

**The Kew Society
Planting Plan to enhance Kew in association with
The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
and Richmond Council**

“One of the The Kew Society’s objectives is to enhance the beauty of Kew, and as part of this we have a very active group of gardening volunteers, who develop and maintain gardens in public spaces in Kew.

This includes:

- *The planting of almost 5,000 spring bulbs along Kew Road,*
- *The renovation of Kew Gardens Station gardens*
- *The maintenance of 5 other gardens around the village.*

In 2019, with the enthusiastic support of Father Nigel Worn, The Kew Society together with the design team at The Royal Botanic Gardens came up with ideas which, while being easy to maintain, would further enhance the beauty of St Anne’s Churchyard consistent with its existing natural character.

- *The plan won a Civic Pride Award in 2019 from Richmond Council which funded the planting plan.*

The first phase of the planting and the establishment of a wildflower area on the south side of the church was finished earlier this year. The insect friendly, colourful wildflower area seemed to be especially well received by parishioners and passers-by.

On 25 November, Volunteers from the Friends of St Anne’s, the Holy Mowers and The Kew Society along with a team from Continental Landscape, who provided their support as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme,

- planted over 1,000 bulbs, a few hundred herbaceous perennials and some sweet smelling shrubs.
- This planting, along with the extension of the wildflower area, will complete the planting programme, and has been achieved through a real Community effort.

We would like to thank all those who gave up their time to help with the planting, those who continue to maintain the Churchyard, and to the many who give the gardeners encouragement with their appreciation of the plants.

We hope that everyone will enjoy the splashes of colour and the sweet perfumes that the new planting will provide across the seasons.’

Richard Jaggard –The Head of Kew Society Gardening division. November 2020