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## Plant Update Spring 2019

### Car Park Entrance Beds

Both beds are starting to show some colour but some of the Pansies have suffered slightly during the winter. These areas will be re planted using spare plants to improve the display.

The left bed has now been pruned and around 20 shrubs from the old bug hotel area have been planted to fill in the gaps. The bed needs to be weeded and woodchip will then be spread on the surface to prevent weed growth. Plants in the right-hand bed are growing well and some will be in flower soon.

### Ramp Bed

This area at the entrance from the car park is looking good as it was planted later than usual due to work being carried out in that area by contractors.

### The Bug Hotel Area

Built last year sadly had to be cleared of everything to make space for the platform extension work. The actual bug hotel was physically moved and re sited behind the fence by the bridge on Platform 1.

All the plants on the roof have established very well with seasonal bulbs appearing.



Now the building work is completed 7 pampas grass have been planted in the empty space where the bug hotel stood. Gravel will be applied to finish of the job.

The Pansies in barrels and fence planters are coming back to life after the severe frost. They

will continue flowering until the end of May.

Due to work on both platforms everything will need re spacing to balance things up. All the pansies have been sprinkled with slow release fertiliser to encourage extra flowers.

## **The Slate Bed**

Situated by the steps on platform 1 is maturing nicely with the white hellebore flowering and the golden Choisia standing out in the spring sunshine. The large Buddleya has been pruned and should flower well.

## **Across the line behind platform 2**

Beech hedging plants have been planted along the fence near the Gooder Lane bridge.

## **Platform 2 Perennial & Wild Flower Bed**

The perennial plants and grasses in the bed behind the fence on p2 are beginning to re grow after being cut back in the autumn. The wild flowers at the far end are establishing well and should start flowering soon.

## **The wall behind the Fence**

This was planted with house leaks (Sempervivium) in the spaces between the stones and are clinging on to the side of the wall.

On the top of the wall purple Aubretia plants were planted last spring. Due to the hot summer the plants went into hibernation and died right back. We are pleased to say there are well over 70 plants alive and starting to grow. They should be trailing and in flower by April so keep an eye out for these.

Several Clematis were also planted and are just sprouting from ground level ready to trail down the wall and flower.

Left over shrubs from the old bug hotel area have been planted in the area behind the fence at the end of p2 which will fill up the spaces between the perennial plants.

## **For The Summer**

The new bedding plants have been ordered and will be delivered in Early April, they will then be potted on ready to put into the beds, barrels and fence planters at the end of May to produce our spectacular summer displays.

The plants have been ordered for next autumn ready for delivery in September.

Brighouse Station has been assessed and said to have some of the best floral displays on the network with plants flowering throughout the whole year, not just during the summer.

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