

# Northway Rose Gardens secure RA funding



There was welcome news for the Northway Gardens Organisation, which was awarded a grant of nearly £2,400 by the Residents Association Council at its July meeting. After some debate, and by a large majority, RA council decided to help cover the organisation's current deficit and provide the funds for more soil improvement later this year, mainly through a lot of manure in the beds.

Residents who walk through Northway Gardens regularly will have noticed a regeneration of plant life in the Rose Garden beds. These had over the years been badly neglected and, due to lack of funds, Barnet Council wanted to grass over the site. The NGO, a group of enthusiastic

volunteers, made a representation to Barnet Council under the 'Adopt a Place' scheme and, in October 2014, Barnet selected their proposal to restore the garden for the benefit of the residents of HGS. Since then the NGO have raised over £3,400 from local residents and businesses which has been used to cover gardeners' labour costs and remedial work on the beds. When the team started work on the gardens, there was no water supply. With the help of a £600 donation from the HGS Trust they set one up to care for the new plants in the flower beds. They have planted seven flower-beds with disease resistant roses, and have also planted

variegated shrubs including mahonia, honeysuckle, forsythia, which has yellow blooms in the spring, choisya, eunomyous and berberis. They have tried to pick plants that would thrive and cope well with the clay soil. Many of the plants have come from residents' gardens, with lots of large cuttings and shrubs donated. They have also planted wild flowers in one bed to create some more interest and are using paid gardeners to help with the manual work. The NGO welcomes donations of time and money. So if you would like to help, you can send donations to the Northway Gardens Organisation, NatWest, Temple Fortune branch, 51-50-11, account no: 66631904. You can also send a cheque payable to

Northway Gardens Organisation to 69 Brookland Rise, NW11 6D. And to volunteer your time or find out more about the NGO, please phone 8458 5313 or 07503 212253. Among the businesses that have supported the NGO are Brill & Owen, Cartridge World, Cosway Estate Agents, Ellis and Co, Medivet and Stathams Dog Groomers.



Monika, Moses, Teresa, Brian. Scooping up grass cuttings with egg boards to make 'sandwiches of green and brown' for the Compost Bins'.



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