

Chellaston is Blooming



On July 24th, East Midlands in Bloom assessors visited Chellaston to view the work of the Chellaston in Bloom action group. As a result, Chellaston has been awarded a Level 3 certificate in the **it's your neighbourhood** Category.

The Assessors were very impressed with the eight displays they saw and commented that **'Chellaston in Bloom had made a very positive impact, with the community at its centre.'**



Full credit for this great achievement, in our first year in East Midlands in Bloom goes to action group volunteers. The action group is also very grateful to residents and businesses who made donations of money and plants and to the CRA 100club fund for a contribution of £600 without which the project could not have got off the ground.

A big thanks also for the many words of encouragement from residents, who took the time to stop and chat to volunteers on workdays.

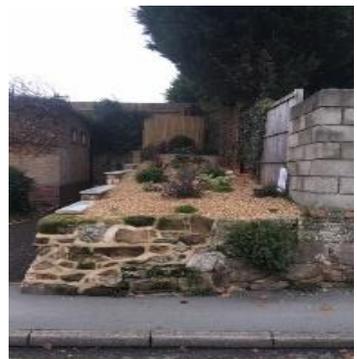
"The work of Volunteers has made Chellaston a more attractive space that residents can feel proud of and enjoy visiting for leisure and shopping." (A Resident's Comment)

Examples of what has been achieved.



Opposite the Co-op/Bird's.

This was a very big undertaking. It was the most expensive project.





The Pinfold.

The weeds here seem to grow more quickly than anywhere else in Chellaston.



Plans for 2020.

The action group is already busy working on plans for next year. These include maintaining and improving the High Street area as well as extending the project to Derby Road. Ideas for creating some half barrel planter floral displays at the High Street shops and near the library area are being worked on as well as developments for around the toilets and the bank.



The development and sustainability of any project like this ultimately depends on having the backing and financial and practical support of the community.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us on workdays which take place monthly on a Sunday morning. The action group works through small groups and partnerships who take ownership and responsibility for improving individual areas. Some members look after an individual bed while others focus on planters. There is no long-term commitment required and as little as one extra pair of hands on one session is an enormous boost for the group.

The project as planned for the coming year will cost approximately £750. We hope to raise most of this through business sponsorship and donations from residents. If you would like to contribute you can:

- Use the 'Donate' button in www.chellaston.org.uk
- Join the 100club, details www.chellaston.org.uk/100Club



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Working together with residents and community groups to enhance Chellaston through gardening endeavour.

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