

Friends of West Park Annual Report January – December 2018

January

During the month of January the group opened the winter hours 11am till 3pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday to the public. The watering was done when required.

The volunteers working, Ashley Walters, Richard Newnham, Micheal Clements, Sylvia Ferguson, Alice Finnimore and Mary salter we took cuttings and opened to public.

February

Still opening winter hours, deep clean of the building and cuttings taken. A visit from the CEO of Wolverhampton city council Mr K Ireland with the Mayor and other council officials to do a walk around and discuss the future of the conservatory. Had permission to start work in woodland area at back of conservatory.

March

Still opening winter hours and watering when required did some cuttings and general work in conservatory. Worked outside with Gary Price Ranger Tom and the rest of Friends of West Park team clearing the woodland area of weeds and rubbish and trimming trees back.

April

Did a major clean up ready for green flag awards cuttings and watering opened to public. Then park was closed for a week so upon return plants needed tending before the green flag visit.

May

Altered the opening times to summer times. Thursday – Sunday 10 – 4pm and watering when required. Had the green flag visit on the 15 May all went well and park was awarded the Green Flag award.

Written by Mary salter on the 16 October 2019 the previous chairperson resigned on the 29 of May 2018 handing over the keys and leaving the group

June

A temporary chairperson was elected Fiona Worley and the group continues, was a few volunteers left so focused on rebuilding the group over coming weeks, while maintaining the building and opening to the public. Set up face book for the group to attract attention.

July

As volunteer numbers were a little low we altered the opening hours for availability of volunteers for the time being. Maintenance and cuttings done in week along with cleaning and watering. Opening hours Saturday – Sunday 1 – 5 pm open for public to view and purchase plants also have a go on the tombola.

August

During august we had problems with water system causing some problems with watering so had to concentrate on plant maintenance for a period of time, but did some work on displays and continued running tombola while open to public.

September

Yet again we had more problems with the water system and had problems watering. Also Due to a shortage of volunteers we agreed with the council to close for a short period and concentrated on recruitment and maintenance. Watering and general maintenance continued as normal for the two weeks we closed. Rebuilding the group contacting local colleges and job centre. Local posters.

AGM held on the 23 September 2018

October

Conservatory was opening as normal slowly attracting new volunteers general maintenance continued watering, cleaning and taking cuttings from stock. Tombola was packed away as had stopped attracting attention and a display of plants was put out for sale in its place.

November

Conservatory was sprayed by council, and all displays were tied up for Christmas. There was a Christmas tree and decorations added to conservatory, for public to see unfortunately we did not allow enough time to put on the grotto we wanted to but hope to for next year.

December

We opened on the run up to christmas and maintenance was carried out on plants and displays and general cleaning. We did close for a period over the holidays but watering was still done as required throughout this time.

Report finished by present chairperson Fiona Worley we started 2017 a little off balance but ended a small strong group.