



2026 will be a big year for Portishead in Bloom as we have been invited to take part in the National Finals of Britain in Bloom – this is a prestigious opportunity for the town, and we really hope everyone will get behind us and support our efforts. It would be lovely to see more people gardening with us but there are other ways to help as well – we will be publicising the help we need in the newsletter and on our noticeboards in the coming months. If you would like to be involved email portishead_in_bloom@outlook.com or pop along to a work party.

All work parties are 9.30-11.30am	Please bring your own tools, gloves and green bags
Saturday 10th January	Memorial Beds at Albert Road
Tuesday 13th January	Town Garden and Old Mill
Wednesday 21st January	Rodmoor Garden and Nuttery
Saturday 24th January	Orchard and Esplanade Meadow – pruning trees
Thursday 29th January	Jubilee Park
Monday 2nd February	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Saturday 7th February	Rodmoor Gardens – emptying the compost bins!
Tuesday 10th February	Town Garden and Old Mill
Wednesday 18th February	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 26th February	Station Road
Monday 2nd 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!

PiB works with all our local schools supporting their efforts to introduce the children to nature and growing things. Fran Bennett leads this work, and we were delighted that she bought this card to our December committee meeting to share with everyone.

It's lovely to be appreciated!

Thank you, St Peter's School!



Dear Portishead in Bloom,
Thank You For Helping us
At St Peter's.
We love our garden and
thank you all for helping
make it so special.
From,
All of us at St Peter's

The wet weather on Monday 1st December deterred most gardeners but four brave souls cleared the leaves from the Woodhill Road beds – another task ticked off the list.



The damp conditions continued but there was a window of opportunity on Sunday 7th so nine gardeners – including four DoE students - ventured out to

weed the Boat Roundabout and the tree pits in the orchard. The clement but wet weather has meant that the weeds are still growing strongly long after their usual season.



Despite the overnight storm and continuing high winds and rain the volunteer gardeners were out on Tuesday 9th. Some were gathering greenery for table decorations whilst others were in the Town Garden weeding and preparing one of the beds for replanting.



It is an undeniable truth that there is a tendency for many of the photo's I take for the newsletter to feature our gardeners' bottoms – which possibly aren't their best features – so apologies and here are the matching, smiling, faces!



On Thursday 11th December a small group of PiB volunteers gathered to make the very popular table decorations for the Christmas Sale – 31 were made, as shown below, just waiting for their final decorative touches – baubles, bows and pine cones. Thanks to them for their creative work and to those who gathered the greenery too!





Four of the DoE students joined us to help serve at the Christmas Sale – all

150 bowls of hyacinths were quickly snapped up, as was the holly and within a couple of hours the table decorations were sold too. The gross takings exceeded £900 and although obviously there are costs to be deducted that means more money to spend on replanting areas which need refreshing and revivifying. Thank you to everyone who helped with the sale and to all our customers – your support is appreciated!



Amazingly PiB has been gifted four more mature olive trees. Two will provide a central point of interest in the beds at the Town Garden – these will have to remain in pots as the depth of soil is minimal. We are delighted with the trees as we had been deliberating about new features for these beds since the wooden obelisks were removed – sometimes the right answer just falls in your lap! The home for two more has yet to be decided!

The final work party for 2025 saw nine rather damp gardeners weeding in Rodmoor Gardens, where there are still many roses in bloom - and with our coffee we enjoyed a different sort of 'Roses' – kindly gifted to us as a 'thank you' from the volunteers at the Community Market.

