



Flaming June lived up to its name having some of the hottest days so far this year.

Great Barr and Perry Barr Park have had a busy month.

The entry for the residents of B42 to take part in this year's Barr in Bloom organised by the 3BS (Barr, Booths and Beeches) area. All 3Bs members will receive an entry form which has to be returned by the end of July. Cash Prizes are available for the best micro garden, best front garden, best most improved front garden plus runner up prizes. All entrants must supply a before photo with the entry form, the judges will take photos of all the entrants on the judging day. Please note the garden must be visible from the road, back gardens cannot be entered. Only residents living in B42 are eligible to take part. Results and prize giving will be held at the end of August or the beginning September; we hope to be able to have access to the Alexander Stadium, like last year. Keep an on Facebook for more info.

Friends of Perry Park have been busy organising litter picks in the park, photo attached, especially as the park was encroached upon by travellers for the second time in the last month. We have also been highlighting the park not being returned to the community, on YouTube, in the press, on several Facebook pages and on our Web Page <http://www.perrypark.org> A residents meeting is to be held on Monday 26th June between 6-9pm and Sunday 2nd July between 10am-3pm both in the South Lounge, West Stand Alexander Std. We are also involved with B.Uni who are holding an event called Belonging and Thriving in Age-Friendly Cities... This project is an initiative exploring the research into the two global demographic mega -trends of population ageing and urbanisation.



Birmingham is working towards achieving the status of Age Friendly City by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Hamilton in Ontario was awarded this title in 2015. I took part in a walk around Perry Park in early 2020 with the intention of encouraging older residents and persons with disabilities to get out and about and take part in the life of the area. Many people who live alone do not get out or mix with other people of a similar age. Birmingham wants to change this so that all generations and people of different backgrounds can meet up and enjoy the green areas of our city. Plus on the 15th June we took part in a Perry Barr Constituency NNS Event which was the launching-younger-adults (18-49) with disabilities also (50+) scheme to learn more about green spaces & digital inclusion. This was very well attended by about 40 different groups and providers within the Perry Barr Constituency. This was with the intention of helping all organisations to access training and funding to promote their activities.

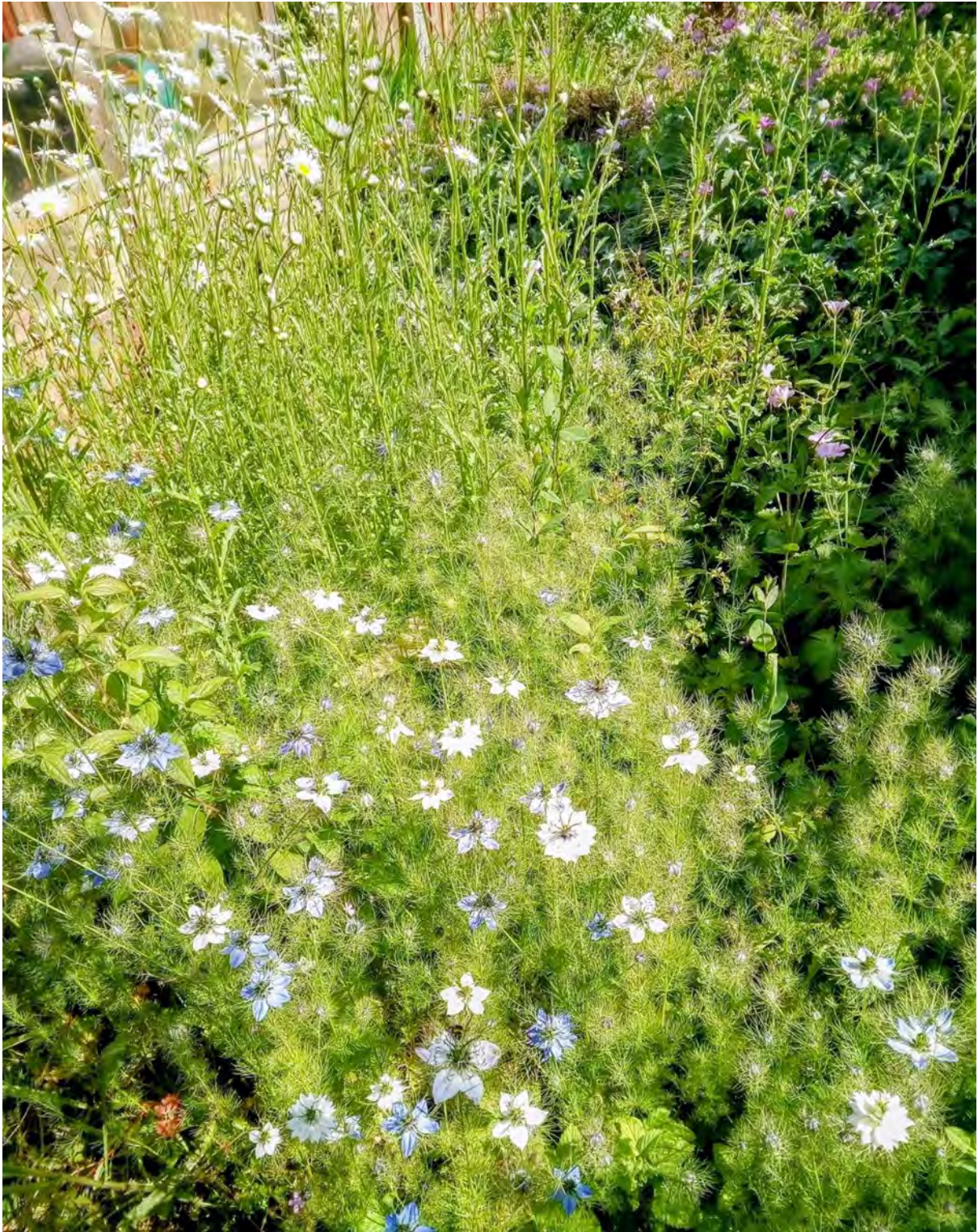
Apart from this due to the hot weather flowers have been blooming really well in gardens and the parks. Photos attached.



A bit of the litter collected on 19th June



FOPPs litter picking group with the 12 bags of rubbish collected just as the rain came down.



love-in-a-mist (*Nigella damascena*)



Mock orange (*Philadelphus coronaris*) growing ...
Tame Valley Canal overlooking the stadium



My over grown side garden



Odemera (thick legged) beetle on hawk weed in garden



Ox-eye daisy and love-in-a-mist with a bee top
right of picture



Ox-eye daisy member of the Aster family
also known as Marguerite