

Silver Gilt Award 2008

Stony in Bloom

The Community Project for everyone!

Springs into Action for 2009!

Coming up

25th April
Plant Sale, York House

4th July

**Judging of Competitions for
Front Garden and
Plant Containers**

11th-12th July
Open Gardens Weekend

Projects

**Bluebell-cum-Wild Flower Wood,
London Road**
**Sensory Garden, London Road/
Hale Avenue**

The snow has melted and bulbs are peeping out as spring approaches. Perhaps you saw volunteers, or have been one yourself, busy bulb planting around the Town in the autumn. The hard work will be rewarded, we hope, as all will be revealed – a mass, indeed a host, of golden daffodils. It really will seem that the year has begun!

The Stony in Bloom Group has not been idle in the winter months. The planting of the new garden at the junction of Calverton Road and Augustus Road has been completed.

New Poly Tunnel

Stony Stratford now has a poly tunnel. This will provide space for raising summer bedding and potting plants over the winter thereby saving on costs of buying new plants each year. Also,

for ecological and financial reasons, there are plans for making compost. St Mary & St Giles School has agreed to host the tunnel and the Group is delighted that Meirion Morgan, the headteacher, is keen for the children to become involved.

Open Gardens Weekend 11th-12th July

This biennial event is being organised for the first time by the Stony in Bloom Group. Can a few more residents be tempted to open their gardens and help make the weekend a truly memorable one in Stony Stratford? Proceeds will be shared between Willen Hospice and Stony in Bloom and the event offers a great opportunity to support an invaluable charity.

In progress

There are two ongoing projects in London Road. Volunteers have started to clear the undergrowth amongst the trees in the area between the Children's Centre and London Road, and members of the community who would like to join in, would be warmly welcome. The plan is to plant a natural hedge and wild flower bulbs, so the woodland becomes an attractive and peaceful place to be enjoyed by one and all. You will see work in progress on Saturday mornings 10am-12noon. Do join in if you can!

On the junction with Hale Avenue work will start soon to create a Sensory Garden with nectar plants to attract bees, which should make a stroll down London Road a more pleasurable experience – again any help is warmly welcome.

All four projects have been funded by SEEDA through the Futures Group.

Ongoing

The creation of new and beautiful areas is inspiring and uplifting. Sadly they won't remain beautiful unless they are well maintained. If there is anyone reading this who would be prepared to offer a little TLC to an area near where they live, do please contact the Stony in Bloom Group.



Plant Sale, York House 25th April

Required! Donations of labelled seedling veg plants, cuttings for outdoor containers, divisions of perennials, sweet peas, pots of bulbs for OUTDOOR planting. This is a great opportunity to find some bargains. Proceeds will be put towards the work of the Stony in Bloom Group. Don't forget the Coffee Morning at York House for all the family! More details on page 11.

Competitions

Now nature is not at variance with art, nor art with nature....

Sir Thomas Browne

Competitions are opportunities for the young and the young at heart to indulge their artistic and creative skills. The joy to passers-by beholding a stunning front garden and a wonderful array of pots filled to the brim with beautiful plants and flowers is a joy indeed. So townspeople, here is a challenge, "Have a go!" See entry forms on the next page.

For children, who may enter individually, through their school or local youth group, there are three competitions around the theme of nature:

Planting

Painting and drawing

Writing –

poem, story or article

See entry form on next page.

Watering

During summer months offers of help with watering flower containers will be essential and most welcome.

Contact the Stony in Bloom Group via the Town Council Office in the Library, or email Ursula Lewis at info@stonystratford.gov.uk.



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Competitions for Best Front Garden and Best Plant Container

For residents of Fullers Slade, Galley Hill and Stony Stratford

Judging will take place during the summer.

Please note that Gardens and Containers **must** be visible from the **front** of house.

There will be prizes for each category.

The Prize for Best Front Garden will be donated the Roman Way Garden Centre.

Please return entry form to the Stony in Bloom 2009 Competition, c/o Stony Stratford Town Council, The Library, 5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD by 15th June 2009. All entrants will be contacted nearer the time. However, if you need more information, contact Cllr Judy Deveson of the Stony in Bloom 2009 Group, c/o the Town Council Office or email rjdeveson@btinternet.com.

Entry Form

Competitions for Best Front Garden and Best Plant Container

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Email..... Telephone.....

I wish to enter

(1) Best Front Garden and/or (2) Best Plant Container. Please state 1 and/or 2



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Competitions for Children

Planting a container

Painting a floral or woodland theme

Writing a poem, a story or an article on nature

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Prizes for each category - Judging will take place during the summer

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Competitions for Children – Entry Form

Name..... Date of Birth.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Email..... Telephone.....

Name/Signature of Parent.....

Would you have any objection to a photograph of your child being used for publicity?

YES/NO *Please delete as appropriate*

I wish my child to enter Numbers 1, 2, and/or 3. Please state 1, 2 and/or 3