

Crosby & Waterloo In Bloom 2016



Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the Crosby and Waterloo area in Merseyside for the 2016 judging. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Last year we featured the WWI memorial flower bed in Crosby Village on the main road from Southport to Liverpool. Our volunteers continue to maintain what has become a much appreciated and prominent feature in the Crosby landscape.

The Group's many volunteers continue to work hard to support the Council in keeping our green spaces looking good. Cut backs on Council spending make our efforts even more important. All parks and open spaces continue to have very active and hard working 'Friends' groups that regularly weed, plant, litter pick, hold social events and fund raise to promote and enhance our green spaces. This tour will show you the results of their hard work.

The Group continues to involve residents and local businesses with competitions to find the best front garden, hanging baskets and planters. This year the business community is more involved than ever before.

The active involvement of the school community continues to be an important activity for us. Fortunately, this year the judging falls within term time and you will be meeting some of our enthusiastic young gardeners at St Edmunds and St Thomas' School.

Sadly, this year one of our longest serving members, Paul Lovelady, died and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge his dedication and contribution to CWiB. He has donated a trophy (The Renee and Paul Lovelady Cup) to be presented annually to 'Best in Competition'.

Andrew Tonkiss

Chairman.

The Landscape Group 
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Welcome to Crosby & Waterloo

This guide gives background to the area, highlighting progress made since your last visit and the problems we are trying to overcome in a harsh marine environment and with reduced council funding.

It illustrates the hard work of our volunteers and is a celebration of their commitment to horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community involvement.

CWiB Steering Group continue to meet monthly, raising their local profile at community events, including plant sales at Mayor's Charity Events, organising the gardening competition, and maintaining a facebook page. New this year is our village working group meeting monthly to maintain The Diana Bed and Gardens by the traffic lights.

We work closely with our Friends' Groups, most of which are autonomous.

This guide also includes photos and information about areas which, because of time constraints, you will not be visiting today. We have included these to give a full picture of CWiB.



Leaving CLAC we go to the new Community Nature Trail, walking along the boardwalk which makes this wonderful facility accessible to all.

You will see children's art work, drawing attention to species that can be seen along the trail and from the viewing platform. Note the wild orchid and clouds of dragon flies.

On to Marine Gardens to see progress on the rockery.



In Crescent Gardens, Friends of Waterloo and Seafront Gardens have been working hard filling In the pond. In Beach Lawn Gardens the pond is being cleared and a bridge in memory of Ian Hamilton Fazey has been built. Ian was for many years a great supporter of both CWiB and FoWSFG.



The community in Waterloo work hard to enhance their built environment. Although this is not on your route, here are some photos showing their efforts.



At the rear of the dunes is a grassed area locally known as 'the erosion'. It is now only partially mowed by the council, allowing wild flowers to thrive, as shown below.



Moving on to Rosemount, a Neighbourhood Entry. The Gardens here are a work of art!





Walking on to Murat Grove, you will see that the community is still working together to enhance their environment.



Travelling to St Edmunds And St Thomas' Primary School, you will meet pupils and staff who are very enthusiastic about their vegetable garden, orchard and wildlife pond. The children will tell you all about it.



This is Sussex Street, a Neighbourhood Entry, looking splendid in the sunshine.



Travelling on to Cheyne Close we pass this fabulous front garden at the corner of the main road.



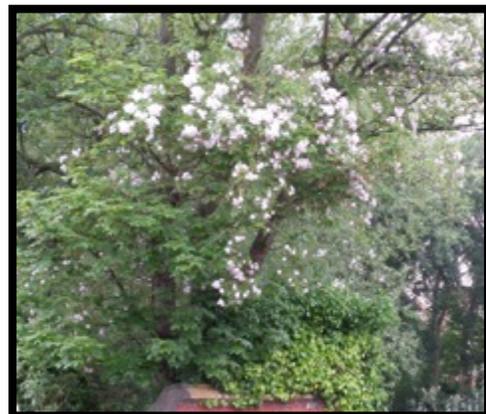
Arriving at Cheyne Close we are greeted with a panoramic view of Sefton's coastline and a fine horticultural display by the residents.





On our way to Coronation Park we bypass St Michaels High School. No time to visit but above are recent pictures of their veg beds, school farm and wild bird haven. Another example of involving young people.

We also bypass the old village pond, now maintained by local residents. It is a favourite family venue for duck feeding. Below are pictures of the Himalayan rose recently in bloom and some pond life and the garden at St Peter & Pauls.



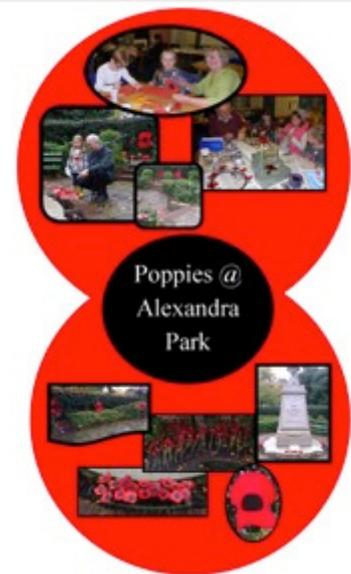
Arriving at Coronation Park where the Friends have been renovating the pavilion. Here we see them at work.



St Michaels pupils have been helping with planting and Olsen School have been helping to renovate benches.



Passing by Alexandra Park with its renovated fountain and children's activities.



Down College Road, past Victoria Park where Santander staff have been helping and schoolchildren planting bulbs this Spring.

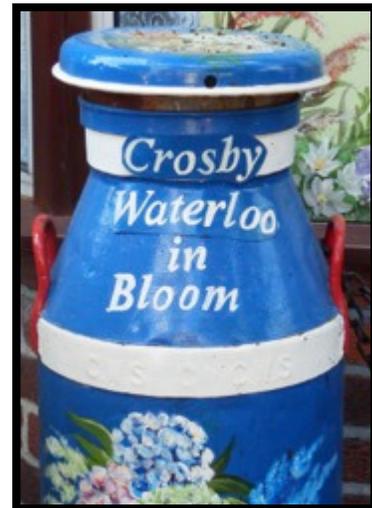


On to Sefton Green Gym at Queensway Allotments. The Gym is still working with Hugh Baird students. You will find out more on your visit.

Our next stop is the Rimrose Valley to meet the Ranger who will update you on recent activity. Travelling on to meet the hardworking Friends of Moorside Park, a green oasis popular with joggers, bowlers and children. Below is the rose bed earlier this year and some of the art work.



Travelling on to Enfield Avenue, you will see for yourselves what a splendid small garden this is!



Wildlife Activity Morning

Fun for all the family

Saturday 23rd April 2016 10am-12.30pm

St. Luke's Church Hall
Liverpool Road Crosby
L23 5SE

Activities include:

- Weaving homes for wildlife
- Hunting for bugs
- Crafty creations
- Planting baskets
- Close encounters with compost
- Exploring a nature trail

All children of primary school age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Parking is very limited in the church grounds

Contact Steve or Jan for further information - 0151 928 7025

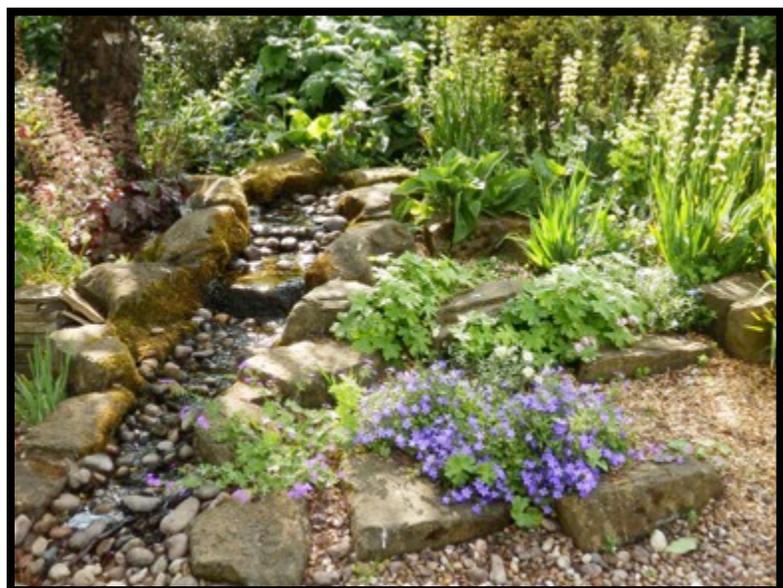









As you will see, St Lukes Church, the lunch stop, has an active Friends Group which encourages families to get involved. Even though adjacent to the main road, the gardens are tranquil and beautiful.



After lunch, walking to see Lady Diana bed and rockery by traffic lights, now being looked after by CWiB working party which meets monthly. Plants for this project have been kindly donated by Georges in the village.



The Lions bed should now be in full bloom. This photo shows it newly planted in May.





As you see, the WWI D bed on the roundabout looks as impressive as ever and continues to capture people's imagination. You will be updated on your visit by its creator Neville Hymus, with support from CWiB.



We hope you have enjoyed your tour. We have tried to show the ongoing efforts of CWiB and the Friends Groups to energise the local community in enhancing Crosby and Waterloo through horticulture, social events and regular activities like planting, weeding and litter picking.

We would like to record our thanks to

Friends of Moorside Park
Friends of Victoria Park
Friends of Coronation & Alexandra Parks
Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens
Friends of Rimrose
Friends of St Lukes Gardens
Sefton Green Gym
The Crosby Lions
Neville and his 'gang'.