

JANUARY, 2018



Dear Sponsor,

2017 proved to be another busy and rewarding time for KIBS. Once again, the continuing support and sponsorship from businesses within the town has made a huge difference to our positive impact. A number of businesses have also boosted the town's attraction with exterior decoration.

The Open Gardens Event worked extremely well with the extended hours; the art galleries opening alongside for another event added a further dimension to the day, and is a concept that we would like to develop. Our relocated plant stall was a very popular addition, great fun was derived from the "Pot Art" venture, and we were blessed with lovely weather and a perfect setting in the Quaker Garden for our afternoon teas. We have a **provisional** date of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 11.00a.m.to 5.00p.m. for this year's event. The group is indebted to all those gardeners who have, and continue to participate; we are seeking more volunteers to create a rota system. An initial meeting will take place in February; date to be announced.

The proliferation of weeds in the town is a concern that has been shared by many. Whilst not licenced to spray, our group have had positive discussions with NYCC regarding options to improve the future situation.

During the year we were delighted to have been nominated for Skipton Building Society's "Grass Roots" award by a resident. Reaching the short list was quite an achievement, but to then secure a finalist position decided by the public was very rewarding. Our heartfelt thanks to all who registered their vote for us.

Meanwhile, we do hope you feel able to continue, or if a new business in the town, to join our sponsorship scheme. We are delighted to keep the existing rate of £40.00/annum. Please complete and return the pro-forma below.

With all good wishes,

Gaynor De Barr, Chairman.

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