



Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust Newsletter August 2021

Dear Resident

Welcome to our newsletter. We wanted to tell you what we have been doing in these rather difficult of times and to update you on up-and-coming events.

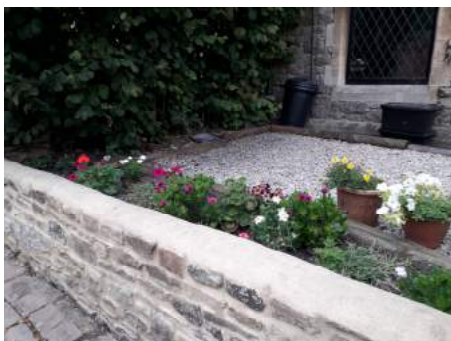
“Prospect in Bloom”

We held what we hope will become our annual “Prospect in Bloom” Competition in June 2021. It was judged by Linda Kasmaty, a local councillor and gardener who subsequently shared lovely photos of our conservation area and said the following in her blog:

(<http://kasmaty.blogspot.com/2021/06/ppcat-front-garden-competition.html>.)

“I didn't know very much about Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust, apart from the fact it encompassed the area around Prospect Place in Old Town, but was honoured to be asked to judge their first front garden competition last Saturday. I met the Chair of the Trust, Michael Gray who gave an architectural tour of the area while we were looking at gardens, and was assisted by Kate Brailsford, Secretary and Suzanne Martin, in charge of Membership. I took photos of the buildings, but I think I'll keep this post to the garden judging, otherwise there will be too many photographs. We were looking at the difference greenery and gardens make to the appearance and feel of an area. I am completely in agreement with the idea that greenery makes a huge difference, and I think this competition is a way of highlighting this.”

A garden voucher for £25 was awarded to 13 Eastcott Road: for their Hanging Baskets, 13 Prospect Place: for their window boxes and 25 Prospect Place: for their lovely Front Garden. Here are the photos of the winning gardens, but please also take a look at Linda's Blog and you will see how many lovely roses and other small areas of flowers and greenery there are in our area.



25 Prospect Place



13 Eastcott Road



13 Prospect Place

Street Lamps

We were very disappointed by the design of the new street lights in Prospect Place and have made our views clear to the Council. We recommend that these should be replaced with Heritage style street lamps like the ones in the Railway Village. We will be meeting with Swindon Borough Council in the autumn, and would encourage residents to email us at ProspectPCAT@gmail.com with their feedback regarding the street lamps.

Membership and AGM

We will be holding our AGM later this year and would like as many of you as possible to be involved. It would be very helpful to us if we could contact you by email as this will enable us to keep you informed on a more-timely and cost-effective manner. If you would like to be a member of Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust then please email us at ProspectPCAT@gmail.com

Website

South Swindon Parish Council kindly donated money to build a website which is now up and running – please visit <https://ppcat.org.uk/>

Enhancing the area

We hope to recommence our weekly Wednesday litter-pick shortly. We have installed green planters in the forecourt of the Chapel in Prospect Place. We like to thank all the residents who have helped to maintain and water them this summer. If you have any suggestions for more locations or would like to be involved, please get in contact.

Heritage Open Day Events – 11th and 12th September 2021 starts at 11am from Prospect Car Park

There will again be two guided walks of the Conservation Area by Michael Gray and Geoff Spooner this year. These walks are free but booking is essential so that we can manage the numbers. The walk will last more or less one hour. If you are not in a hurry after the walk on Saturday 11th September, and the weather is fine, please call by at 19 Prospect Place for a cup of tea and piece of cake. To book a place on either of the walks please e-mail ProspectPCAT@gmail.com

Street Party for Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

We have not felt able to organise a street party during 2020 and 2021 as a result of Covid precautions and restrictions. The Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee next year and there will be a public holiday from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022. We are planning to hold our 2022 Street Party one day over that weekend.

Swindon Window Wanderland – March 2022

The illuminated walking trail, took place for the third time this year between 5 – 8 March 2021, organised by the Eastcott Community. Several homes in the Conservation Area have set a fine example with their involvement in this event. But what if the whole of the Conservation Area took part next time? This is food for thought, and once the exact dates for 2022 are available we will let you know. If anyone would like to offer encouragement and advice to new participants within our area, who have been inspired by the talents of exhibitors in our area and elsewhere in Old Town, please send us an e-mail.

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