

## OLD BAKEHOUSE MILLENNIUM GREEN

# NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

*It is always a surprise how colourful the Green appears, even in February, as winter merges into spring. Many of us wish our own gardens were as good! The snowdrops, crocuses and "native" daffodils were particularly attractive this year and since then the cowslips have been wonderful.*



*Heavy rain at times dashed the flower heads to the ground, but luckily when the Northumbria-in-Bloom inspection came round in April it was dry and the judges were "wowed" as usual. One of the judges had never been before and said she couldn't believe that such a **gem of a garden** could be found so close to the busy street.*

### **Developments**

*Quite a bit of work has been done over the winter.*

*You will see a second rain butt that David Byrom has installed to improve the supply of water to the bird bath. It now bubbles away happily (when the sun shines!) He has also fixed the pipe so that children can't push it down the hole. Now they throw coins in the bath instead, which can't be bad! We have coppiced several trees to open up the woodland area and we think the coppice hedge along the Post Office yard looks much better now with more variety.*

*The cornus around the memorial stone has been cut back to ensure colourful stems next winter and we have tried to manage the wildflower area to ensure a balance of perennials and annuals. Look out for gold annuals this summer to celebrate 50 years of the RHS Britain-in-Bloom and red poppies to remember the World War 1.*

*Classes from Newminster School have sown sunflowers and are doing various surveys of bug life in the Green. They are also designing child friendly leaflets and games for use at the Garden Fete.*

### **Events**

*As part of the Morpeth Gathering we ran a "**Busy Bee Workshop**" where children could make bee homes instead of the usual bird and bat boxes. They were popular and once we have perfected the kits they should go down even better next year.*

### **Garden Fete Saturday 7 June 11am to 2pm**

*All the usual stalls will be there, particularly plants and cakes, books, cds, and tombola, so please be generous in bringing contributions for the day. Can you help run a stall? Just reply to this newsletter or contact one of the trustees.*

### **Music in the Green Sunday 24 August 2pm**

*It was a great success last year and promises to be even more entertaining this time. Put the date in your diary and watch out for further news.*

*More details will be posted on our website [www.millenniumgreenmorpeth.org.uk](http://www.millenniumgreenmorpeth.org.uk).*