



February 2026



BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALIST 2026
with the RHS

January began with a cold snap but it didn't deter the gardeners who were out in force in Rodmoor Gardens and the Nuttery on 5th January – lots of cutting back, leaf raking and coppicing of the hazel trees.



All work parties are 9.30-11.30am	Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags
Saturday 7 th February	Rodmoor Gardens – emptying the compost bins, heavy work, bring wheelbarrows and rakes!
Tuesday 10 th February	Town Garden and Old Mill
Wednesday 18 th February	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 26 th February	Station Road
Monday 2 nd March	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery – pruning the roses
Tuesday 10 th March	Town Garden and Old Mill
Saturday 14 th March	West Hill
Wednesday 18 th March	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 26 th March	Jubilee Park
Monday 30 th March	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery



THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY 10am

Informal coffee morning at Lido Café

Come and hear about our plans for 2026 and enjoy a coffee with a view!

Advance Notice of the PiB Annual Front Garden Competition. If you are proud of your front garden or know of someone else's beautiful front garden, why not enter our competition which will be judged at the end of June. Email eipagano@gmail.com with the name and address of the garden owner and their email address. Judging is based on the overall design, plant selection and integration of any seasonal displays with permanent planting. The maintenance of hard landscape and approach to sustainability is also considered.





Beds at Albert Road. Lots of shrubs needed cutting back too!



After the winds and rain from Storm Goretti the gardeners were delighted that Saturday 10th January was a bright, dry day – perfect for clearing leaves and adding more perennials to the Memorial

Eight gardeners braved the wet weather on Tuesday 13th - planting two more olive trees and continuing to prepare the new succulent bed by adding lots of grit as well as the usual tidying and weeding.

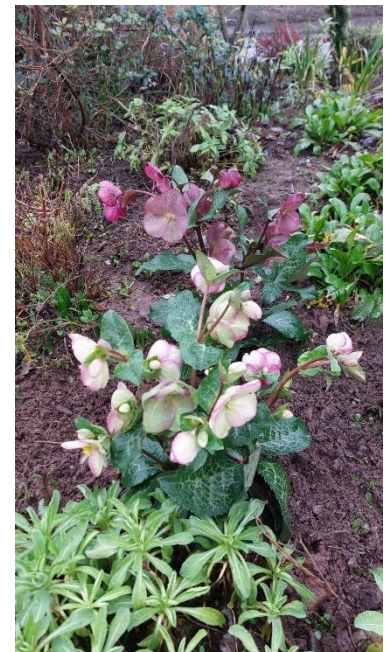


Additional Committee members wanted! Portishead in Bloom is run entirely by volunteers, a small group of us act as a management committee sharing the organisational workload according to our skills and preferences. However, there is always a lot to do, and we would welcome additional help. If you would be interested in joining the committee, please either talk to any of the committee members at a work party or email us, portishead_in_bloom@outlook.com



The pervasive wet weather continued, and we thought the work party on Wednesday 21st January would be cancelled after the overnight heavy rain but five doughty souls turned up and focussed on limiting the spread of the bamboo along the perimeter of the garden. Inevitably there was also some weeding to do. Whatever the weather there are always flowers to see like this

hellebore or Christmas Rose.





Beguiled by a dry start to the day seven gardeners met in the Orchard on Saturday 24th January to give the apple trees a light prune and clear the tree pits. We need to give the trees some space because this is one of the areas where we leave the grass long all summer boosting biodiversity and providing food and shelter for insects, caterpillars and birds. Sadly, the rain recurred sending the gardeners home earlier than planned but at least we achieved something!

After such a damp and dreary fortnight it was so nice to see the sun and blue sky for the final work party in January at Jubilee Park. Eleven gardeners weeded and pruned – and also noted what a good job Pete from Glendale has been doing keeping the hedges and bushes trimmed and smart. The beds at Jubilee Park were full of Spring colour, a very encouraging sight!



A reminder that everyone is welcome at our work parties, no need for skill or experience – just bring enthusiasm and a willingness to help. There's no need to make a regular commitment, come when you can and enjoy some time in the fresh air making Portishead look lovely. We are a very friendly bunch, hot drinks provided and enjoyment guaranteed!