

## News 2024 - Latest news from Chipping in Bloom.

### Spring clean....



Chipping in Bloom volunteers have been getting to grips with a range of spring cleaning tasks around the village. We have cleaned our greenhouse, spruced up planters and pots and refurbished the bug hotel.

There are plenty of jobs still to do and all help is welcome!

### Willow flower - CiB logo



Using skills learned in our Willow Weaving Workshop, one of our Group members has created our Chipping in Bloom logo by shaping willow stems in the Wildlife Garden to form a flower. Thank you, Jean - it is amazing!

### Making a 'dead hedge'



As we don't have a suitable mature hedge in our Wildlife Garden, instead of 'laying' a hedge Chipping in Bloom volunteers have created a '[dead hedge](#)' using cuttings from hedges and shrubs from around the village. Dead hedges provide hiding places and nesting habitats for all sorts of creatures, as well as food for insects.

## Chipping selected for National finals



Amazing news - Chipping in Bloom has been selected to represent the North West region in the 2024 RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals in the Village category! For further information, read the [Britain in Bloom announcement](#). As soon as we know more about the judging,

we will put the details on this page.

## Chipping in Bloom spring coffee morning



Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning at the Village Hall. Through your kind donations, buying plants, raffle tickets, drinks and cake, we have raised plenty of money to carry on our work in the village. We hope that you enjoyed the event.

## Sowing the mini haymeadow



In April 2024, pupils from St Mary's RC Primary School joined members of the Chipping in Bloom group to sow seeds in our mini haymeadow. The seeds had been collected the previous year and saved to rejuvenate the meadow this summer.

The young people spent time looking around the Wildlife Garden, and spotted newts in our pond!

## Chipping Open Gardens 2024



### Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June

Chipping held an 'open gardens' weekend. Around 100 people joined garden owners and volunteers touring the 9 beautiful show gardens, exchanging growing tips, and enjoying refreshments.

## New 'Moon Garden' for night time pollinators



The bed by the greenhouse in St Mary's Community Wildlife Garden has been specifically planted for night time pollinators especially moths.

The planting colour pallet is primarily pale, white, lilac, pale pink however many of the plants reflect moonlight and appear to glow in the dark. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Big Help Out 2024



Around 60 people joined our 'Big Help Out' event in June - clearing litter and weeds, laying mulch on some of the larger beds and trees around the village green, restoring signs and benches - and then joining us in a 'thank you' barbecue paid for by Chipping Parish Council.

## Chipping Meadow Survey



Chipping in Bloom volunteers joined training led by the Forest of Bowland AONB and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust in the identification of wild flowers and grasses. We have put this knowledge to the test in early summer 2024, by carrying out surveys of meadows in the Chipping area to help understand whether valuable species are thriving. We are

pleased to report that the Chipping's fields are full of beautiful and rare plants.

## Judging day - NW in Bloom



It was a beautiful sunny morning when NW in Bloom judges Bernard Pendleton and Teresa Potter came to Chipping. Both appeared to enjoy their visit, but they were playing their cards very close to their chest. We won't find out how we did until the autumn!

## Judging day - Britain in Bloom



We welcomed national Britain in Bloom Judges Ruth Gowney and Jon Wheatley to Chipping in early August on a windy but sunny day. The village looked fantastic, and we'd like to thank everyone for their support. The Mayor of Ribble Valley, members of the Parish Council and several former members of

Chipping in Bloom joined us for the celebration.

### Gold Award in Britain in Bloom 2024



At the awards ceremony for [Britain in Bloom](#), held in Manchester, Chipping received a Gold award in recognition of our work to protect the environment, make our village a lovely place and involve our community. The Chipping in Bloom Group would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to everyone who has contributed towards this award - gardening, sweeping, making tea, donating time, effort and money!

You are all wonderful.

Chipping has been named as Best Village in the North West, and received another Gold award.

In October, some of the Group travelled to Bolton for the awards ceremony of North West in Bloom. It was great to meet people from all the other many villages, towns and cities in NW in Bloom and to hear about what they are doing.



**BRITAIN IN BLOOM**  
with the RHS

**UK FINALIST 2024**  
**GOLD MEDAL**