



Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust Newsletter

Dear Resident

Welcome to our Spring 2023 newsletter. We wanted to tell you about what has been happening in the Conservation Area and what is planned for the coming year.

Membership and AGM

We held our AGM on Saturday 19th November at the Assemblies of the First Born Church in Prospect Place.

At our AGM, two members offered to become trustees and we are pleased to welcome Alison Alcorn and Jeremy Lune to the board of trustees.

Forthcoming Events

Annual Street Party: Sunday, 28 May 2023

The Street Party will follow the usual format with a 3pm start, live music, a sausage sizzle and a chance to meet all your lovely neighbours. We will send out invitations nearer the time but, in the meantime, please keep the date free and we look forward to seeing you all.

Litter Picks: Wednesday 6.30 from 12 April

Weekly litter-picks throughout the area usually happen throughout the summer on Wednesdays at 7pm meeting near The Castle in Prospect Place. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this. It is very sociable and helps to increase the pride that we have in our area.

Prospect in Bloom Competition: Saturday 17 June 2023

The annual Prospect in Bloom Competition has proved very successful and this year will be judged on Saturday 17 June 2023. There are three categories with each winner receiving a £25 garden voucher

Best front garden:
2022 winner - 20 Prospect Place

Best flower boxes:
2022 winner - 35 Prospect Place

Best hanging Baskets:
2022 winner - 40 Prospect Place

It will be once again be judged by Linda Kasmaty – a local community gardener and parish councillor. Last year Prospect Place swept the board but please remember this competition is open to the whole of the Conservation Area.

Heritage Open Days: Guided Walks - 9 and 10 September 2023

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. Every year in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences.

For some years now, two of our residents have lead Guided Walks of the Conservation Area. This year these Guided Walks will be on 9 and 10 September 2023.

Enhancing the Conservation Area

New Project "Stitch Your Story"

Create Studios are running a Stitch Your Story project and we wondered if anyone was interested in joining a team for our Conservation Area. We already have some interest. The project involves making large textiles banners, 2.5 metres by 1.5 metres that visually represent lots of different Swindon community stories. We'd like to include some of your Swindon memories and stories in this project. Don't worry if you don't have any previous experience with textile craft, they will teach you all you need to know!

You will work with Create's Lead Artist to create a large banner telling both individual and community stories. These stories will take the viewer from the past right through to the future. Each community banner will also have a film that runs alongside it to bring your stories to life.

They will run 3 sessions, all of which will be FREE - a half day taster in April, where they will bring the project to you. This session aims to get your ideas flowing and to introduce you to the different textiles techniques we'll be using in the project. There will also be two day sessions in July and by the end of these sessions we will have a beautiful finished banner filled with your stories.

There will then be a **BIG launch event on Friday 8th September**. They will gather all of the communities involved to celebrate all of the banners / stories so lovingly put together. They will continue to host different events in relation to the banners and are also developing a website to sit alongside the project so these stories can be shared worldwide.

If you know of anyone who would like to get involved then we could try and make up our own group of about 10 people. Otherwise we could join another group.

Do you have any sewing experience?

Please get in touch with us asap. The first half day workshop will be in April.

You can e-mail us at: ProspectPCAT@gmail.com

Willows Garden Team: 2023 Season

We were approached by The Willows Counselling Service in Prospect Place, to see if we would be able to help them with their front garden. This commands an important location at the junction of Prospect Place and King William Street.

We are keen to develop partnership and engagement with other organisations in our area so we agreed that we could assist for the 2023 Season. We held our first visit at the end of February and you may have noticed that the volunteer team of Suzanne, Jo, Kate, Alison, Sandie, Rob and Karma have made quite an impact.

And Finally.....

If you have received this newsletter as a hard copy and not by email and you would like to be a member of Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust then please email us at ProspectPCAT@gmail.com.

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