

Flower tubs

Following the discussion at the last meeting I have gathered together some information about flower tubs for you.

I am not sure what it is that you are looking for so I have brought together a variety of information.

There seems to be three things to think about –

1. Do you want different planters?
2. Do you want different flowers? If so what species of flowers and shrubs?
3. What will be the cost of looking after the flowers once they have been planted as they will require regular maintenance unless they are hardy plants as at present which will reduce the need for maintenance.

As I am in no way green fingered and have little knowledge of plants, I have obtained the following information for you -

Amethyst horticulture are based in Kent and sell both planters and a whole range of plants as well.

You can view their planters and flowers in the brochure online at the link below

https://amethyst-horticulture.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Amethyst-Brochure_full.pdf

Plantscape have a brochure containing planters and plants which you can [download here](#)

There are Wyevale Garden centres locally and many local garden centres where plants could be bought depending on what you are looking for.

DW maintenance have removed the tub at the bottom of Church Hill as it has fallen apart but are otherwise happy to obtain plants from a local nursery in Maldon. The replacement of the tubs would be £135 each and the ongoing maintenance is within the current arrangements.

I have also approached All Property Care who provided a quote last year for village maintenance who seem to have more knowledge of plants to see what they could offer with reference to pots, plants and ongoing maintenance. They have indicated that they are willing to provide a quotation once you have decided what you are looking for in relation to the provision of planters, shrubs and flowers. They highlighted that one of the highest areas of costs is the regular watering and care for the plants and this should be taken into account when choosing what sort of plants you would like.

I would firstly like to have an idea of precisely what you want to have for the village and I can then look to cost it out more precisely.

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