

Incredible Edible Prestwich and District Ltd

Annual Report March 22

IEPAD became a Community Benefit Society on the 15th of April 2019.

1) Board Members.

Mark Lockwood (Secretary). Ken Barnsley (Treasurer). Andrew Levy (Communications /Social Media). Mike Pope Debbie Pope Fiona Lynch Joan Mulvenna (Chair) Nicola Siddons Richard Bond

2) Projects

Albert Avenue allotment. Brooklands Road herb planter. St Mary's park planters. Prestwich Village planters and Metrolink tram station triangle. Prestwich Clough Forest Garden (an accredited permaculture Land Centre). Philips Park gardens. Whitefield Fire Station Radcliffe Belmont Road. Stand Unitarian Church planters

Brief reports form the projects.

Philips Park.

The area behind the poly tunnel has transformed into a community space and is now been used by various groups. The number of volunteers continues to increase. Partnership work is restarting. Work on renovation and more raised beds is being undertaken.

Belmont Rd.

The project goes from strength to strength. A good crop was harvested last year and many improvements to the site have been completed.

Whitefield Fire Station. This garden is a small low maintenance plot of herbs and soft fruit. We are still in need of someone to coordinate this small project.

Prestwich Clough Forest Garden. The garden is approaching its 10th birthday and is maturing very well. There have been lots of visitors during lockdown. Space has been cleared for more flowering and healing plants.

Prestwich Village. The planters will need weeding and replanting this year.

St Mary's Park.

An increased number of volunteers this year enjoyed a good harvest from the well established beds in the park

Albert Avenue Allotments.

A small but dedicated group of volunteers along with children have had a successful growing and harvesting year.

Brooklands Road Herb Beds.

2 further beds have been added this year. The beds have continued to provide a good selection of herbs for the local residents. This year edible flowers have been introduced and a separate section for growing mint.

Stand Unitarian Planters

2 planters were built on land adjacent to the church. A small group of volunteers have met regularly and have produced the first crop. There are plans to expand the number of planters.

3) Events. Since the Last AGM

June 21 Pop up plant stall at Village Greens.

Aug 21. Prestwich Clough Day

Sep 21. Open Day at Philips Park New garden open by Pam Warhurst

October 2. Apple Day

December 21 Pop up chutney stall at Village Greens

December 21 IEPAD Xmas Party

January 22 Wassail Event

4) Membership / Volunteers.

We currently have 43 members and there are 165 people on the e-mail list. We also run 3 WhatsApp groups to post our messages.

Social media update:

We have 1,142 followers on the main Facebook page, but also run 3 separate project pages to share content with, e.g. Prestwich Clough Forest Garden. Sharing content helps to get our messages out in the community. So, for the 12 months to end February 2022, we had 20,584 times people saw our content, an annual increase of 89%.

We now have 1,538 followers on Twitter and for the 12 months upto end February 2022 we had 98,621 impressions showing how important Twitter is. NOTE: The top tweet in January was to mention Gina Miller visited Philips Park. This alone generated 22,000 impressions.

5) Partners / Links

Albert Avenue Allotments

Bury Food Strategy.

Bury Greenwood Group

Bury VCFA

Creative Living Centre allotments

Chabad Whitefield

Elms Bank School

Friends of Philips Park

Greater Manchester Youth Network

IE Heaton Park

IE NW network
Philips High School
Philips Park Barn Management CIC
Porch Box food bank
Pres Prestwich
Radcliffe Market Hall Comm Ben Soc
Stand Unitarian Church
Trust House Whitefield
Twinkleboost
Village Greens Prestwich

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