



NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

**We are community
volunteers**

**Our aim is to enhance
Pontefract with flowers**

**Thank you to all our
2025 sponsors**

**Pontefract in Bloom
2025 was supported
by Wakefield
Council's
Neighbourhood
Improvement Fund,
Vico Homes,
business sponsors
and individual
donors.**



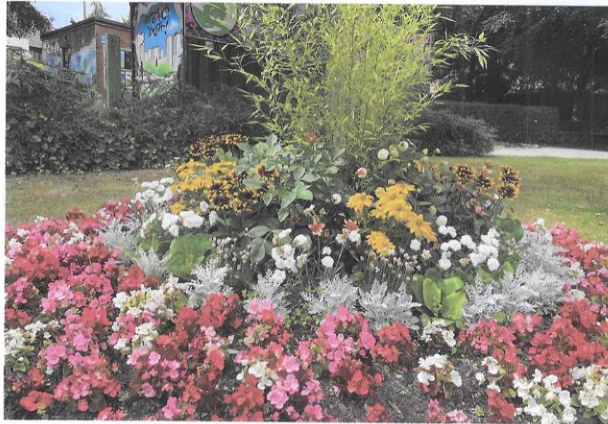
Jubilee planter outside Pontefract Museum



Hanging baskets and tiered planter outside the Red Lion

For summer 2025, Pontefract in Bloom provided 15 tiered planters, 8 square planters at the War Memorial and in front of Pontefract Dispensary, and the two Jubilee planters outside Pontefract Library. We also arranged the provision of 50 hanging baskets for town centre businesses.

FRIENDS OF FRIARWOOD VALLEY GARDENS YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM GOLD AWARD SUMMER 2025



Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens received the prestigious Yorkshire in Bloom Gold Award for summer 2025 for the second year in succession.

PONTEFRACT IN BLOOM IS A COLLABORATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

As in previous years, in 2025 we provided bedding plants for Friends of Pontefract Park, Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens and St Giles' Church, grown for us by Day Opportunities at Thornes Park Nurseries, a Wakefield Council organization which provides work for people with learning disability. 4,000 plants were needed for the two flower beds and lakeside planters in Pontefract Park, two flower beds in the Valley Gardens and the St Giles' flower beds. All the planting and watering is done by volunteers, and they were all replanted in October for the spring. The support of Wakefield Council's Park Ranger Team is gratefully acknowledged.

Summer displays 2026



War Memorial



Magistrates Market



Thank you to our sponsors 2025



Ropergate	Switalskis Solicitors Limited Boutique 38 Top Mark Suits	Ropergate Dental Care Coffee Lounge
Liquorice Way	Pomfret Gallery	
Front Street	The Solicitors' Chambers	Mane Hairdressing
Belks Court	The Hidden Gem	
Cornmarket	Moxon and Barker Solicitors Martin and Co Estate Agents	Wright and Co Solicitors
Newgate	Oakworth Consultancy	
Robinson St	Vaux Brothers (Grain and Feed)	
Shoe Market	St Giles' Centre	
Maud's Yard	House of Ales	

Pontefract Civic Society
Michelle's Flowers
Farmer Copleys
Pontefract Rotary Club
Inner Wheel of Pontefract
Liquorice Singers
Friends of Pontefract Park
Pauline West
Castleford and Pontefract District Lions Club

Barkers Fencing
Pontefract DeLacy Lodge Freemasons
Phil Gordon
Abundant Walks
Royal British Legion
Pontefract Choral Society
Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens
Giles Boothroyd Ground Maintenance

Pontefract in Bloom is a voluntary community group that works in partnership with other community groups in Pontefract, and Day Opportunities at Thores Park Nurseries which grows our spring and autumn bedding plants for us.

Pontefract in Bloom is supported by grants from Vico Homes, Wakefield Council's Neighbourhood Improvement Fund and Local Capital Fund.

Planting and watering services provided by First Impressions Nurseries, Ackworth.



Flower beds Pontefract Park

Pontefract in Bloom is delivered by the small Pontefract in Bloom committee, together with Friends of Pontefract Park, Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens and St Giles' Church. The Council's Park Ranger Team provide support in the parks.

PLANNING FOR SUMMER 2026



For 2026 we've had to make changes to our floral displays for Pontefract. Our supplier advised us a few months ago that they were no longer able to deliver the services we had previously paid for and we haven't been able to find a direct replacement within our budget. However, we will still have smaller displays at key points around the town and continue to work with the Friends groups at Pontefract Park and Friarwood Valley Gardens, and with St Giles' Church.

Hanging baskets have increased significantly in price because of the high cost of watering services. So, while we won't have direct involvement with providing baskets, we know that some businesses will source their own and we always welcome this.

Watch out on our Facebook page for updates about what we're doing and the blooming lovely displays we spot around Pontefract.

The grants we obtain from Wakefield Council and Vico Homes do not meet all the cost of delivering Pontefract in Bloom and we also need sponsorship. Sponsors have a plaque or plaques on our planters and are acknowledged in our social media posts.

Sponsorship prices for summer 2026:

Bronze: £75 – one planter plaque

Silver: £150 – two planter plaques

Gold: £200 – four planter plaques

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