

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces
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Report Title	Bulb Planting
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The sites this year

Rose Walk, Purton Road, Whitfield Road Roundabout, and Thamesdown Drive.

The Whitfield Road/Purton Road roundabout I suggest is planted by staff (maybe Councillors) from a Risk Assessment H&S viewpoint rather than getting members of the public to cross on to it. Our staff are used to working on it, when mowing the grass.

Rose Walk Allotments, maybe shout out to the allotment holders, and let them do it in their own time.

Purton Road & Thamesdown Drive are big areas with lots of bulbs, so may take several visits - hence the spray paint. For safety reasons I would suggest the plots are marked a couple of metres away from the road - this would also allow the mower to past between the flowers and the road for the first few cuts next year. Maybe mark out the whole area for planting, then subdivide into chunks that can then be mark with paint when finished.

The school holidays are the 20th of October through to 1st November, so some dates then might get some children out.

Coordinate with Head of Parks and Opens Spaces to identify dates and publicise on Facebook.

Going Forward 2022 – Facilitation not Organisation

Knutsford Town Council have a “Big Bulb Plant Event” www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/big-bulb-plant where the Council provides bulbs and the residents themselves organise the events and the locations. This needs further investigation, but this maybe the way forward. It is too late in the 2021 for this Council to organise such an event. There is a lot of additional website pages, so budget/time will need to be allocated.