

MONTPELIER URBAN GREENING

Transition Montpellier's group of green-fingered people have been busy recently starting up some of the projects we intend to get stuck into this year. We have voted to call ourselves Urban Greening, so watch out for our leaf posters if you'd like to get involved with planting days.

Picton Square

Two vegetable planters and a water butt were installed using old whisky barrels, after businesses were persuaded to move their commercial bins off the pavement and onto the road. We are negotiating with the Highways department and Refuse services to formalise this agreement and they have been very supportive so far. A community consultation on what the Square could/should look like was also started and cakes and seedlings sold raising £143 to help us fund more planting projects.



Station

Two preparation days were held to begin work on the path leading to Montpellier Station and great progress was made, with many passers-by stopping to lend a hand and to give their ideas. One large and eight small planters were built, vegetable beds created along the wall, a water butt installed and a compost heap and bug hotel started. We have put in a few plants and there are more waiting to go in, with an emphasis on edible and wildlife friendly varieties. Next workday Thurs 14th May 4-7pm. Expect to pick the odd bean, courgette, salad leaf or strawberry on your way home from the station soon!



Rainbow

Enquiries about clearing flytipping on the north side have been positive; some has now been cleared and we are confident we can sort the rest in the next couple of weeks. Planting plans are progressing with Mary

Bright having made a separate application for funding and volunteer-time through her work; we are delighted to support her in whatever way we can.

Trees

A separate group has been working on formal applications for tree donations, and we are confident that we can secure a first wave of tree planting this autumn. If you have garden space for a tree there may be opportunities for a free fruit tree, so get in touch if you're interested. We are also putting together a funding bid to secure further planters, beds and investigate land ownership of various areas through the Land Registry.

Our next meeting will be very soon and will be notified on this website. All welcome to join the mailing list for updates! Just send your request to shiona_macp@hotmail.com