

## PROPOSED BULB & WILDFLOWER PLANTING

### Background

This report outlines the proposed bulb and wildflower planting schemes for Ashington (9 bulb planting schemes and 3 wildflower planting schemes). The aim was to provide some floral interest and colour to grassed areas across the town.

In developing the project advice has been received from Northumberland County Council's Neighbourhood Services Team. All the land, for the proposed schemes, falls within the County Council's responsibility.

The County Council have developed bulb and wildflower planting schemes, in partnership with other Town and Parish Council's in SE Northumberland and have used the services of WL Straughan Ltd, as their preferred supplier.

In developing the proposals visits have taken place, with NCC and WL Straughan's staff. The ideal planting period for bulbs is in the autumn whilst wildflower schemes will be developed in the spring.

### Proposed Works

Following the site visits, 9 bulb planting and 3 wildflower planting schemes have been developed and costed. Please note that schemes can be adjusted with a cost provided per square meterage (£20.00 per m2 for bulb planting and £2.50 per m2 for wildflower planting).

#### Bulb Planting Schemes

1. A197 - Pegswood entrance	£1,500.00
2. Holy Sepulchre Church – grassed area adjacent to church	£1,500.00
3. Station Road – grassed area adjacent to Seventh Avenue	£2,400.00
4. Featherwood Drive – adjacent to rail line	£1,260.00
5. Woodhorn Road – grassed area opposite allotment site	£2,400.00
6. Wansbeck General Hospital – on grassed area opposite	£300.00
7. North Season Industrial Estate – opposite entrance	£2,260.00
8. Black Close Bank – grassed area	£1,360.00
9. Briardene – grassed area on roundabout	£4,400.00

**Total cost of bulb planting schemes** **£17,380.00**

#### Wildflower Planting Schemes

1. River Wansbeck – grassed area between Wansbeck Riverside Park and bridge	£2,500.00
2. Paddock Wood – various around woodland	£1,537.50
3. Peoples Park – * TBA at £2.50 per m2. various around wooded area close to Wansbeck Road (minimum 500 m2)	£1,250.00

Total cost of bulb wildflower planting schemes **£5,287.50**

**Total cost** **£22,667.50**

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A number of other areas were proposed by members including; Magpie Court, Garden City Villas, QE II Country Park, the A197 (Asda roundabout area) and Ashington Community Woods. Following discussion with NCC staff, these areas were currently unsuitable at this time but some proposed schemes could be considered at a later date. The Friends of Ashington Community Woods group are currently planning a tree planting scheme to take place in the Winter and will consider wildflower planting to complement this work and will contact the Town Council to develop if appropriate.

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**31 August 2023**

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**ASHINGTON Proposed Bulb & Wildflower Planting Schemes – Autumn 2023**



**WILD FLOWER PLANTING SCHEMES**

- 1. River Wansbeck – grassed area between Wansbeck Riverside Park and bridge  
- £2,500.00
- 2. Paddock Wood – various around woodland  
- £1,537.50
- 3. Peoples Park – various around wooded area close to Wansbeck Road  
Various - £2.50 per m2 based on minimum order of 500m2 (£1,250.00)

**TOTAL COST OF ALL SCHEMES : £5,287.50**

**BULB PLANTING SCHEMES**

- 1. A197 - Pegswood entrance  
- £1,500.00
- 2. Holy Sepulchre Church – grassed area adjacent to church  
- £1,500.00
- 3. Station Road – grassed area adjacent to Seventh Avenue  
- £2,400.00
- 4. Featherwood Drive – adjacent to rail line  
- £1,260.00
- 5. Woodhorn Road – grassed area opposite allotment site  
- £2,400.00
- 6. Wansbeck General Hospital – opposite on grassed area  
- £300.00
- 7. North Season Industrial Estate – grassed area opposite entrance  
- £2,260.00
- 8. Black Close Bank – grassed area  
- £1,360.00
- 9. Briardene – grassed area on roundabout (to Black & Tackle pub)  
- £4,400.00

**TOTAL COST OF ALL SCHEMES: £17,380**