

# 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**

