



Projects Report for 1 January to 31 December 2020

Planting Scheme

This is the first summer ASPRA arranged to have hanging baskets displayed along the shops of Lower Addiscombe Road. CJS Plants displays these from early June and took them down in September just as they were past their best. Lots of complimentary comments were received and at the end of the year an order was placed for similar baskets for the summer of 2021.

Poppies

Once again ASPRA arranged for the poppies to be displayed on the lampposts along the shops of Lower Addiscombe Road with Colin, Gay and Steve putting up and Steve and Donna taking down the poppies for November's display.

Quite a few of the poppies are showing their age with the colour fading, and this together with general wear and tear has meant that some were discarded this year. Steve is storing them. There are plans to purchase replacements next year.

Silent Soldier

Dave displayed our silent soldier by the ASPRA noticeboard ready for Remembrance Day in November. Sadly within a few days someone had removed the soldier's head. The damaged soldier was taken down and ASPRA committee reluctantly took the decision not to replace him. The committee very much appreciated all the messages of support, expressions of disappointment, and offers to pay for a replacement

Festive Lighting

The five-year contract for Festive Lights ended with the December 2019 display. Steve arranged, as a one off, for the Christmas lights along the shops of Lower Addiscombe Road and they were especially welcome this Christmas with the situation we all found ourselves in. All the donations received were very much appreciated, especially as it has been such a difficult year for most people.