

## Chairman's Report 2021-2022 FREE, please take one











Telford April 2022

Thank you for reading my report for 2021-2022.

The Friends award winning voluntary group have had a mixed year due to the on/off various Covid restrictions.

We took our usual break over December to the end of January and on return there was much to do of course. We had managed to get into work for a few Wednesdays early on in 2021 but only for a few weeks. Now we are back, the formal gardens have been given a fantastic makeover by the council contractors idVerde along with a lot of help from the Friends.

We have nearly finished painting all the decking areas with anti slip paint and the plan is to brighten up all the metal railings in the Maxell Cherry Garden.

Following the success of our metal memory leaves, we have now started a new scheme for the public to purchase an acrylic memory heart, which can be engraved at Timpsons in the town centre and hung by us on a gabion wall in the Sensory Garden.

We have also welcomed some volunteers from Mencap, who are growing some flowers and vegetables as part of a training programme for young people and help them into employment.

Last July we were also delighted to welcome the Exotic Zoo into the park who opened their doors to the public in July 2021. We wish them all success. They have certainly been busy since opening and it is well worth a visit no matter what age you are!

We still have lots to do in the gardens and also the park and local nature reserve, so if you feel you would like to help out with some hedge laying, scrub clearance and other general tasks please get in touch with us. No experience is necessary as free training can be provided where necessary. Come along and give it a try.

We look forward to some exciting times ahead in Telford Town Park for the Friends and our supporters.

You will find us in the Chelsea Gardens every Wednesday from 9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hint, we have a break for a drink and a biscuit at 11 am ! I look forward to meeting up with you soon, **Chris Pettman, Chairman, FOTTP.** 

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