



18th May 2018

Dear Sir/ Madam

Invitation to Community Groups to Submit Suggestions for Free Bulbs to Plant

For over 30 years Rotary has been working hard to rid the world of polio – a terrible disease that can kill or severely disable children. Polio cases across the world have been reduced by 99.9% from over 350,000 cases in 1985 to just a handful now. Over 2.5 billion children have been immunised through a partnership with the World Health Organisation. In the UK alone Rotary has raised over £20m towards the campaign.



children from Wray School Rotakids).

The fight against the disease continues and the symbol of the campaign is the purple crocus. The Rotary Club of Lunesdale have supported the campaign for many years and recently have planted large numbers of purple crocuses; in Jubilee Park , Kirkby Lonsdale/ Mill Ayre, Kirkby Lonsdale and in the Memorial Garden in Wray (assisted by

Last year the club entered a photograph of the planting in Jubilee Park (see above) in a national competition; organised by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland and sponsored by Gee Tee Bulbs. The club won first prize which was £400 worth of bulbs from the company. We need to take up this offer of the bulbs before the autumn of this year. One of Rotary's aims is to support local communities so we thought it appropriate to invite suggestions from community groups within the Lune Valley and adjacent areas covered by our club; for use of the bulbs. These will be donated free to the community group(s) by the Rotary Club. We, therefore, invite any community group interested in taking up this opportunity to send us their ideas. For this purpose we have provide below some guidelines which will help: -

- The club is seeking innovative ideas, supportive of the local environment and appropriate to the community where the bulbs will be planted. An indication of the proposed location for the planting and roughly the number and type of

bulbs required would be a great help. If there is either a theme or reason for the planting scheme this would also be helpful.

- A small group of members will assess ideas when received and decide on how the bulbs be distributed. We are pleased that the Susan Rowley the Head Gardener at the National Trust's Sizergh Castle has agreed to help us with this task. We may make an award to one or more of the community groups from whom we receive ideas; depending upon the idea received and the number of bulbs required.
- Community groups will need to work on the basis of getting the necessary permissions to plant the bulbs from the appropriate landowner (public or private) and for carrying out the planting at the appropriate time. The Rotary Club may be able to provide some assistance with both these tasks when requested.
- The group making the suggestions can choose any of the individual bulbs which are on the company's website www.gee-tee.co.uk Here you will find a wide range of bulbs appropriate to garden, open meadow and woodland settings. There are packs of mixed bulbs; particularly in the latter categories. Given the timing of the invitation we suggest that groups look at bulbs for planting in Autumn and flowering in the Spring. The Autumn catalogue from Gee Tee Bulbs is now online. The club would like to receive ideas for planting no later than Friday July 20th 2018. This will allow enough time for us to assess the suggestions and allow those who are awarded the bulbs to make the necessary arrangements for planting in the Autumn.
- Ideas should be sent to the Secretary of the Rotary Club Richard Parsons either by email on parsonsrjp@googlemail.com or direct to: - Paddock House, Back Lane, Wennington, Lancaster, LA2 8NZ.
- Please send any questions to the same email address.

The club very much look forward to receiving suggestions from community groups.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Parsons

Rotary Club of Lunesdale

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