

Winter Planting

Our winter planting was completed and we were waiting for a spectacular display not knowing what the winter had in store for us all. But by late spring the plants all had caught up and we had a beautiful display of Wallflowers, Pansy's & Bellis daisies

Part of our Daffodil display April 2013

Our aim for our winter display is to increase our bulb planting especially Crocus's also to include some winter flowering shrubs including *Hamamelis molis* & *Viburnum x bodatense* "Dawn"



Summer Planting

The Hermitage Comprehensive School designed & planted the bed outside the Whitehill Pub in conjunction with Kevin.



Laying out the design June 2013

Having fun planting June 2012



Enjoying their work June 2013

Our thanks to the Hermitage School for all of their efforts

“Beating the Bounds” of the Parish this an event which is enjoyed by all



Projects

Last year with the help of the Cubs in the village we planted an area with plants suitable for wild life.



Laying out the plants May 2011 the Gang is All Here May 2011
This year these plants have grown on now although not as well as would have hoped due to the poor weather

The new herbaceous beds being planted June 2012



This is how it was at the end of summer 2012

Our summer beds turn out well after a wet start to the year



Mammy & son enjoying the flowers

Litter Pick 2013



Job well done? June 2013

Well done to the children who helped the litter pick June 2013



The sum total we collected June 2012

Among the rubbish we collected we found a Disabled parking badge which we were able to return to the owner.

We publicise Northumbria in Bloom through our local newspaper which is published 4 times per year and delivered to every house in Waldridge. We also have a best kept garden & best front door display competitions. We also advertise Northumbria in Bloom at all of our events which are held on the Millennium Green which are held through the year we also use our website which can be found at

www.waldridgeparish.co.uk/

Our funding comes from the following sources which are the Parish Council

The Residents Association, St Barnabas Nursery, Cong Burn Nursery (Edmondsley)

We also ran numerous coffee mornings over the year not only does it raise money but let's people have a good natter

We also hold events on the Millennium Green such as the Family Fun day in September, Halloween & an Ester Parade this year we will be holding our first "Flower& Produce show" which will be held on the 29th July

The North "Welcome" sign these are also placed at the East, West & South entrance to the parish



Waldridge Parish Council Northumbria in Bloom 2013



Waldridge in Bloom



Planting tubs June 2013

Our future projects are as follows

- Working with the Cubs & Scouts and the Waldrige Fell Rangers on other wild life & natural flora project
- In conjunction with the Hermitage Comprehensive School we are hoping to produce a themed garden in line with RHS flower shows.
- More herbaceous borders which will include hardy annuals.
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- Redesdale Road planting with shrubs & herbaceous



This year we recycled a number of tractor tyres which were given to us by Paxton's Framwellgate Moor Durham.

Planting a recycled tyre June 2012



This year we have planted our free seed from the RHS in the village also we have added wild flower beds on Redesdale Road. But due to the abnormal weather they are taking their time to flower



Some of our ladies have formed a litter picking club as they go for their walks around the parish they pick up any rubbish and have called themselves "The Waldrige Wombles"



Amie our community Policewomen who keeps good order in the parish, making good use of the "street furniture" we have installed around the parish



Dog Fouling

We are taking strong measures to try to reduce this problem. We have highlighted the problem in our quarterly magazine called the "Waldridge Clippings" warning of the consequences of failing to pick up after your dog. We have also used the Neighbourhood Wardens in the area who have now issued a number of fixed penalty notices of £80

The Waldrige Rangers are group of young people who we as much support as we can are led by Mark Oliphant who is the full time County Ranger for the Waldrige Fells which contains a "SSSI" site.

The work that he does with the Junior Rangers & the Countryside Rangers is invaluable to the well being of the fells. Repairs, planting to bracken & Himalayan balsam bashing.

They created a superb wild flower meadow on the fells which just starting to come to fruition. We have planted over 200 trees on the fells which came from the Queens Jubilee



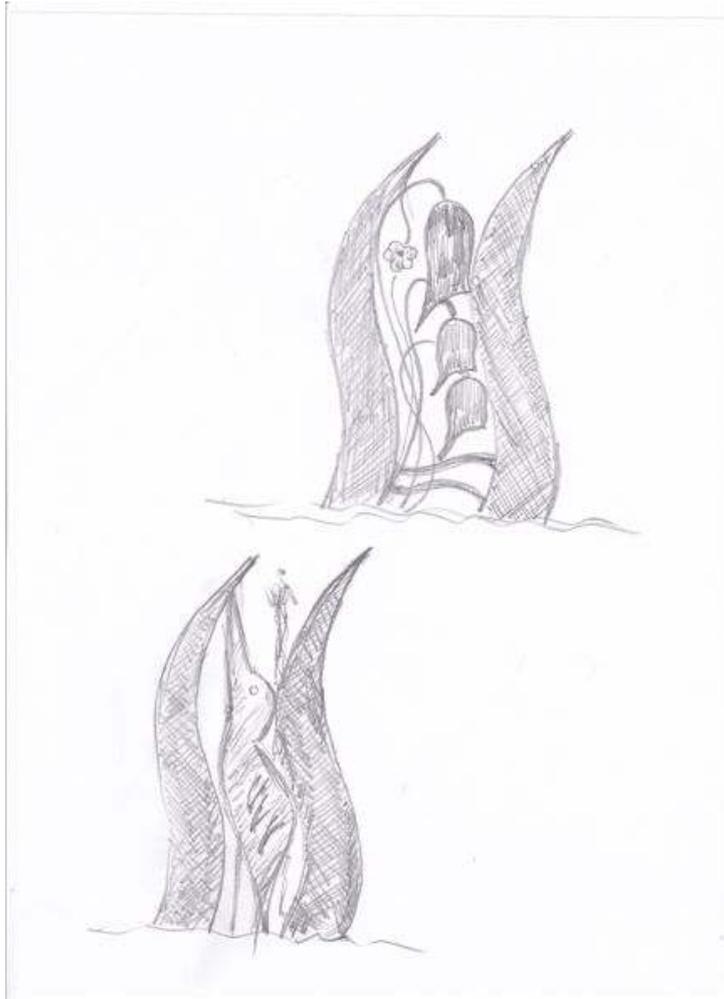
The new children's play area which has proved very popular with

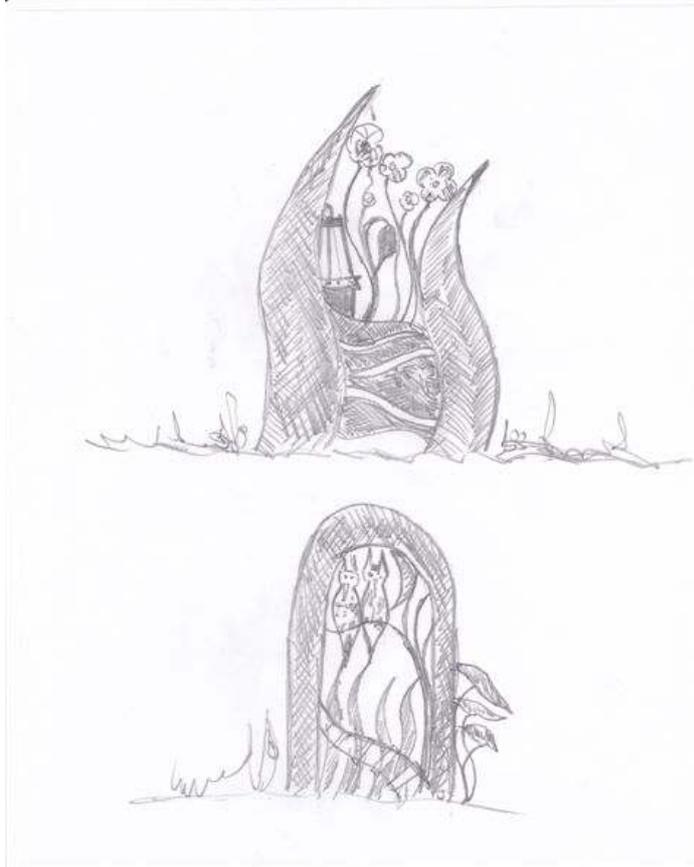
Our future projects

We are now in the process of commissioning some art work which will be placed around the parish.

There will be six specially designed wooden sculptures which will feature flora and fauna found in and around the parish. These will be used by the Junior Rangers for their projects and enjoyed by the walkers on the Fells.

There will be five metal sculptures placed around the parish. Which will be placed in the village, Poppyfields, Waldrige Park & the Millennium Green.





These are the metal designs





These are the wooden sculptures

Also we have our on-going plan for more spring bulbs,
sustainable planting & wild flowers.

Funding

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for supporting us over a number of years especially in these difficult times. But we have sponsored our main flower beds to local businesses, we have a number of Coffee Mornings throughout the year which are well supported by the local community. We also get donations from our tea & coffee stall at our special events which are held on the Millennium Green