

Ashby Allotments Association  
Official Opening of Less-able Plot on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

Background details

The Association has 100 plot holders

The Allotments are managed by an elected committee for and on behalf of the Ashby de la Zouch Town Council.

Diary of events leading to the opening:

- 2011 Vision for an improvement to the Community from the Association for :-
- Secure container for stocks
  - Toilet facility
  - Plot with access for the less able to enjoy gardening
- 2012 5 year plan developed and a suitable vacant plot became vacant
- Planning permission sought
  - Funding from the Lottery and all possible local supporters to the community
- 2013 May. A container obtained and sited in the Car Park area. Shed bought, base prepared and erected
- Website
- 2014 Scheme for the raised beds/pathways agreed
- 2015 Raised beds built, access laid and shed developed and made secure together with a retaining wall and sensory bed prepared for planting

The future:

- 2016 Rolling 5 year programme including:-
- Sensory bed
  - Site security
  - Water tanks and water saving/usage programme
  - Orchard
  - Bees
  - Car Parking improvement
  - Tractor path maintenance

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22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 3.00pm Opening of this contribution to the Community

Timetable.

2.30 BBQ

2.30- 2.45 Guests/Sponsors arrive

3.00 Opening

Onwards Summer afternoon festival

Andrew Rollason, Chairman of the Association, introduced the event saying that the contributors to this project were many and various with a massive input from the Community, Committee and plot-holders in voluntary labour terms. The money raised was material based, all requiring hard labour to produce, erect and lay, to produce the results you see today.

John Coxon, the Leader of Ashby de la Zouch Town Council, followed with announcing the opening of the facility. He said, "Thank you for the overview Andrew. I am delighted to be in attendance to open this stunning facility built by the community for the Community. I am pleased to lead a proactive Council whose support for these type of ventures are important.

I recognise and am delighted to see the contribution that local companies and organisations have made to this project and long may this continue.

I officially open this facility built for the community to use and enjoy."

A plaque 1mtr x 1mtr approx. was unveiled, completing the opening ceremony.

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Sponsors & Contributors. £15,500 +

- Lottery
- Ashby Town Council
- Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch
  - Zouch Hastings (evening)
  - Zouch (lunchtime)
  - Castle (breakfast)
- Leicestershire & Rutland Masonic Charity Association
- Ashby and Coalville Lions
- Harlow Timber
- Breedon Quarries
- Chestnut Farm
- ENRYCH
- W Taylor (Family Butchers)
- Wyevale Garden centre (Woodlands)