

December 2017.

FARNSFIELD FLYER

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF FARNSFIELD

FARNSFIELD
PARISH COUNCIL

It's that time of year again and I can't quite believe it.

Following the success for the Christmas Lights last year we now have a Christmas Tree.

Myself and the Parish Council would like to thank Marc Hazard for providing Farnsfield with a Christmas Tree. He donated the tree and with the help of Jack Cox and Jamie Hazard felled, transported and erected it outside of the coop. Secondly, thank you to Jim Walker who made the surrounding structure which was very effective. Thank you, Jim. Last but not least thank you to Anthony and the Co-op for donating £100 towards the cost of the Christmas lights this year. The School Choir sang Carols at the switch-on and a great time was had by all.

Lots has been going on in Farnsfield over the last three months. We have seen:

The Virgin Media invasion.

Virgin Media report that they are making great progress with the two initial aspects of the build at Farnsfield. Firstly the trunk is nearing completion with only a section along Chapel Lane remaining, which is being completed under a road closure starting 22.11.2017. Secondly, the first phase of home installation is also nearing completion in the Ridgeway area with, about 70% of the works complete.

Once these sections are complete they will be continuing with the plan to complete the remainder of the village, with notices to NCC being submitted in January 2018.

Virgin Media report that overall they have received good feedback from residents within the first tranche of build and any issues that have arisen have been dealt with quickly and professionally. These issues include the fly tipping on Cockett Lane and the use of Council owned bins for disposing of rubbish

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the standard of remedial work to the pavements following the works. A meeting with the contract manager has taken place to identify specific issues. NCC have assured Council that they will be inspecting all work following completion. Virgin Media are under obligation to make good any defects for a two-year period after the completion of the works.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and residents are encouraged to contact Virgin Media if there are further problems using the contact details on the Parish Council website.



Mansfield Road Planning Appeal

Following the District Council's Planning Committee refusal to grant planning consent for the development of housing to the south of Mansfield Road, a public inquiry was established to consider the Appellant's case for a 20 and 60 house scheme.

The Appeal was presided over by a Planning Inspector, Mrs Vyse, between 14 and 17 November 2017 at the District Council's offices in Newark. Both the District Council and the Appellant were represented by Barristers, supported by expert witnesses.

The Parish Council's written objections submitted prior to the appeal were taken in evidence.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak on the first day. In addition to local residents, two parish councillors made representations. Cllr. Blaney, Leader of the District Council, also spoke in opposition to the proposal. Mark Spencer MP was given the chance to speak on the morning of the last day and spoke in opposition to the proposal.

On Monday 20 November the Inspector visited the village and walked a route from White Post Farm to the Bellway development on Southwell Road, plus the Robin Hood trail and other locations. She was accompanied by a representative of the Appellant, the District Council, Parish Councillors, and local residents.

The Inspector will make her recommendation to the Secretary of State with a decision due in mid-December. The Secretary of State can uphold or reject the Inspector's recommendation.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has supported its objection to the development.

The next PCM is Tuesday 19th December and the January meeting is on Tuesday 23rd January. The next Committee Meetings are Wednesday 10th January. Details can be found on the website and village notice boards.

Well, that's enough from me, Have a great festive season all,
Rachel.

NB.

Message from Enid Marsh:

there is NO Village Coffee and Chat at the Methodist Church at the end of December. The next one will be in January.



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CRICKET CLUB



Thanks to everyone who has supported Farnsfield Cricket Club throughout 2017

It has been an incredible year both on and off the pitch. With a fantastic cricket season for our players of all ages, we also celebrated President's Day in the great company of some cricketing legends from Notts County Cricket Club where the sun shone and the village gathered for an enjoyable day. The clubhouse has also been refurbished to provide a modern space for our local community.

We have already hosted some fantastic community celebrations including Bonfire Night and our Halloween Party, whilst there's still more exciting events for your diary including our **Christmas Eve Family disco** from 7pm, where there will be children's games and a special appearance from Santa, and our **New Year's Eve celebration** which will also be starting at 7pm along with a disco for you to enjoy seeing in the New Year.

We always welcome new members and don't forget the club is an ideal venue to host your private party, or family events. If you've got an upcoming event you would like to hold at the club get in touch with us through Facebook, or email info@farnsfieldcricketclub.co.uk.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, we look forward to welcoming you at the club.



Follow us on Facebook for more information on our upcoming events and fixtures.

Farnsfield Tennis Club

Our Annual Quiz was held on November 25th and was well supported by many village organisations as well as tennis club members. The evening was a great success and raised £463 towards club funds.

Our Christmas ladies fuddle is happening on Monday 18th December - lots of festive fun as well as a bit of tennis too!

Cardio tennis has started again at 7pm on Tuesdays with Jonny, our new assistant coach, so wrap up warm and come down and give it a try! There's also adult coaching/tennis express from 8-9pm on Tuesdays starting in January. Everyone is welcome at these sessions - members and non-members.

We are always happy to welcome new members, so why not make it one of your new year's resolutions to join the local tennis club?! For more info contact Joyce, the club secretary on jshakeshaft31@hotmail.com.



The Royal British Legion have a printer which is surplus to their requirements and they are offering it free of charge to any village community organisation who can make use of it. It is a Brother DCP-9040CN model.

Anyone interested should contact Trevor Wilds on 01623 882521

Trevor

Trevor Wilds
Farnsfield & District Branch
The Royal British Legion



The W.I have planted 100 tete a tete bulbs near the seat for Captain Pedley at the end of the Ridgeway.

A plaque will be installed to tell the villagers that it's 100 years since the W I movement first began.

Farnsfield W I will celebrate their 100 years in 2019.

WE are very proud that through the ages ladies of our village have kept it going. Ladies like Mrs Linney, Mrs Reynolds. Nan Lytollis and Polly Chapel to name but a few.

WE are pleased to say that we still have over 40 members today and there is room for more.

Our next official meeting after Christmas is on February 1st, 2018 this one will be at 2.30 in the village centre lower floor. Anyone who would like to come would be most welcome.

To draw attention to the fact that the W I isn't all jam and Jerusalem we have very interesting speakers; social afternoons; darts; scrabble; croquet and even sky diving (now that surprised you didn't it!); golf; country walks; you can go to fashion shows.....the list goes on.

Last but last not least you make new friends.

Pat Smedley.



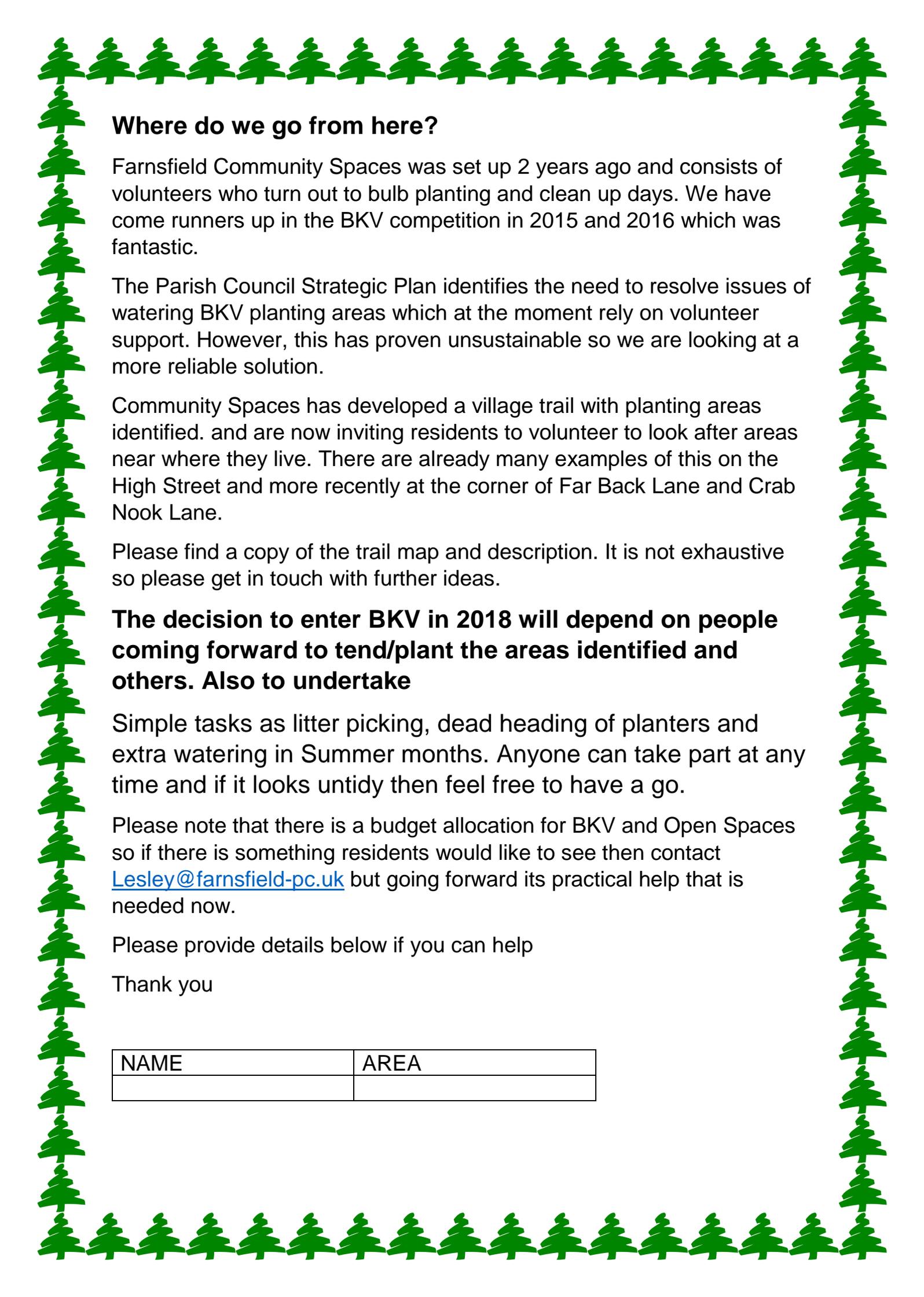
NOTTS BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2017

Farnsfield: judges' comments 2017.

Excellent maps of the village. The map and notes accompanying the village trail was particularly useful and you are to be commended for the effort you put into the preparation of this. The History Society interpretation board showing the main historic buildings is good. Is it possible to think of interpretation boards in other parts of the village identifying interesting features at those particular points?

A good standard of maintenance was observed. Entrances to the village were good and the roadside verges were generally good though some gutters had weeds. Domestic properties were of a high standard with some attractive gardens. The public areas around the church were very good. Notice boards were up to date and bus shelters were generally free of litter. Children's play areas were very good. Footpaths are good. Tennis courts are good.

Farnsfield is a large village and to achieve very high standards requires the community to come together and produce a very real effort to achieve the next stage of the competition. Work is needed to ensure that side roads are maintained to the standards of the main public roads. The marks awarded show a very high level of achievement but falling just short of the standards achieved by others.



Where do we go from here?

Farnsfield Community Spaces was set up 2 years ago and consists of volunteers who turn out to bulb planting and clean up days. We have come runners up in the BKV competition in 2015 and 2016 which was fantastic.

The Parish Council Strategic Plan identifies the need to resolve issues of watering BKV planting areas which at the moment rely on volunteer support. However, this has proven unsustainable so we are looking at a more reliable solution.

Community Spaces has developed a village trail with planting areas identified. and are now inviting residents to volunteer to look after areas near where they live. There are already many examples of this on the High Street and more recently at the corner of Far Back Lane and Crab Nook Lane.

Please find a copy of the trail map and description. It is not exhaustive so please get in touch with further ideas.

The decision to enter BKV in 2018 will depend on people coming forward to tend/plant the areas identified and others. Also to undertake

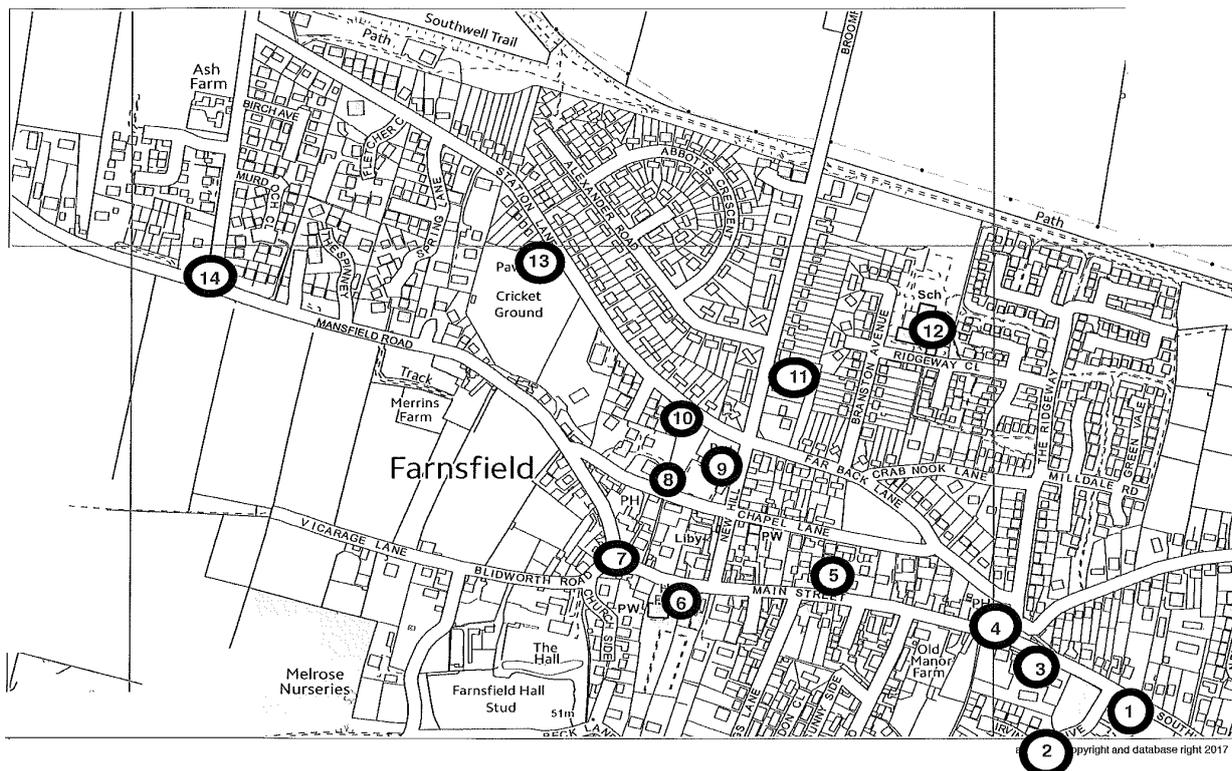
Simple tasks as litter picking, dead heading of planters and extra watering in Summer months. Anyone can take part at any time and if it looks untidy then feel free to have a go.

Please note that there is a budget allocation for BKV and Open Spaces so if there is something residents would like to see then contact Lesley@farnsfield-pc.uk but going forward its practical help that is needed now.

Please provide details below if you can help

Thank you

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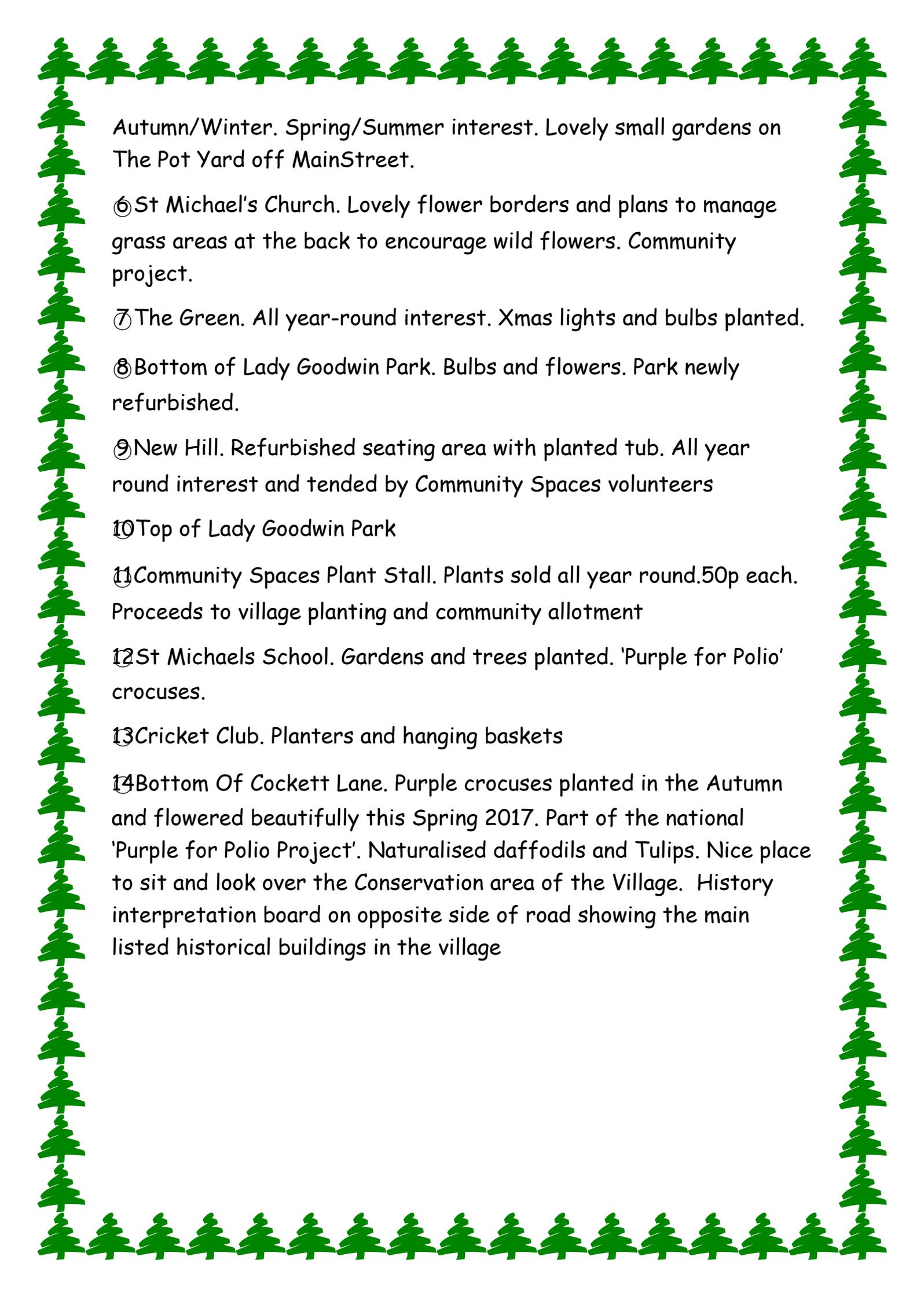


Using the map we suggest starting at ① Free car park, if a car user and walking down to ② The Allotments and Community allotment and orchards. These were set up Autumn 2016 by the Parish Council and are run by the FAA. If disabled access is required, you can drive down Cotton Mill lane and gain access.

③ Woodberry Cafe. Lovely outside seating area with patio tubs.

④ Bottom of the Ridgeway. All year-round interest. History Society Interpretation Board, Flower/shrub border. Naturalised Spring bulbs on one side, wildflower meadow with Bee Orchids in June on the other. This area is managed by Community Spaces and The Parish Council. Christmas lights and Carol Singing in December. Commemorative Seat.

⑤ Main Street. Various planters/pots. Residents and Businesses contribute to the street scene. All year-round interest.



Autumn/Winter. Spring/Summer interest. Lovely small gardens on The Pot Yard off MainStreet.

⑥ St Michael's Church. Lovely flower borders and plans to manage grass areas at the back to encourage wild flowers. Community project.

⑦ The Green. All year-round interest. Xmas lights and bulbs planted.

⑧ Bottom of Lady Goodwin Park. Bulbs and flowers. Park newly refurbished.

⑨ New Hill. Refurbished seating area with planted tub. All year round interest and tended by Community Spaces volunteers

⑩ Top of Lady Goodwin Park

⑪ Community Spaces Plant Stall. Plants sold all year round. 50p each. Proceeds to village planting and community allotment

⑫ St Michaels School. Gardens and trees planted. 'Purple for Polio' crocuses.

⑬ Cricket Club. Planters and hanging baskets

⑭ Bottom Of Cockett Lane. Purple crocuses planted in the Autumn and flowered beautifully this Spring 2017. Part of the national 'Purple for Polio Project'. Naturalised daffodils and Tulips. Nice place to sit and look over the Conservation area of the Village. History interpretation board on opposite side of road showing the main listed historical buildings in the village