

SWAD IN BLOOM

England & Wales · Charity number 1188869

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT SWADLINCOTE BY THE PROVISION OF FLORAL DISPLAYS, SHRUBS AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH DIRECTLY PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBIC BENEFIT.

Activities: Swad in Bloom organises and participates in planting & tidy up days, awareness and fundraising events as well as educational events, sharing floriculture, horticulture that will have a positive impact on our local environment.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,150	£2,818	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,794	£2,858	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,438	£1,896	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,279	£1,739	-	-
2021-03-31	£170	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Susan Lynne Smith	Chair	2023-10-19
Balbir Kaur Purewal		2021-08-09
Liz Spence		2025-03-11
Peter Harrison		2023-10-19

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Swad In Bloom Trustees Report 2024/2025

The 2024/25 year has presented significant challenges for Swad in Bloom. We regretfully acknowledge the passing of one of our long-serving Trustees following a courageous battle with cancer, which has profoundly affected our organisation and its core values.

Volunteer engagement declined to its lowest level since the project's inception during this period.

Difficulties in recruiting and retaining volunteers have constrained the scale of our projects and limited progress within the scheme.

Swad In Bloom are excited to share that our town's beloved Memorial to Princess Diana, the late Princess of Wales, has recently been renovated and now features a new commemorative Garden. This Garden was initially established in honour of her marriage to the current King. The successful realisation of the project was facilitated by the valuable support of South Derbyshire District Council, which played a pivotal role as a partner in both the initial design and construction phases preceding the establishment of Swad in Bloom.

Swad In Bloom is privileged to maintain the garden in tribute to the late Princess of Wales, commemorating her 1991 visit during which she engaged with residents and left a significant legacy within our community.

Swad In Bloom has developed a roadside garden in the town centre, The Wall, intended to serve as a sanctuary for local wildlife and insects. The site will ultimately showcase artwork and sculptures.

Financially, we have continued our fundraising initiatives in collaboration with other funding partners and successfully obtained capital for the development of a new website.

The Community Tree Craft Project will be showcased at our local Nationwide Building Society branch. The display is continually updated with creative and eye-catching pieces that highlight our ties to both nature and tradition.

Our goal is to keep growing steadily and encourage volunteers to participate, working together with Sharpes Pottery Museum, 1st Gresley Scout Group, and South Derbyshire District Council.

The beehive remains located at Cadley Hill View Care Home and continues to thrive under the attentive management of David, our beekeeper.

Sue Smith

Chairperson

Swad In Bloom

**Swad In Bloom Annual Financial Return from 01/04/2024 to
31/03/2025 for the Charities Commission**

**Opening bank balance 01/04/24
2186.74**

Income

Stalls/Tombola's/Raffles.	£1716.59
Wreath Workshops.	£ 944.00
Donations.	£1075.97

**Total banked income
3736.56**

Expenditure

Insurance/RHS	£293.96
Bank charges.	£ 79.71
Transport Costs.	£186.00
Labour/Landscaping.	£541.68
Plants.	£547.78
Workshop materials.	£575.00
Website/Sundries.	£180.57

**Total banked expenditure
£2404.70**

**Opening balance £2186.74
Plus Income £3736.56
Less expenditure £2404.70**

**Balance at bank on 31/03/25
£3518.60**

Petty Cash

**Income: Stalls £210.87 Quizzes £202.67
Total £413.54**

**Expenditure: Craft materials £206.30 Quiz prizes £133.22
Plants £74.02
Total £413.54**

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Chairs Report for Swad in Bloom – April 1st 2023 – March 31st 2024

Another eventful year for Swad in Bloom. Our Plant and Craft Stalls in Swadlincote market remained very popular and were the source of over half of our income. The craft club held a successful 'Wreath Workshop' that helped generate funds.

South Derbyshire District Council approached Swad In Bloom to plant the newly constructed Pocket Park which will be started later in 2024.

After successfully planting the Morrisons garden it became apparent that a lot more ground work will be needed to remove tree stumps and weeds to make working on the garden a lot safer.

Cadley Hill View Care Home continues to support Swad In Bloom by allowing us to use their building to hold our monthly meetings. They also kindly agreed to 'host' our beehive in their grounds and it will be moved from the South Derbyshire Community Voluntary Service (SDCVS) garden in the spring of 2022.

The 'Community Tree' project has now been given a new home at Oaklands Care Home and has taken on various guises throughout the year. The three-metre tree sculpture currently has pride of place in the foyer of Oaklands where it continues to receive great comments from all who see it. As Chair, I would like to thank all the various organisations and individuals that have contributed to making the project so successful, especially the members of the Thursday afternoon craft club who tirelessly knit, crocheted, or made items for the tree.

Swad In Bloom has continued to have a presence in the town by taking on several new projects

- Pocket Park. Swad In Bloom has accepted a request from South Derbyshire District Council to plant up the garden area of the newly completed Pocket Park.
- Princess Diana Memorial Garden. Swad In Bloom has started to maintain the Princess Diana Memorial garden which was looking neglected. A planting plan has been obtained and planting is hoped to start in the summer of 2024.
- Morrisons garden has been planted and looks to have matured however the area still requires maintenance to keep the weeds under control.
- The local district council donated plants and spring bulbs that were used by Swad In Bloom to improve the look of the 'Time Capsule Garden' in front of the council offices and produce a sea of colour in the spring of 2024.

Several 'litter picks' took place in 2023 with groups from the scout groups and McDonald's assisted Swad In Bloom in collecting large amounts of litter from the town. The scouts took part in their Environmental Badge tasks.

A major task for the year continues to be the recruitment of more volunteers, especially those who are more physically able than some of our existing volunteers. This has been partially successful and will be an ongoing project for 2023-2024.

Following on from a Swad In Bloom social evening quiz we have been holding monthly quizzes. These quizzes have proved to be very popular and help to raise much-needed funds to assist Swad In Bloom in achieving its objectives.

Assistance came from a much-welcomed donation from the local fire station. The fire station held a plant sale and donated £200 towards tools for Swad In Bloom

The current trustees are:

Luke Cox Chair
Peter Harrison Secretary
Bal Purwel Trustee
Jane GermanTrustee
Sue Smith Trustee

The Trustees continue to be supported by the following members:

Angie Griffin Treasurer
Carol Harrison Joint Secretary

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**Opening balance 01/04/23
1251.18**

Income

Stalls
1106.26
Amazon Smile
28.99
Wreath Workshops
645.00
Donations
250.00
Quiz Nights
598.95
Sales of goods made/donated
120.00
Open Gardens
628.85
Grand Prize Draws
416.00
**Total income
3794.05**

Expenditure

Insurance
246.96
Bank charges
90.08
Transport Costs
169.00
Prizes
69.00
2nd Phase Morrisons bed supplies
737.24
Refreshments/buffets
193.30
Tools
377.54

RHS Subscription
90.00
First Aid Kit
57.98
Stall Hire
15.00
Community Tree Costs
139.61
Lotteries Licence
40.00
Grand Prize Draw tickets
75.00
Stationary
27.78
Donation to Sing 4 Health
50.00
Cost of wreath workshop
480.00
Total expenditure
2858.49

Opening balance + income - expenditure =
2186.74

Balance at bank on 31/03/22
2186.74

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Chairs Report for Swad in Bloom – April 1st 2022 – March 31st 2023

Another great year for Swad in Bloom. While we have contended with a changing trustee base we have developed in many areas. We have taken on many new tasks one of which being a new location for our “community tree” this is something we intend to help us increase our volunteer base to ensure that we have enough man power to help us in the other areas of the charity. And as Chair I would like to thank everyone who is involved with the community tree. We were able to increase our links with Oaklands Village as we have started to locate our tree here. We have also started a craft club wherein we have had many new volunteers from in and outside of Oaklands being able to help with this project. We have continued to do our Monthly stalls in Swadlincote to great outcomes. We have also started to do “quiz nights” in where we have volunteers come along for a social while raising that all important money for doing tasks.

Within the year we were able to continue our links with SDDC, these have been ever getting stronger due to us helping with multiple tasks around the town. This has meant we have been able to start making a huge impact to Swadlincote town centre and surrounding areas, meaning our volunteer base is on the rise. We have kept our strong link with Cadley Hill View Care Home with continuing to ensure we have our monthly meetings here; this then means that we are able to be in the middle of the town to increase attendees. Within the care home we have been able to attend a couple of their “fayres” where in which we interact with the community and increase our brand awareness.

We have been able to increase our links with Sharpes Pottery Museum where we have our tooling shed located this has been a great location and we thank the owners of the site gratefully as it means we are able to have our tools right where we need them increasing how much we are able to do. We have increased how many tools we have with a lot of the tools now being “ergonomic” to help less able-bodied people to participate, we thank the Swadlincote Fire station for their contribution of £200 for us to be able to buy these tools.

Another major task has been again to try and increase volunteer base, we have found we have increased brand awareness and hopefully many more volunteers will follow this, we have also found we are starting to branch out to different demographics to ensure we are going to be able to continue our projects but also to make that community wide impact.

The Trustee base has changed since last report and now stands as: Luke Cox - Chair, Peter Harrison - Secretary, Angie Griffin - Treasurer, Bal Purewal - Trustee, Sue Wheat - Trustee, Jane German - Trustee. As Chair I would like to thank everyone involved with the charity as this year has been very effective and hopefully next year will be the same.

Luke Cox, Chair, Swad In Bloom, January 2024

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Opening balance 01/04/22

709.32

Income

Stalls

536.61

Amazon Smile

30.87

Wreath Workshops

150.00

Donations

64.04

Bee talk and teas

39.00

Festival of Leisure

438.30

Autumn Fair

251.50

David Randall Open Garden

352.00

Grant from National Forest

400.00

Sales of honey and blankets

—

175.74

Total income

2438.06

Expenditure

Bee talk fee

54.00

Insurance & Printing

300.10

Bank charges

73.10

AMR Delivery Festival of Leisure

120.00

Prizes for Sunflower Competition

20.00

Beekeeping course for Alex

157.50

New Shed and fittings

514.80

AMR to build the shed

120.00

1st Phase Morrisons bed supplies

536.70

Total expenditure

1896.20

Opening balance + income - expenditure =

1251.18

Balance at bank on 31/03/22

1251.18

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Chair's Report for Swad in Bloom – April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022

Another eventful year for Swad in Bloom. While we are still rebuilding following the pandemic, a great deal of progress was made in a number of areas. Our successful Seed Swap, Plant and Craft Stalls in Swadlincote market remained very popular and were the source of over half of our income. Additionally, we signed up to Amazon Smile which raised further funding via our volunteers as did a Wreath Workshop, raffles and the sale of various craft items. Dave the Bee Farmer held a 'Bee workshop' which created a lot of interest and raised more funds and we received over £500 in generous donations from the local community.

During the year we strengthened our links with South Derbyshire District Council and await completion of an agreement on a 'cultivation licence' which will enable us to tackle various green spaces in the town centre that would benefit from some regular care. Our strong relationship with Morrison's continues and we look forward to two large planting projects taking off on their land in 2022-23. Another strong link was forged with the newly opened Cadley Hill View Care Home and during the year we switched our meeting venue to the home following their generous offer of space in their beautiful new building. They also kindly agreed to 'host' our beehive in their grounds and it will be moved from the South Derbyshire Community Voluntary Service (SDCVS) garden in the spring of 2022.

The 'Community Tree' project has now taken off following the great success of Christmas 2021, with Morrisons Swadlincote agreeing to us placing the three metre tree sculpture in their foyer area where it is safe and dry and on full display for all to see. As Chair, I would like to thank all the various organisations and individuals that have contributed to making the project so successful. The crocheted squares from the tree will be repurposed into blankets, some of which will be donated to those in need and some resold to raise funds for future Community Tree projects.

During the year we heard that the SDCVS, who had kindly offered us storage space (and a garden area to develop), would be relocating and the building was to be put on the market. As the 2021-22 year ends, we are looking for other local storage options and will arrange to move our stored equipment as soon as possible. As noted above the beehive has found a new home at Cadley Hill View care home.

A major task for the year was the recruitment of more volunteers, especially those who are more physically able than some of our existing volunteers. This has been partially successful and will be an ongoing project for 2022-23.

The original five Trustees remained in place until early 2022 when a resignation due to relocation left a vacancy which was filled after a ballot by Jane German. As the year ends I have had to stand down temporarily as Chair but Ian Bottrill as Vice-Chair is holding the reins for a short time. Bal Purewal remains as Secretary with Angie Griffin as Treasurer.

Ingrid van der Weide, Chair, Swad in Bloom. January 2023

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Opening balance 01/04/21	169.81
Income	
Stalls	1440.58
Amazon Smile	33.90
Wreath Workshops	132.44
Donations	535.11
Bee talk and teas	76.36
Crochet packs and crafts	35.00
Garden Show entries	3.94
Raffle Sue Wheat	<u>22.00</u>
Total income	2279.33
Expenditure	
Paint for beehive	32.00
Plants	16.38
Beehive, bees and equipment	492.00
Banners	35.36
Insurance	256.00
Community Tree Frame	724.00
Advertising flyers etc	102.58
Float retained for stalls	60.00
Bank charges	<u>21.50</u>
Total expenditure	1739.82
Opening balance + income – expenditure =	709.32
Balance at bank on 31/03/22	709.32

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Swad in Bloom Trustees Annual Report 2021-2022.

Our activities were severely restricted by Covid but our Market Stall and some donations kept us going. We purchased a Community Tree Frame and established a Bee Hive.

Ian Bottrill, Vice Chair Swad in Bloom

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Total expenditure	1739.82
 Opening balance + income – expenditure =	 709.32
 Balance at bank on 31/03/22	 709.32