

# Early planning ideas for decorating Hemingford Abbots for the Queen's Jubilee

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

Dear Hemingford Abbots resident,

As you know, this year marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with the celebrations focused on the long week-end of June 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. There are several community activities in the planning stages for that weekend, involving both the Hemingfords, and information about those activities will follow.

The purpose of this communication is to let you know in advance that the plan is to decorate the village in red, white and blue colours so that, by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our beautiful village looks spectacular, through a combination of plants, bunting, ribbon and other creative ideas. This may include ordering your hanging baskets soon, and requesting red, white and blue plants (many plant nurseries need your hanging basket order by mid March to guarantee what you want).

Or you might be buying plant seeds or plug plants to grow your own plants for your baskets, borders, tubs or troughs – please kindly consider the red, white and blue theme.

## Examples of red, white and blue plants

We have been asked to propose some varieties of plants that come in red, white or blue, suitable for hanging baskets, tubs or troughs. Your local garden centre will be happy to advise you, but here are some simple ideas.

Plants more suited to a sunny position;

**Red** Geranium, Petunia, Surfinia, Calibrachoa (Million Bells), Fuschia, Verbena

**White** Geranium, Petunia, Surfinia, Verbena, Lobelia, Bacopa

**Blue** Petunia, Surfinia, Lobelia, blue Salvia, Verbena

Plants more suited to a shady position;

**Red** Begonias (upright and trailing), Fuschia

**White** Begonias (upright and trailing), Fuschia

**Blue** Lobelia



This effective hanging basket is made up from 3 varieties of plant; red Calibrachoa, blue Lobelia & white Verbena



Petunias and Surfinias



Verbena 'Union Jack mixed'

### Other decorative ideas

Pots and tubs – You could consider using a blue, red or white ceramic pot as part of your colour planning – or even paint some plain pots!

Bunting - As is traditional with jubilee events, we will be festooning the village in “patriotic” bunting, particularly the public areas such as our Village Hall. Why don't you join in the fun, and make your own red, white and blue or Union Jack bunting, or order some on the internet – but hurry, buy now before supplies run out or prices go up!

Wreath - How about a wreath for your front door, decorated in red, white and blue? Perhaps in silk flowers, or ribbon, or even pine cones painted appropriately! The creative ideas are endless.

### Additional notes;

If you buy your red, white and blue hanging baskets or troughs from Crystal Acres plant nurseries at Fen Drayton, they will deliver them to Hemingford Abbots, free of charge. Just mention you are part of the Abbots red, white and blue scheme when you speak to Lynn, and put in your order by mid March Tel: 01954 231276