

Hanging Baskets, Planters and watering

Hanging Baskets

FTC has already agreed the hanging basket contract for 2018-19 with Northwich Town Council @ **£1,697+VAT**.

- To refill with compost and plant 49 hanging baskets £1029.00
- To refill with compost and plant 14 lamppost baskets £224.00
- To install and secure to brackets all of the baskets above £295.00
- To supply and plant summer bedding in the planters at Ship St, Hilda's Drive and the Sewer Pipes on Ashton Dr £149.00

In January 2018 we started a discussion with CWAC about taking over responsibility for the planters throughout the town as last year the displays were disappointing. Cllr J Critchley carried out a survey of the existing planters and put forward a proposal that the numbers should be reduced if we were take them over. The suggestion was that CWAC would carry out the watering of our hanging baskets in exchange for FTC taking over the reduced number of planters. No firm decisions have been made on this at the time of preparing this report (11 April).

Planters

The cost of the additional plants for these planters to be supplied by NTC to match the hanging baskets would be **£780+VAT**

- To replant 9 cascade planters (no tiers) with summer bedding £120.00
- To replant 4 square planters with summer bedding £80.00
- To replant 12 railing baskets £580.00

Watering

Last year there was some concerns expressed about the watering and that the baskets didn't reach their full potential. This matter was discussed with both the supplier of the baskets and the watering company. The only way to prevent this issue would be to get the plant supplier to do the watering as well.

The baskets will go up at the end of May and all planters planted at the same time, if agreed. Below is the potential cost for NTC to also carry out the watering:

Watering of the Hanging Baskets June-July-August-September
32 visits @ £122.50 per visit **£3920+VAT**

Additional watering of the planters June-July-August-September
32 visits @ £24.50 per visit **£784+VAT**

Total Cost for NTC to supply and water everything **£7181+VAT**