, the then curator of Leicester Museum.

## OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Barrow Upon Soar Community Association

BUSCA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with membership is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district. BUSCA holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. A number of sub-committees organise specific activities:

Barrow Voice: This is a quarterly village magazine, available in print and on-line. It aims to celebrate the achievements of Barrow people, and to produce at least six 'Feature' articles in each edition which are wide ranging, reflecting national as well as local events and are well illustrated. Articles cater for different demographics e.g. young /old, new residents / long established, men/ women. The housing growth of the village has been recorded especially noting the consequences it may have on drainage.

BUSCA events have generated many articles especially the library's improved facilities and IT courses, Centre Stage, the Panto Group, Youth Theatre, Murder Mystery and the Twinning Group's trip to Marans. As 2018 was the centenary of the end of WW1 there were special remembrance articles. New businesses were written about, such as Skidaddles and also those being taken over, Tyler's Flower Shop, Ultimate Pizza, or refurbished, the Co-op. And the Barrow Voice website off-shoot 'A Year in Pics' continued to flourish.

Barrow Panto Group: The Panto Group was formed in the autumn of 1996.

'Peter Pan the Panto' was held on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th March 2019. Rehearsals took place in the Arts Theatre of Humphrey Perkins School, Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. We always need people back stage or making costumes, scenery, getting props, helping with lights and sound, front of house...and all the other jobs that make a show. Peter Pan will be entered for the Pantomime Alliance Awards evening.

Barrow Youth Theatre: This is the Award Winning Junior branch of Barrow Panto Group. Membership consists of approximately 50 young people from 8 to 18. Rehearsals

start in April each year to produce a junior musical of high quality in the middle of November. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre. Members are directed and coached by trained experts and gain confidence and abilities. The group is supported by a large number of adults who are all DBS checked. All the adults in this thriving theatre group are volunteers and we are always looking for new help.

After our record-breaking production of Hairspray in November 2018, Barrow Youth Theatre is now hard at work on Oliver. Casting has been completed and there are nearly 70 young people attending regular rehearsals. Abi Crossley, our Director is thrilled with the way things are shaping up. The performances on Friday 1st November and Saturday 2nd November. It's going to be a spectacular show.

BUSCA New Community Building Committee: The New Community Building committee of BUSCA has worked tirelessly for the past 10+ years to try to achieve a community building that can be used by all residents at any time of day or evening. Barrow is a large village with a rapidly growing population and its many small halls do not meet with demand. Very many possible sites have been investigated

Barrow Heritage Group: The main project for this group is the history of primary education in the village. Using the log books of the church school, the Board school and the minute book of the school board, progress has been made in deciding what form a publication might take, the biggest problem being to decide what to include from the large amount of information we have accumulated.

The Heritage Group were asked to contribute a display to the Open Garden's Autumn Watch. The theme was the canal and river. After the event the display was put in the Library for a couple of weeks and then in the Beveridge Club.

The group continues to answer the enquiries that come through the web site. Currently there are three strands of activity:

- *Natural History* which includes surveys of wild life, vegetation and habitats as well as country walks;
- *People and Places* which at the moment is looking at the history of streets, their buildings and the people who lived in them;
- *Archaeology* which collects evidence from the past by field walking to collect relics and then researches the history of these relics;

Barrow Twinning Group: The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially Twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France.

In June 18 a party of 34 members, spent a very enjoyable 5 days in Marans visiting l'Île d'Aix by ferry and had an enjoyable lunch at Les Paillotes restaurant. We also visited the Chateau de la Roche Courbon. We were shown round the lowland marsh area of Marais Poitevin and had a tour of the home of the Master of the Dikes. The final trip was a guided tour of the port of La Rochelle known as La Pallice which included going into the WWII German submarine base which is within the port complex. One of our new members visited Marans as part of a school visit many years ago and was reunited with her original exchange partner and family.

In June 19 we hosted a visit by our friends from Marans. A series of visits included a guided tour of Beaumanor Hall, Greyhound racing in Nottingham, the 1940's event at Great Central Railway, a visit to Baddesley Clinton Manor House and a farewell meal at Longcliffe Golf Club. A date for the return visit next year has already been agreed. We shall continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

Barrow Community Library: The Community Library in Barrow was the first in Leicestershire to open with volunteers providing the services. In July 2015 BUSCA were handed the keys and began to run the library, providing a hub in the village for borrowing books, using computers and photocopiers, enjoying talks and events for adults and children, coming in for a chat over a cup of coffee. There is, in addition to books provided by the county council, a growing number of books provided free to the library from volunteers and the public as an Independent Book Service for free borrowing. There are about 50 volunteers that carry out frontline duties whilst others provide support through maintenance and building security duties. The library digital inclusion project provides IT support outside the library using portable computers and aims to provide assistance to those who are not accessing IT.

During 2018 the library carried out alterations and refurbishment of the library building to provide an accessible toilet, a hygienic kitchen, additional storage and replacement of the boundary fencing.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS**



**Barrow Hedgehog Rescue** – A local group that aims to save as many hedgehogs as possible, and preserve hedgehogs in the wild.

They provide workshops and lectures to local schools and other community groups to educate as many people as possible on how to help the hogs.

**Hall Orchard Eco Warriors** – Members of Hall Orchard CE Primary School took part in a Great British Spring Clean event in their school grounds as part of the wider litter picking events that took place around the village.

**Walk for Health Group** – this group has been running for a number of years and regularly has 50-60 members walking around the village footpaths and jitties, as well as the wider local countryside. Members can choose from 4 different walks, depending upon ability and meetup after the walk for coffee and biscuits at the local three Crowns public house.



## **REVIEW OF AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM JULY 18 JUDGES TOUR**

### **Section A – Horticultural Achievement**

- ✓ Planting of twinning beds – the French Roses were planted during the recent twinning visit
- ✓ Restoration of Memorial Gardens – this is underway with ongoing discussions with between land owners, the Parish Council and the Borough Council.
- ✓ Upkeep of KGV Sensory Gardens – a part time gardener has been appointed to maintain this area and other Parish Council owned areas around the village.
- ✓ Establish understanding of Local Authority maintenance regimes – discussions with the Borough Council have taken places throughout the year to better understand the timetable and level of support provided.
- ✓ Involve schools in Bloom – the local primary school has taken part in litter picking events and has its own Eco Warriors project. It is hoped this can be expanded in future years.
- ✓ Consider drought tolerant sustainable planting – the Parish Council has appointed a part time gardener to help advise on more suitable planting in Parish Owned areas. This advice can then be made available to other groups in the village.

### **Section B – Environmental Responsibility**

- ✓ More recycling initiatives – investigate the possibility of recycling garden pots, and providing community composting areas. Promote recycling of coffee grounds from local cafes. Support the local Co-Op and its recycling efforts.
- ✓ Utilise corners of recreations grounds as managed conservation areas – the Parish Council has contacted the Borough Environmental Officer to arrange a visit to the village to look provide support and advice.
- ✓ Wildflower Meadow on Millennium Park – as above
- ✓ Remove street weeds prior to judging tour – the Borough Council, Parish Council and Barrow Footpaths Group have assisted with removing weeds, leaf debris and overgrowth from the judging route.

### **Section C – Community Participation**

- ✓ Involve a wider selection of the Community in the project and presentation – it is planned to start the Bloom plans for next year by September to allow the event to be planned into village events for all groups involved.
- ✓ High Street Planters could be sponsored by local businesses – local businesses and public houses will be contacted at an early stage in future plans to confirm their level of interest and involvement
- ✓ Show Open Gardens in the Portfolio next time – Open gardens has been included in the portfolio and is part of this year's judge's tour. Discussions for future year's level of involvement will soon start.
- ✓ Consider bringing a Bloom Committee together – meetings will start to gauge interest for next year soon.

## **DETAILS OF 2019/20 PLANS:**

1. Involve the horticultural groups in the village at a much earlier stage – ideally this will start before September when a **Bloom Committee** is formed.
2. Involve the businesses along the High street in the planning for future Village Bloom events. Investigate the possibility of **businesses sponsoring beds and/or planters** around the village.
3. Involve the public houses in the village in the planning for future Village Bloom events, perhaps holding a **Best Garden Pub in the Village event**.
4. **New Street to Highfields Jitty** – in October the village Footpaths Group will re-locate the shrubs taken from Jerusalem Island into this area, and investigate getting some insect loving wild flower planting put in.
5. **Co-Op recycling plans:** In April, the manager of the Co-op applied to be a TerraCycle Hub. TerraCycle offers free recycling programmes funding by retailers and manufacturers to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste. We await the decision to confirm if Barrow Co-op is accepted as a new hub.
6. **Memorial Gardens (Gardens of Rest)** – once agreements are in place with all parties, it is hoped to begin the process of clearing the old rose beds and borders, and improve the condition of the benches.
7. **King George V Park** – to plant a 'Daffodil trail' alongside one of the current paths with school/youth involvement. To install Leaf Compost bins under trees at the top entrance.
8. **Hall Orchard School Eco Warriors** – involve this group in other projects around the village, such as helping to plant the daffodil trail.
9. Run various **village Workshops** such as caring for Hedgehogs including making a Hedgehog house, or making a planter/hanging basket

## **AREAS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

These are some of the ideas that have been raised for future consideration and depend largely on funding requirements, time constraints, community involvement and suitability.

1. Investigate the purchase and installation of additional **Water barrels** for council owned planters/beds within the village.
2. Millennium Park to have an **area of Meadow Grass** planted.
3. **Village Entrance areas** – planting of small sustainable native shrubs, bulbs, and perennial/herbaceous plants
4. **Extra bins around village** – this will need consultation with residents to confirm what locations are requested to reduce littering in the village
5. Willow Road – field Community orchard, meadow walk
6. Mill Lane – new gravel path
7. Proctors Park entrance and garden area alongside
8. Master Composter in the village – can we get a few workshops
9. Bee Keeping – can we get a lecture?