



## Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust Newsletter

Dear Resident

Welcome to our **Spring 2025 Newsletter**. In this edition, we provide an update on recent activities within the Conservation Area and outline our strategic plans for the forthcoming year.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **Annual Street Party: Saturday, 5 July 2025**

We are arranging a date for the Annual Street Party to provide ample notice. The event will begin at 3pm, featuring live music, a sausage sizzle, and an opportunity to meet neighbours. Last year, over sixty-five people attended the party.

Although we live in close proximity, this is a chance to interact with your neighbours and meet some you have not met before. Everyone has busy lives and may not always take the time to greet those who live nearby.

Invitations will follow soon, but please save the date. We look forward to seeing you all.

We appreciate our South Street neighbours, Sandie and Rob, Claire, and Chris and Jo, for letting us use their parking area and forecourts.

#### **Guided History Walk: Thursday 5 June 2025**

For years, two residents have led Guided Walks of the Conservation Area during National Heritage Open Days in September. This year, they will lead a walk for the Old Town Festival. Join us to learn about the history of our Conservation History.

#### **Litter Picks:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month  
6.30pm from 9 April 2025**

For several years, we have organized litter picks throughout the area during the summer months. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM near The Castle Pub in Prospect Place.

The initial dates are 9th and 23rd April. Please inform us if you would like to participate or simply arrive on the day. We can supply blue bags and some litter pickers, but please bring your own gloves. This activity supports the maintenance of cleanliness in our area.

#### **Pot and Hanging Basket Workshop: Saturday, 24 May 2025**

The trust is organising this event with Linda Kasmaty's help and guidance. It will take place at 14 and 15 South Street forecourts. Special thanks to Sandie, Rob, and Claire for their permission. We will distribute an invitation to all houses in the conservation area shortly.

#### **Wanted: Ceramic or Terracotta Pots**

**Minimum size: 10.5 inches high, and  
diameter 12 inches**

If you have any unwanted terracotta or ceramic pots which you would be willing to donate to the Pot and Hanging Basket Workshop, please send an email to:

[ProspectPCAT@gmail.com](mailto:ProspectPCAT@gmail.com)

And we will arrange to collect them asap.

## **Prospect in Bloom Competition: Sunday 22 June 2025**

This competition is open to the entire Conservation Area. Start planting or join our Pot and Hanging Basket Workshop.

Please make sure that your flower and pots are visible ready for the judging of this event by Linda Kasmaty and Suzanne Martin on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

A £25 garden voucher will be given for:

Best Hanging Basket, Best Pot & Best Newcomer.

## **Last years' winners of Prospect in Bloom 2025**

The Best Front Garden award went to 22 Prospect Place for a neat enhancement of the mature garden, improving the pathway to the house.

19 Prospect Place was commended for their meticulously coordinated planting strategy, which effectively incorporates small borders despite challenging conditions.

Best Planters went to 27 King William Street for a vibrant display of colours that brightened the western end of Prospect Place.

Best Newcomer went to 26 Union Street for a lovingly cared for display.

We were incredibly grateful to Studley Grange who sponsored the prizes last year.

## **Southwest in Bloom**

The Prospect in Bloom initiative has enabled South Swindon Parish Council to secure another gold award from the Royal Horticultural Society for 2024.

The Britain in Bloom project assesses not only plants and flowers but also community involvement. The judges expressed significant interest in our forthcoming Community Garden project.

## **Community Gardening and Weeding**

Our gardening group endeavours to maintain the area free from weeds. Ongoing efforts focus on eliminating buddleia seedlings that take root in stone walls and pavements. The previous year posed significant challenges due to exceptionally wet conditions, leading to increased weed proliferation. If you are interested in assisting in our efforts, please contact us.

## **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](mailto:ProspectPCAT@gmail.com).

## **About the Trust**

The Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust charity was established in 2018. For more information about our objectives, please refer to our website. Anyone aged 18 or over who supports the work of the charity can apply to the trustees to become a member.

The AGM was held on Wednesday, 29th January 2025 at the Judith Hockaday School of Dancing at 13 Prospect Place.

After the formal part of the meeting, there was a discussion on various local issues. Appreciation is extended to Judith and Bill for providing hospitality and refreshments.

### **Trustees:**

Chairman - Michael Gray, Secretary - Kate Brailsford, Treasurer - Robert Brailsford,  
Suzanne Martin, Alison Alcorn, Jeremy Lune

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