

## **HUTTON CRANSWICK IN BLOOM**

### **Chair's report for year January 2020 – December 2020**

#### **Yorkshire in Bloom competition**

Our group was notified early in 2020 by the RHS/Yorkshire in Bloom that due to the coronavirus situation no competitions would be held this year. In fact, the group had not intended to participate this year as we had decided to have a year out to completely re-vamp all containers and planted areas. However various Special Entries had indicated that they wished to take part: these were notified of the situation and any business that had already paid an entry fee up front could choose either to have this money re-funded, or to leave with YIB for any future entry.

#### **Village Competitions**

It was also decided not to run any Village Photographic or Garden Competitions in 2020. Although not a competition, it was also decided not to hold the Advent Windows event this year. However, many residents did decorate their windows and gardens over the Christmas period and this was a welcome sight as people walked round the village.

#### **Group Meetings**

An Ordinary Meeting together with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on January 14th, 2020. The next group meeting took place on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 just prior to lockdown. This was intended to be the final planning meeting for the major Coffee Morning/Fundraiser scheduled to take place at SRA on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Raffle prizes had been donated, stall holders recruited, etc., and a large number of donated plants received. Due to the pandemic this could not go ahead, but the plants were displayed for sale in a front garden on Main Street and were all sold over a period of weeks.

We had intended to hold a meeting in September, but it was necessary to cancel this one as well.

#### **Community Input**

Whilst unable to do any group planting or maintenance, individuals have – with care – maintained their respective areas, and when the current position eases, the group should be able to continue with planned works.

#### **Containers/change of planting areas**

In early Spring the old wooden barrels from the junction of Mill Street and Church Lane were removed and more recently a permanent bed established in that area, which will be easier to maintain more appropriate to this area.

The four galvanised farm troughs donated at the end of 2019, which it was agreed could be sited on the verge of Hutton Road, were all painted and placed in situ, filled with soil/compost/manure and planted up sustainably, and are doing well.

The two-tier wooden planters originally sited on the verge of the junction of Main Street and the A164 were removed, re-painted, re-sited on either side of the Cranswick map and re-planted. Despite drought conditions in the summer these flourished.

A donated galvanised farm trough (originally on wheels) has been sited next to one of the seats along the Green path from Main Street to Southgate. This has flowered all summer.

The containers in Main Street were all planted up with a mixture of perennial and annual flowers.

A container has now been sited next to the Memorial seat on the Green/pondside and has been planted up.

Two areas at the end of Station Road/Meggison's Turnpike have been re-vamped; dilapidated wooden planters removed from under the Hutton Cranswick road sign and a permanently planted bed established. The "Way of the Roses" bed underneath the fingerpost has also been up-dated and re-planted.

Most of the small sinks and containers which are difficult to keep watered and fresh have now been removed.

### **Future Meetings**

Group have had to be put on hold for the moment until conditions allow us to meet face-to-face, but members are continuing to keep in touch with each other by phone and email and planted areas continue to be maintained where possible.

**Gina Simpson – Chair, Hutton Cranswick in Bloom – December 2020**