



2019
Laceby in Bloom



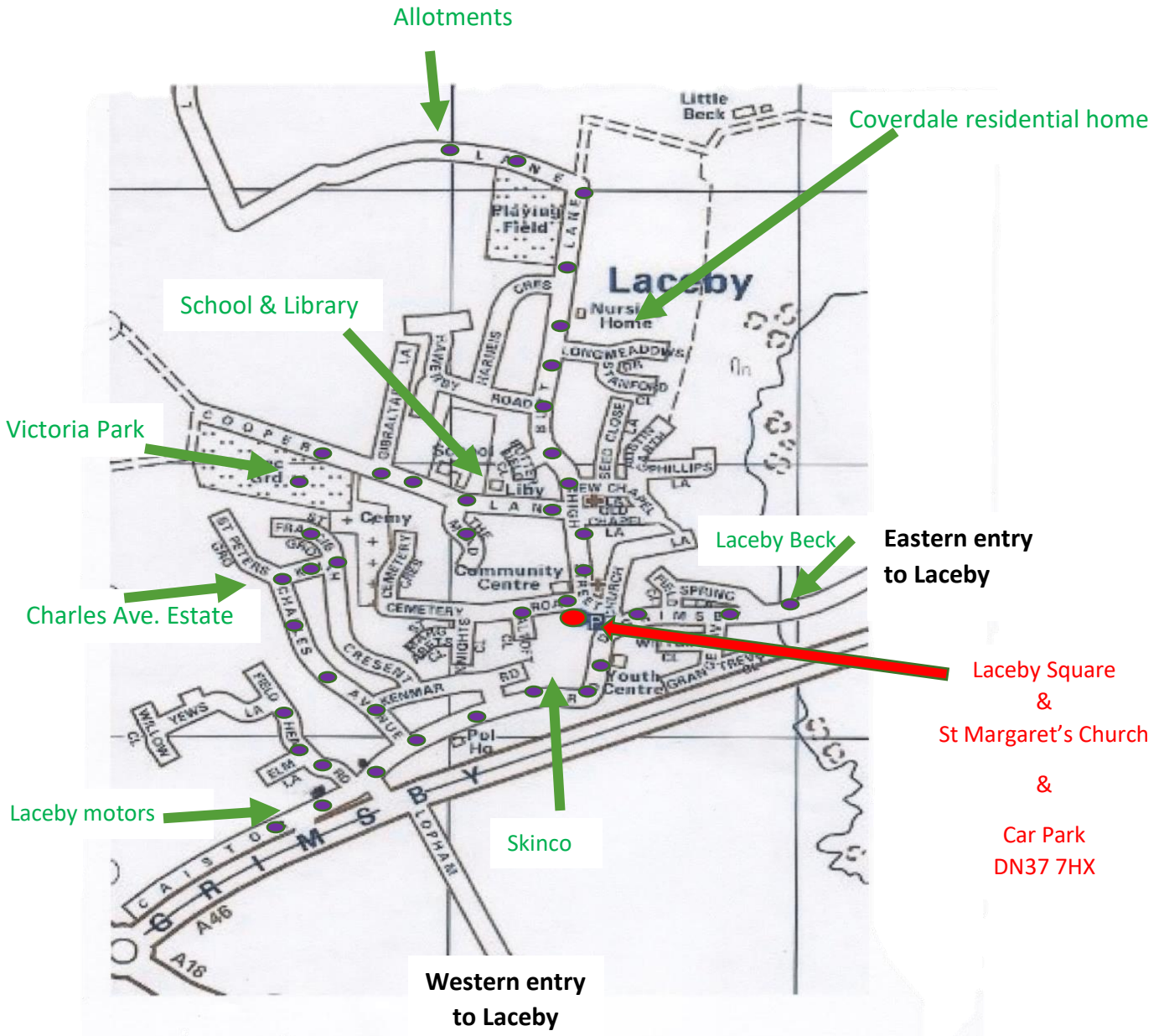
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Chairs Report 2018- 2019

LiB was pleased to welcome, judges, Sharon Sutton and Heather Taylor to St Margaret's Church on 5th July 2018. Several of the group and supports attended too.

The village received a Silver Gilt award for its 2018 entry and everyone was thrilled to hear Laceby Stanford School received a Silver award for its first ever individual entry into the Best Schools Garden, competition.

In 2018 we had more sites for the judges to visit, i.e. Cloverdale Residential Home and Laceby allotments.

LiB continue to receive much appreciated financial sponsorships, practical and services support, plus grants from businesses, organisation and individual residents. (see last page)

This year we had the pleasure of purchasing a new water bowser, self-watering containers and equipment from the *Laceby Solar Farm Community Fund*.



One of the new planters purchase with funds from Laceby Solar Farm Community Fund

We also secured a grant from the *East Coast Community Fund* for an environmental project at Laceby Beck & Victoria Park. Thanks to the generosity of time, discounts and free materials from Laceby/N.E. Lincs. businesses and individuals the money stretched more further than expected.

The Laceby History Group researched and donated an Information board for an area known locally as Pawson corner and also provided the information for the board in Victoria Park.

These grants and donations have enabled us to erect, 6 information boards, 3 magnifying post a seat and a bench in various village locations. Laceby Stanford School and the 1st Laceby Guides researched and helped design the boards at the beck

The Duke of Edinburgh team still turn up rain or shine this year we were pleased to welcome a new group of young people. Sadly, they got very wet both times but I understand they will still be back to help again

The chair & her husband where invited to the DoE Award Ceremony. They were surprised to that L.I.B was thanked from the stage for the support offered the young people. Surprised mainly because we thought they help us.

We are always pleased to see the younger residents in the village turn up to help, we have seen beaver Scouts picking up litter, the school children sowing wild flower seeds for example and helping to plant at the library, pre-school and school.

Receiving a Judges Award for our 2018 Presentation we decided to utilize this to advertise our activities, offering to visit local groups with the presentation. The first was the Laceby RBL. who donated the raffle prize money to us. We also are booked to visit the W.I.

In Aug 18. we held a joint Nature Day with the library at Victoria Park. This proved very successful with parents and children both equally enthralled with the knowledge Rachel, N.E. Lincs Ecology Officer shared with them. Compass FM was invited and we did a live interview.

Autumn 2018 saw the launch of our Newsletter which will be produced Spring and Autumn. Copies are sent out electronically with copies placed in public places around the village. We are also using the Village and LPC web pages to communicate with residents.

We maintain a positive partnership with N.E Lincs Neighbourhood Services and Grounds Maintainace Teams. 2018 saw the setting up off regular meetings between N.E.L. neighbourhood managers, the portfolio holder and In Bloom Teams

These meetings have had a positive outcome for all participants. While individual groups can raise issues, we can also address issues that affect us all, share ideas and find solutions. These meeting also enable us to meet and support each other.

Following last year's reduction to grass cutting we heard at the meeting cutting would be more frequent in 2019. We were able to share this information in our Newsletter much to the delight of Laceby resident

Presentation Night- Sponsored by Read Suzuki.

5th Oct 2018 held at the Lacey British Legion



Judges Award presented

Newark Presentation

*David Johnson receiving the award
Jeff Bates, President of EMIB*

Lacey in Bloom members receiving the award from *Vice president of EMIB Stewart Swinburn*, on behalf of everyone Lacey who participated



John Tucker
Community Members
Representative of NAViGO

Presenting prizes to
Lacey in Bloom
Gardening Competitions
winners in their own gardens



Best Garden Sharon & Tony Woodhouse

Best Container. Bridie Metcalf



*Best Garden Runner Up
Margaret Grest*

Bob Calison
Retired chair of
Cleethorpes in Bloom

Presenting to the
runner up winners



*Best Container Runner Up
David Johnson*



Representatives from the of Lacey Stanford
School Gardening Club, *Emma and Rachel* receive their Silver
Award

This was a very special award as it was their first ever and
gave the judges and impressive account of how it was
achieved.

Laceyby Stanford School

Welcome to the school and welcome to Spring floral display at the entrance to the school donated by Gooseman Growers.



School Gardening Club meets on Tuesday lunch time, run by teacher Mrs Hill and strongly supported by volunteers Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Wink



Everything lined up and ready to go



Library Club getting ready to plant the library summer display.

Laceyby in bloom where given a grant from the Stanford Trust to be used for educational activities.

We were very pleased to donate £100.00 to go to the school projects.



The children activities extend beyond the school, even popped up after school to help with seeding wild flower seeds at Victoria Park





Replacing 2 wooded containers (that had proved difficult to water and sustain) with a reservoir container which has added height to the planting and improved sustainability.

This was one of four used containers purchased from N.E.Lincs at a much reduced rate.

This is how it is was done, email from Anne

“We emptied the old box and put the soil in Chris Lockwood’s garden bin, then moved the old box out the way and dragged the new box up to position, then put all the old soil back in it, topped up on top with new soil then put the plants in. It was a bit back breaking!!



Congratulations Ann, Jane and Chris and NE Lincs for the prompt delivery. What a team

Chris Lockwood resident of the grove helping with final planting

Grimsby Road Gardening



While remaining with our wildlife theme, changes made this year include adding flowering shrubs for sustainability, a bug house plus seasonal wildflower

Residents in the locations continue to help with general tasks while also initiating changes too.

This year we saw lovely bright white daisies around the phone box and plain brown garden surrounds turn lilac overnight and planted accordingly. Thanks to Sylvia, Roz and Josie.

Denis waters the planting around the seat while Rob helps with grass cutting.

Although not a resident of Laceby Jane has become a regular helper.



Anne had read an article on the Chelsea Flower Shows

Repalcing and old wooden boarder

D-Day Landings75 Garden and suggested we used the same theme. The garden was planted with Armeria Maritima (Sea Thrift) as this would have been the last plant seen by the troops as they left England and the first they saw in France. We used Ageratum and white Lobelia to represent the sea



Pawsons Corner



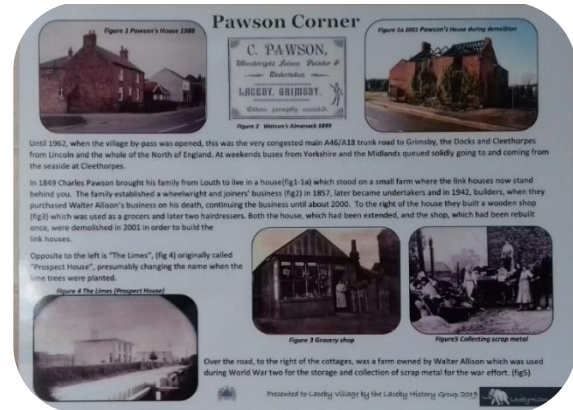
Pawson's Corner is not officially on the map; however, local people have always used the name when referring to this location.

It is on the central route through the village, on a blind bend of a very busy road. It is also dominated by poorly maintained private land. The location as very limited parking nearby.

We had a planter on the site and made regular visit to tidy the area including private land behind them. However, the location of the site is very restrictive making it very time consuming and difficult to care for.

It was decided to address the whole area by developing a package of change for the area making it an interesting area with sustainable, easily maintained gardens.

If possible, we decided to erect an information board near the edge of the garden. The board to be at a height and angle that could be read in a standing position, and angled for those needing mobility transport aids



We approached Laceyby History Group to help us with the historical facts and pictures. Not only did they supply some interesting data they also covered the cost of materials. A supporter of the group made the frame and located the board.



Making changes



Resident stops to have a chat with Sharon and admire the work being done.



Passers by seen visiting our gardens and seating areas



Caistor Rd and Charles Ave.

Iron Man, better known as locally as Archie, mum and dog, agreed to have this picture taken. They had stop as Archie wanted to pick a daisy for a ladybird, he had spotted in the garden.

Charles Ave.

A member of this rambling group sent us this picture. They had stop to admire our wheelbarrow garden

Not sure who the halloween visitor was? but who ever it was they only stayed for one day with overnight stay



Nice place to sit while waiting for the bus after work



Caistor Rd, Gizmo accompanied by his walking companion, Norman are regular visitors to this seat

Laceby Allotments

April 2019

Rented in 2009 the site now has over 50 plots eclectic mix of characters and gardening preferences as the pictures taken in April this year show.

The Association has recently taken over the role of meeting potential new tenants, showing them the plots available. Once the choice is made, contact details are forwarded to Parish Clerk.



Since this procedure has been in operation there is only one vacant plot available. Members do try to keep vacant plots strimmed so they don't look too bad for potential new tenants



Patrick and Julie Glover
Bee Keepers



The allotments have proved to be a great social asset that combats loneliness and contributes to the community and society in general.

Proceeds from their annual Vegetable Competition goes to the Hospice with other produce given to the church at Harvest Festival which in turn is donated to the homeless



Stating as a joke when one member took over a large plot along a path paths are named in memory of former allotment holds who were very active in the organisation.



The site embraces wild life with birdboxes.

Currently baby Blue Tits in one of the boxes.

Protecting our Ecological Environments

Victoria Park Engaging with residents

Lacey in Bloom aim to protect and improve two important green areas in the village. One Lacey Beck, a rare Chalk Stream, the other, an old commercial tip, now known as Victoria Park. Since being filled in many years ago the park had become a haven for wildlife. However, both sites were viewed by many as overgrown eyesores, rather than areas of ecological importance that improve the quality of life for residence and the declining wildlife, We needed to raise awareness and understanding. Having received a grant from the East Coast Community Fund we set about holding events and fun activities within the village.



In August 2018 Lacey in Bloom, and Lacey Library held a **Family Outdoor Fun Event in** Victoria Park.

Supported by Rachel Graham, N.E. Lincs Ecology Officer, lead a journey around the site looking at trees and their leaves and pointing out the wildlife the such as ladybird larvae, and then learning more about ladybirds,

Ross Carrick from Our local radio presenter came along to do a live interview during the day.



Making mud & seeded balls, then throw as far as they could



Colouring flowers butterflies and bees.



*Final words of the day;
I was smiling as I drove out of Lacey as days like that are exactly why I do my job. Proper community spirit and being able to spread the word of that on the radio is great.*

Ross Carrick Compass FM

Victoria Park



It was a cold and difficult time of day, just as school finished but thanks to everyone who turned out we got the job done.



Guided by Rachel we laid out a grid with twigs and then scatter a regulated measure of seed



In July 2018 Victoria Park was simply known as the old pit with very few residents seeing any value to it.

Thanks to the ECCF, support and advice from N.E.Lincs Environments Services and wide range of residents within a year the park has been seeded to create a wild meadow. It is home to a seat made from recycled materials, which is located on a concrete base extended to accommodate mobility aides or pushchairs. Sitting alongside is a children's mini wildflower bed and information board giving details of the area's history.

It has an information board, which identifies some of the trees on the site and a magnifying post.

While working with the school we discovered that understanding the points of a compass was part of the school's curriculum so we added a compass sign.



It appears we have almost accidentally provided a mini out door class room for the school or family room for residents to enjoy.

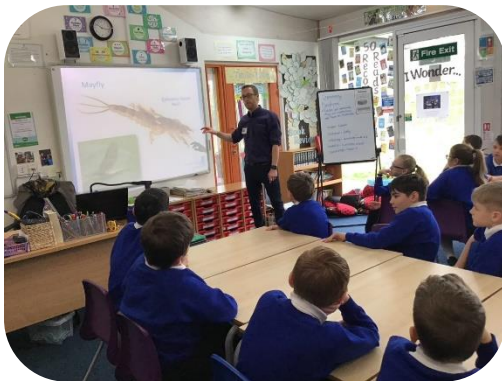
Our aim for 2019-20 is to add bat and owl boxes to the area and, should resources become available, locate natural benches around the site

Laceby Beck -Chalk Stream Project

Funded by east Coast Community Fund.



2018 - 2019
1st Laceby Guides
photograph flowers on the site
then designed the board



Will Bartle Chalk Stream Trust and Rachel Graham, N.E. Lincs Biodiversity Officer.

Visited the school making it a very interesting morning with pictorial and hands on leaning searching two buckets of water from the beck.

The children then went on to design a very interesting information board for the beck.

The Duke of Edinburgh Group

Not a good start for the new group joining us for the 2019 sessions. Rained of with nothing done on the first attempted visit.

Back they came the following month and managed to get the boards in at the beck and general tidy at the beck and Victoria Park



May 2019

Sally, Harry's mum stopped for a chat about the area, hedgehogs and water voles. She visited again later that day with Harry, she sent us these pictures of his impression of the new magnifying post.



Not sure what Harry saw, must have been good

Business Involvement,

Cloverdale, Residential Home

The circular garden in the driveway has been taken over by some of the residents supported by staff members, Jeff and Nadine. They brought a barrow from the back garden and painted it to co-ordinated with the planting, or was that the other way around? Either way it looks good. Wild flower seeds have been sown along the hedgerow. Laceby in Bloom where happy to be able to hand over some of the plants that had been donated by residents this season.



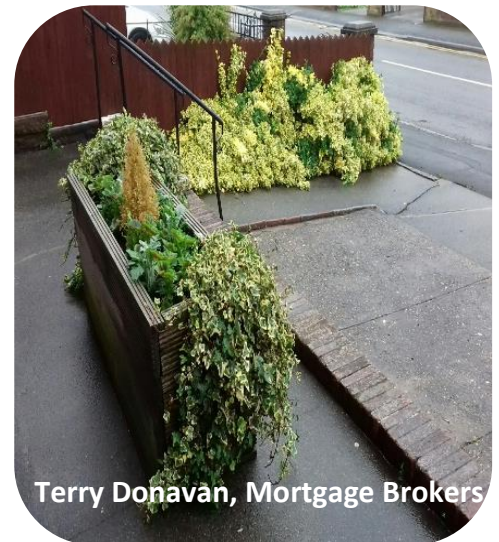
Wildflower seeding



Shops Caistor Rd.
Planted and cared for by **Skinco**,
through the winter months.



Laceby Motors, display in the making.
Containers donated by LiB, plants and
skill and design by Margaret with the
help of her grandson 3-year-old Harry.



Terry Donovan, Mortgage Brokers



Pizza Takeaway



These baskets hung
outside the **One Shop**
for the first time in 2018.
A member of staff took
them home and cared
for them through the
winter months ready to
hang for 2019

Lacey Square Church Hall, Empty Pub, and Private Garden Floral Displays.



Watering was a problem last year so LiB made a few alterations to the wall planter by widening the top layer to accommodate more compost. We planted Toadflax in the second tier which grows happily crevasses of walls. We then added couple empty sauce bottles with capillary matting strips to keep it moist during school term.



Finally, a shelf was made for the bottom tier to accommodate a watering can. The children helped make larger reservoirs out of milk bottles for school holidays which will be filled by LiB. The Guides have also been very busy, and in May this year painted all the free-standing tubs.



New garden added to the area.

Lacey Church Hall Display
Trio of organisations efforts,
Guiding, pre-school and Lacey
in Bloom



Laceby, a village where people chip in.



John Clements and LiB members David and Ken getting the 2018 Christmas tree up. For the first time in many many years an outdoor Carol Service was held around the



Mother and daughter, Lesley and Sarah (LiB members) stood beside their Easter window display in the church



Patrick from the allotments clearing bees from the church.



St. Margaret's Garden Party

Lib Shooting Gallery Game

LiB member Sheena (R) and Gemma who came along to help.

Wet and windy day but still smiling.



LiB members helping to keep the front gates of Cloverdale tidy.

Waste Not and Gain Plenty

With the ecological issues facing the world LiB is happy to receive items that can be recycled and put to further used.



LiB is still receiving the invaluable donation of compost from *Grimsby Solutions*.

It is reassuring to know that all the green waste we produce in the village is recycled and comes back to help fill our new containers and other projects



Just a few of the planters and plants donated to LiB this year which we have used in our own projects and also passed on to others.

These in the picture have now been painted grey and are located at Laceby Motors.



We were very pleased to pass cuttings and other perennial plants to Cloverdale this year. Kindly donated by last year's competition winners.



A resident spotted our wheelbarrow in Charles Ave and offer this one which has become a mini wild flower meadow.

Keeping our village free from litter



Beavers from the 1st Laceby Scouting Group helping to keep *St Francis Grove Play Area* free from litter.



Our Beavers really enjoyed litter picking and asked if they could do it again, I had told them they must use the litter pickers and not their hands. When I saw one beaver who was bending to pick up something with his hands, I stopped him, his answer was, *but Mary its money*, So, litter picking is profitable as well as enjoyable. *Mary Winn Leader*



The First Litter Pick Of 2019

Residents on Butt Lane close to the allotments.

Transported to a central pick up point ready for collection by N.E. Lincs

Perfect partnership



Laceby works together to maintain and improve the village



View as you leave the village by the western exit.

Having discussed this broken fence with N.E. Lincs. it appeared it served no useful purpose at all, just something left over from the 1960's when the bypass was completed. So, with the OK from NE Lincs. Derick, one of our supporting residents removed the old fence and another eyesore disappeared creating a lovely open view as you leave the village.



We put the surround in after receiving a request from the British Legion.

It was earlier this year that we decided to see about cleaning the war memorial. It was then that we found that if we keep cleaning it the memorial will continue to deteriorate.

We then decided to replace it so that it will need little or no maintenance in the future.

*Bridie
Chair of Laceby Parish Council*

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Laceby library

Cloverdale
Stanford School
Residents, Sharon & Tony Woodhouse, Bridie Metcalf
Duke of Edinburgh Team

For guidance, help and support;

Duke of Edinburgh Team *For turning out in all-weather conditions*
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Compass FM radio with special thanks to presenter Ross Carrick
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To all residents who take part in the gardening competition;
It is a privilege to visit such unique and beautiful spaces.

With **very special thanks** to all those who have helped with all our activities without whom Laceby would not be as **Blooming Beautiful** as it has become.