

## Drinkstone Daffodils

Further to the agreed initiative to raise money through donations to plant 10,000 daffodil bulbs on the residential grass verges throughout the village I am pleased to report the following.

To date through generous donations by villagers we have raised over £1,200 which is more than sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the project. We did receive one enormous donation and I have written and sent a card to the residents thanking them on behalf of the PC and the village as a whole. Having explained that their donations meant we had exceeded our target they are happy for any balance to be rolled over to another PC project which will enhance the appearance of the Village. In particular the erection of gates to compliment the village signs on the 4 main entrances into the village (example below). To be discussed further at the Council meeting 4th October 2021.



4 x 6ft gates plus 8 x posts approx.  
cost excluding paint £600 inc VAT

Now that we have raised the required amount of money for the daffodils, we need to agree the expenditure and planting scheme. Below is an estimate of the number of bulbs required along with a planting scheme which will incorporate larger traditional Daffodils in Public Areas and dwarf plants planted in the verges which are cared for by residents. Each Councillor has been allocated a number of residents to visit to gain approval for planting to take place outside their properties, which is the most courteous thing to do; it will also give us the opportunity to get commitment to planting too.

The 2 varieties I am proposing can be purchased directly from Boston Bulbs who have proved to be the most competitive on price. The bulbs are available for delivery late September early October. I am happy to take the delivery and store the bulbs in my barn until we organise the planting.



Best Selling Daffodil bulbs suitable  
for roadside and roundabouts £350  
inc VAT for 5,000 bulbs



Narcissus Quail Jonquil Bulbs - Quail  
Jonquil suitable for roadside and  
roundabouts £425 inc VAT for 5,000  
bulbs

In addition to requesting help from residents to plant whilst gaining approval, have written to the village gardening club to ask for volunteers too and will co ordinate with Lyn Hannant when we are ready to start and I have completed a H&S assessment.

DAFFODIL PLANTING PLAN									
Location		Tall 8 inches apart	Minature 5 inches apart						
Woolpit Rd inbound village sign		100							
Beyton Rd inbound village sign		100							
Gedding Rd inbound village sign		100							
Rattlesden Rd inbound village sign		100							
Triangle by the church		100							
Gedding Rd allotments grass verge		300							
Cross street from Rattlesden Rd to Cricket			100						
Cross StreetCricket		400							
Triangle by Village sign Green Close		100							
Barns to Rookery Farm		950							
Village Hall to Pumping Chapel Lane			400						
Railings by pumping station		50							
Field Bungalow to Cherry Tree Rise			550						
Cherry Tree Rise			200						
Rattlesden Rd Allotments		200							
Green Close to Rattlesden Rd			600						
Gedding Rd to 2nd Meadows			750						
2nd Meadows to Garden House Lane			2400						
Cross street to Farm Close		1100							
Holme House to Old Alms House		650							
Green End to Hammond Hall		750							
		5000	5000						
		<b>£350.00</b>	<b>£425.00</b>			<b>£775.00</b>			
						Total cost inclusive of VAT			
In addition there are a further circa 800 to 1000 bulbs already purchased by residents									

Prepared by Councillor Edmondson

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