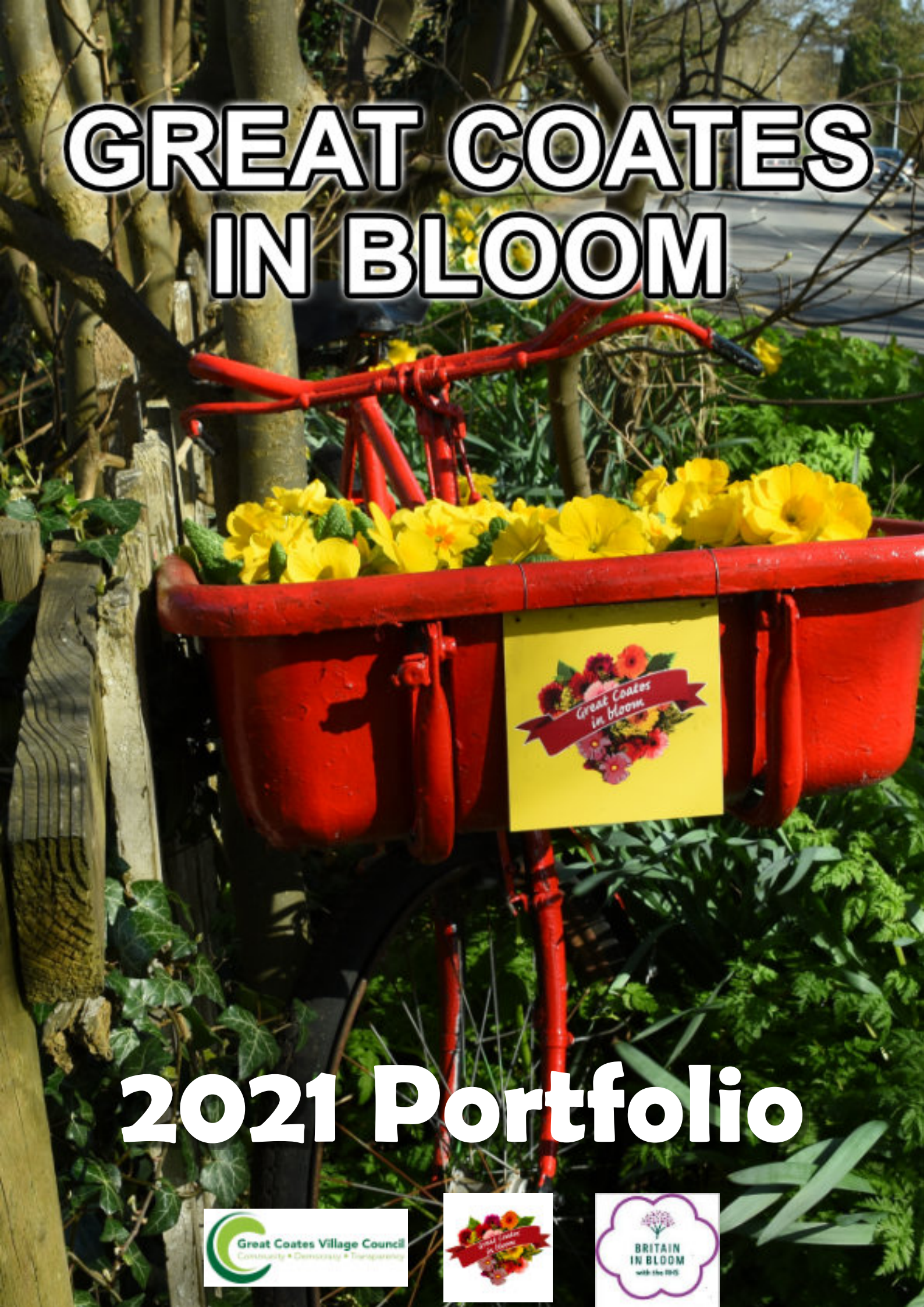
GREAT COATES IN BLOOM



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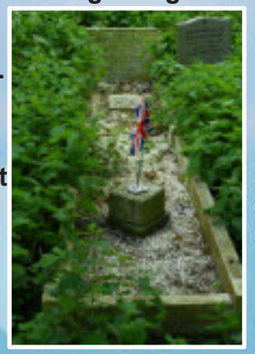
Great Coates in Bloom was the brainchild of Mike & Dawn Stewart when they saw the sorry state of the Village War Memorial, after it had been placed in its new position on the Nursery school building, following its removal from the Village Reading Rooms.

After seeing dead plants in two sorry looking plastic pots Dawn and Mike decided that we would like to form a committee with other villagers and commemorate the 100 years 1918-2018 end of WW1. Starting with seven members the first meeting was held on Sunday 15 July 2018 at their home.

It was their aim to tidy and make the village more pleasing to the eye and beginning at the Church Yard the two Commonwealth War Graves were in a very bad state, the area opposite the Church was tidied that was the first phase. They decided to ask a resident if he would make some wooden planters for residents to buy for £30 each and were amazed at the number of people who bought them which are now placed throughout the village.



A bench was donated to the village and we looked into the possibility of placing it near Holme Farm with a plaque attached to those killed in WW2.

Ideas and visions grew into what it has become today and now a delegated committee of Great Coates Village Council with a team of ten and occasional helpers

Village Map & Key Locations

St Nicolas Church

Blackthorn Corner

Village Hall

Cow Byre

Our Very Own Train

The Avenue

War Memorial Nursery School

Postman Pat

The Station

Tommy's Mound

Herbert Rollett Way

Allington Drive

St Nicolas Church

St Nicolas Church has guarded the western end of Great Coates since 1200AD and the group work closely with the church on projects.

In addition, the group assist, tidying the church grounds especially once the grass has been cut having been left for wildlife to prosper in the Spring.

The group place a lot of emphasis in this area with barrier planting on safety barriers, planters on corners, under signs and either side of the bench.

The group maintain two Commonwealth Graves in St Nicolas Churchyard

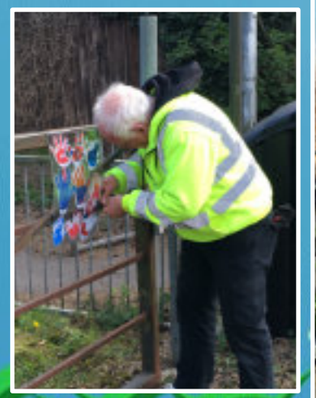
The Avenue

One of the oldest area of the village.

Here residents, assisted by the group,maintain the communal rockery

The War Memorial

Great Coates Nursery School is home of the village War Memorial, maintained by the group. Children regularly assist in In Bloom inspired features throughout the village., Such as the recent ‘100 hands’ to raise money for Captain Sir Toms Charity.



“Blackthorn Corner”

Local resident, William Dixon, lives close by and inspired by the groups transformation of this corner he now looks after this area of the village.

Postman Pat

Originally, the postbox was decorated with a planter and a Postman Pat van. Group Chairman, Mike Stewart, was offered an old Post Office bike whilst on one of his regular visits to the tip and came away with more than he took.

Now transformed, by members, it makes a great feature.

The Village Hall

The hub of the village with over 15,000 visitors per annum has been enhanced by residents following a successful grant application with the local Co-Op store. Now, maintained, by helpers of the In Bloom committee.

Surrounded, by trees, the hall is home to the ‘Bug Hotel’ created and maintain by In Bloom members assisted by Ruth Mathews, Duke of Edinburgh award student.

Cow Byre

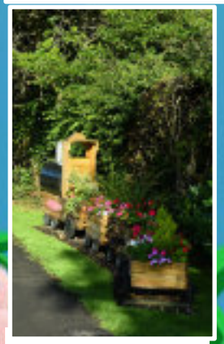
Older residents know this area well but the younger residents often ask where ? This is where the cows were once housed and milked and now brought to life by the In bloom Group - colour all year and a focal point for events such as Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas nativity scene.

Guarded and watched over by Tommy made by a local

The Station

Arriving, departing or simply passing through the In Bloom group have transformed this area with barrier baskets, planters on the Railway Station not to mention the old station bike and barrow. Both found and transformed by members.

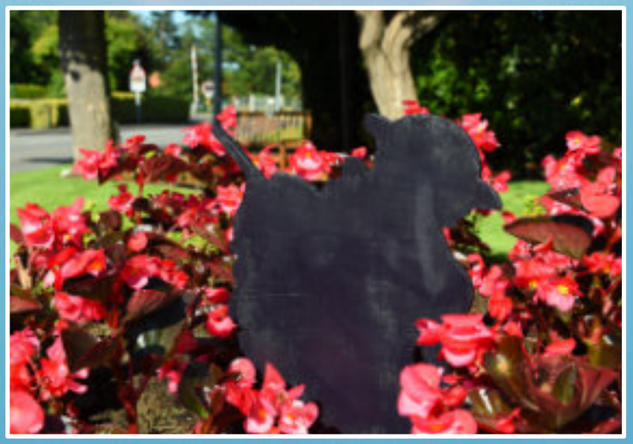
Planters attempt to hide the pumping station and re-cycled bins line one side of the road together with marking out the public footpath

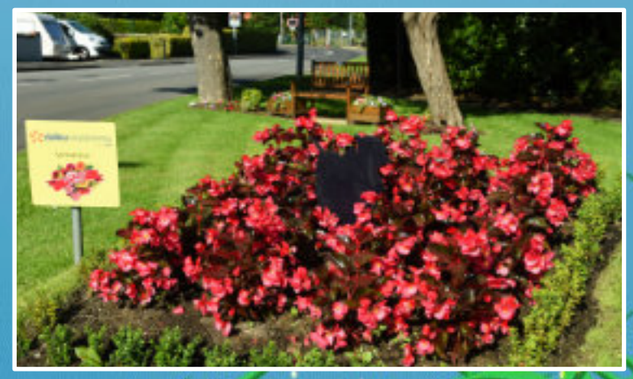


Great Coates very own train, created, made and donated by resident and member Chris Dunn.

Tommy's Mound

This once, just a plain verge was created into Tommy's Mound by members and sponsored by local company, Dalkia and is now used to commemorate significant





Herbert Rollett Way

With the help of the Village Council this area, overgrown for many years, has now been transformed into a fantastic walk for residents. Planters either end now enhance this area bring joy to the many residents who use it and now planted with wild flower seeds.

Queen Elizabeth Community Orchard

To mark the Queens 95th birthday the group have created a community orchard by planting 5 fruit trees on a previously unused green space.

Allington Drive

The eastern end of the village is just as well maintained as the western ends as residents and visitors arrive and depart.

Barrier boxes, hide the unsightly safety barriers with resident sponsored planters strategically placed. Local resident Mark Sinclair made and donated two planters whilst two fellow residents help maintain the area by watering and adding their own little touches.

Our water bowser, made by a local residents

The Last 12 Months .....

Despite lock down the group continued to commemorate events throughout the village

Celebrating VJ Day

Celebrating VE Day

Commemorating Remembrance Sunday

Commemorating Royal British Legion 100 years

The Last 12 Months .....

Scarecrow Weekend

Now into its third year the scarecrow weekend brings in thousands of visitors to the village with residents creating some fantastic scarecrows. In our first year 35 scarecrows were displayed which doubled in the second year to well over 60 with special visitors Aunt Sally and Worzel bringing smiles to many.

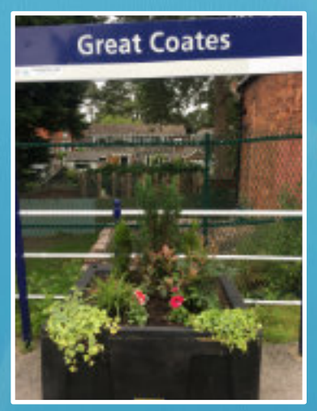
Halloween Weekend

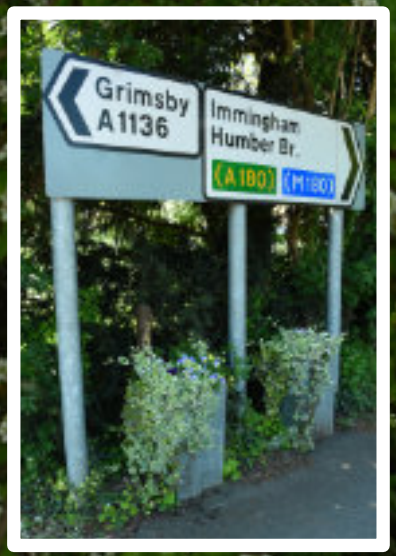
With the success of the Scarecrow Weekend we decided to encourage residents to decorate their houses and gardens for Halloween resulting in over 70 residents taking up the gauntlet with so much effort put in.

Litter Picks

Litter picks are undertaken regularly throughout the village. Two residents and members of the committee undertake a litter pick every week with frequent community events which achieve a good turn out. One project underataken early in 2021 was to tidy up the industrial estate end of the village resulting in over 750 kgs of rubbish.

And finally…



Transforming an unkept area of the village used by many to walk the dogs into the Great Coates Fernery

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