

Formed by likeminded residents who love Dunchurch and its heritage and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.



FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY (FODS)

DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

FODSENEWS NO 14

DUNCHURCH GARDENING VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Standing room only!

It was standing room only at the inaugural FODS gardening group meeting, held at the Dun Cow conference room on Saturday the 9th February. 28 volunteers turned up to hear of FODS plans for the improvement of our village centre greens.

VOLUNTEERS HAVE FORMAL PERMISSIONS

Tony Kember welcomed everybody and explained that the difficulties in starting the group had been addressed.



He said he was pleased to report that both Rugby Borough Council (RBC) and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) have been most supportive of FODS plans to improve the maintenance of the three village greens and adjacent public spaces which he explained were:
The Village Green (with) stocks,
The Statue traffic island Green and
The memorial Green (Daventry Rd)

These greens are all in the control of WCC and FODS now have their written permission for our volunteers to carry out maintenance work in these areas.

FODS VOLUNTEER INSURANCE COVER

Tony also confirmed that FODS now have full insurance policy for Employers and Public Liability cover of £10 million with The Royal Horticultural Society who are sponsors of Britain in Bloom, Rugby and Heart of England in Bloom.

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Tony spoke about Dunchurch in Bloom entry in to the Rugby in Bloom and particularly the village's entry in to the Heart of England competition He talked about these competitions setting the standards of village centre care that villagers want to see. The Heart of England judges will be marking our village on **Friday 19th of July.**

LITTER PICKERS

Litter picking was of great interest to some volunteers and Tony confirmed that litter picking could start with immediate effect and produced 4 picking sticks on loan from RBC with black bags and FODS High VIZ Vests kindly donated by Melvyn McCartney. Pickers eagerly took the kit - our litter picking has started!

TEAM COORDINATORS

Five volunteers agreed to be a team coordinator and agreed to meet up within a week to discuss the way forward.

Volunteer pickers were asked to avoid picking in the village centre as this is the

Village Green House, The Green, Dunchurch, CV22 6NX

area that the village handy man is contracted to pick.

It was agreed that we should have from the PC the handy man job specification so that our volunteers do not encroach on his work.

David Mirfield, Gardening Group

Coordinator explained his approach to surveying each of the three greens and establishing for his report how FODS volunteers could make a difference and improvements to the greens and street furniture. Volunteers were each given a copy of this report and work objectives.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Les Pearce, a chartered Health and Safety specialist



spoke about the principles of H&S and how FODS are totally committed to ensuring the Health and Safety of our volunteers and the public.

Paul Waller, FODS Archivist



circulated many large colour photographs showing how well Dunchurch looked on the greens and streets at a time when the village community working with the Parish Council greatly enhanced our village with good maintenance and imaginative floral displays.



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WINNING LOGO DESIGN

Sue Protheroe brought along to the meeting the designs entered for judging for the design of a logo for Dunchurch in Bloom, produced by the children from Dunchurch Junior School and a winning design was chosen. This design will be featured on the front cover of FODS Forthcoming Dunchurch Community Magazine. *We are delighted with the response from our talented village young artists! Thank you all very much!*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

