

Little Green Fingers Bring Colour to Thornhill

A band of enthusiastic and hard-working Year 6 pupils from Thornhill Primary School have been helping the Thornhill Village Association (TVA) with their efforts to enhance the environment of the village. At the end of March, this small group could be seen in the park and outside the post office clearing tubs, containers and even paving stones of those all-invasive nasty weeds that always appear exactly where they're not wanted. Two months later, with the help of Helen Shipton Smith (of "Helen's Herbs" fame) and a very generous donation of plants by a local resident who does not wish to be named, the children were at it again, this time covering the bare earth with the begonias, petunias, pansies, geraniums, marigolds and more. The results can be seen at the entrance to the village, along High Road, on the corner of Thorntrees Drive, in the park and outside the post office. In some cases, as the result of a child's brainwave, the containers contain largish pebbles painted by the children and bearing the letters TVA or T[P]S (Thornhill[Primary] School) as a sort of stony signature.

The TVA would like to thank all the children who helped for their positive and willing attitude and their staying power. Will the plants stay fresh? We hope so, but not without water. Consequently, more Thornhill residents who live near one of the displays are being asked if they would undertake to water them as and when necessary.

On a non-floral note, the TVA would also like to thank Thornhill School staff and children for their regular forays into the park to clear litter and also for their graphic anti-dog fouling posters currently on display around the village.

Living as we do in the England's most beautiful county, surely it's not too much to ask that we keep our little bit of it as attractive as we can.









