

Dear Friends of Flower Bank

- It has been an unusual start to the New Year, certainly not the way that we would have hoped.
 - As far as Flower Bank is concerned the recent lockdown has extended the delay for us to get back to managing it.
 - We are resigned to leaving it a whole season without the necessary haycut and hope that this won't have too adverse an effect.
 - However we are promised a meeting with North Somerset Council once the current lockdown eases.
- In the meantime some intrepid souls have taken their exercise on the Flower Bank and been recording what they find growing.
 - Rupert has undertaken full plant surveys a number of times.
 - Jean visits every month to record the fungi – and other things.
 - Full results on the website.
 - Some photos are attached.
 - Thanks to them for their efforts.
- The main work of Flower Bank for the last 30 years has been to create and maintain habitats rich in wildflowers and invertebrates.
 - This is now very much in the public eye as can be seen from a recent newspaper article:-
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jan/28/flower-power-the-movement-to-bring-back-britains-beautiful-meadows>
- Look out too for the Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Parish Carbon Capture Group who are doing tremendous work on a number of projects.
 - The ones that we are involved in especially are connected with North Somerset Council's 're-wilding'.
 - This covers tree planting and meadow creation (including raking).
 - It includes the Blue Heart campaign [Rewilding Britain's gardens using blue hearts](#)
 - For more information contact:-
 - Carbon Capture/Blue Hearts: Lucy Byrne ljwbyrne@yahoo.com
 - Village Raking team: Bill Morris bill.grant.morris@gmail.com
- Fundraising has been rather curtailed by Covid restrictions.
 - Bad News - big shortfall in income.
 - Monthly walks have had to be cancelled since last March.
 - We couldn't run the Christmas Tree shredding and ensure everyone's safely, so that was cancelled too.
 - Good News
 - We were able to collect a few trees when sorting out the Christmas Lights and there have been some very generous donations.
 - Together that raised £250.
 - Thanks to everyone's generosity.
 - Annie Morris' book 'St. George's Flowers' has sold 125 copies!
 - Details are attached in case you are looking for a present for Valentine's Day or Easter!
 - Should you want to make a donation the BACS details are on the book poster.

Bob



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Icicles
on
*Tufa**
31st

December 2020 Dawn Lawrence
with Rupert Higgins <http://wessexeco.co.uk/>
who recorded several sorts of *Briophytes* (mosses & ferns to most of us!)

*Tufa - a variety of limestone formed when carbonate minerals precipitate out of ambient temperature water

Lesser Celandine *Ficaria verna*



Common Primrose *Primula vulgaris*

Jelly Ear fungus (*Auricularia auricula-judae*) growing on Elder

Signs of Spring - 25th January 2021

Jean Oliver – long-term volunteer