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BEDNALL VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN AND MAINTENANCE DAY

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Bednall Day such as success.

Over forty adults and thirty children took part over the weekend. The event was organised by Friends of Bednall, who had received a Top Cashback Sustainability grant through Staffordshire Community Foundation.



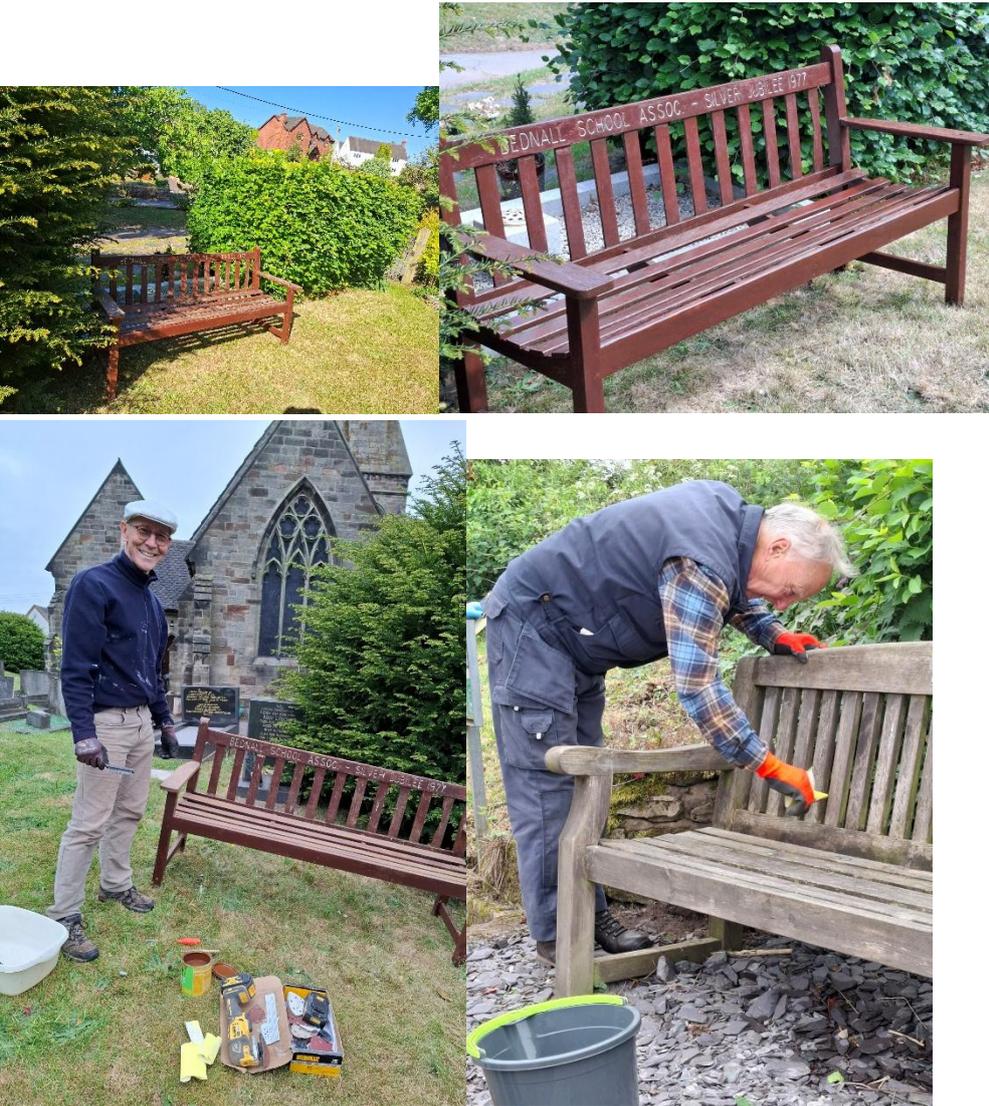
On Saturday morning, 17th May, residents gathered in the church where there was coffee and cake to sustain the team.

In the church, members of the craft group assembled 11 bird boxes, tutored by Colin, a volunteer from Cannock Shed who supplied the kits. The bird boxes were decorated and installed around the village. Pat Whiston said, *"I enjoyed making and painting the bird boxes. I think the day has brought the community together"*





One of the main tasks was to restore our benches.



The notice boards were also in need of attention.



Up by the WW1 Sculpture, the poppies benefited from a fresh coat of paint.



There was much work to be done around the phone box.



Along the church wall, annuals and heathers were planted, and new shrubs were placed in pots outside the church.



New residents looked after the car park, swept pavements and took responsibility for the new judas tree.

Laura Dewsbury said

"I feel it was lovely to meet everyone and to be part of a lovely community. Everyone was so welcoming and we loved helping out".



Litter picking teams set out, endorsed by “granny, litter-picking is the best fun ever.”



We helped the school assemble their new planter which is part of their seed to fork project.



All Saints School's Seed to Fork project involved 6 adults and 36 children (aged 2 to 11).

"Today we have all had a chance to help to plant and improve our school grounds. We have a new planter - the children have been Carpenters! They used excellent team work and building skills to build us a brand new planter donated by Bednall community.

Doves formed a working party to move the plants and soil across to the new planter . Our veg and fruit planters on our mini allotment look amazing now. We planted peas, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, cucumber, tomatoes, mint and beans. Lets hope for plenty to harvest later in the year".

The Teacher for Wildlife Wednesdays said

"Doves had the most magical, totally unplanned afternoon, where we became landscape gardeners, moving the soil from the broken trough. So much hands on science! We found out how long raspberry roots were, what rotten wood looks like, how peas grow, what strawberry plants look like, distances between plants, how to refresh old soil, how to sweep up, how to work as a big team. Everyone had dirty hands and big smiles. Perfect hands on learning".

Cubs from Penkridge stopped off on their walk through the village to have lunch in the church, with Canon David answering their questions.



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