

News – 2023 Latest news from Chipping in Bloom...

Sowing seeds in our Wildlife Garden



In April 2023, Chipping in Bloom volunteers were joined by pupils and staff from Brabin's Endowed Primary School to sow seeds in our [Annual Wildflower Nectar Patch](#)

Big Help Out May 2023



On the Monday after the Coronation of King Charles III, over 40 local volunteers joined the Big Help Out and tidied up our village.

Planting theme for 2023

As we begin to look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III we have chosen "Jewels" as our Chipping in Bloom 2023 theme



Each year we suggest a theme for planting around the village. For 2023 our theme is **Jewels** - [download our leaflet](#) for further inspiration.

Our latest community event...



Saturday 29th July, 1pm to 4pm

Following the success of the Coronation Volunteer Day here in Chipping, we held another successful "Help out" event before the North West in Bloom Judges arrive on August 8th.

Scything the mini hay meadow



On a very hot day in September our mini hay meadow was cut by volunteers Pat and Ted from Knowle Green. They used a scythe because this is less disruptive to wildlife than a powered mower and gives the ability to mow selectively and at the right time so easier to create habitat diversity. A scythe is portable, economical and doesn't require power; making it suitable for small, inaccessible spaces such as our [mini hay meadow](#).

New interpretation Board for Community Wildlife Garden



Chipping in Bloom is grateful to everyone who has contributed to the development of our new interpretation board. The Forest of Bowland AONB (supported by Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust and the Hay Time Project) arranged and paid for the lectern, frame, and printing. The amazing design is by @thefunofthefaircreative and

AVJdesign, and was funded by donations and fundraising.

2023 Best Village winners and Gold Award



Chipping has been awarded the 'Best Village' in North West in Bloom for 2023. We share this honour with Elswick (Wyre). Chipping in Bloom also was given a Gold Award (the highest accreditation) for our efforts in 2023. Truly a whole community effort and the Chipping in Bloom group would like to thank everyone who took part!