Wem Town Council PLANT SUPPLY and PLANTING of FLORAL PLANTERS 2021-2024 INVITATION TO QUOTE

Wem Town Council is seeking quotes to supply plants, compost and plant up the Town's floral planters over a 3 year period from 1.12.21 – 30.11.24

The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of floral planters in Wem currently in the following locations.

Location	Number	Planter Type
High Street - At the rear of the pavement	10	8' high pole surmounted by a plant
in front of the Church and Church Hall.		holder approximately 24" in diameter
High Street - Outside the Library.	2	8' high pole surmounted by a plant
		holder approximately 24" in diameter
Aston Street. Outside the Mythstories	3	8' high pole surmounted by a plant
Museum (the former Morgan library)		holder approximately 24" in diameter
The Jubilee Square	4	Barrel Planters Diameter 630mm Depth
		450mm
Jubilee Square area	1	3 tiered planter
		Base 800mm diameter 520 deep
		Middle 590mm diameter 270mm deep
		Top 470mm diameter 270mm deep
Isherwoods Road entrance	1	3 tiered planter (Dimensions above)
Summerfield Road entrance	1	3 tiered planter (Dimensions above)
Entrance Planters	5	Wooden in situ planters 1.22m in length
Whitchurch Rd		56cm in width & 54cm in height
Soulton Rd		
Shawbury Rd		
Shrewsbury Rd		
Ellesmere Rd		

QUOTES ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK

Contract Specification

- Collect the 15 pole planters, 4-barrel planters and 3 x 3 tiered planters from the Town Council store at least 2 weeks prior to being on display.
- Supply and fill each planter (except 5 entrance planters) with a compost incorporated with slow release fertilizer designed to last 3-4 months. The Town Council would prefer that a non peat compost mix is used – the type of compost should be indicated as part of the quote.
- Supply plants and plant up each planter including the 5 entrance planters.
- All planters must be fully planted up and in place in the areas identified by the Town Council by 31st May of each year.

Planting Specification

- Each planter must be planted in a ratio of at least two thirds flowering plants and one third foliage plants with a view to ensuring that the soil and the planter are fully covered.
- Each planter must contain a range of complementary colours rather than single colours. If the Town Council require any particular colour combination you will be notified in advance.
- On planting, each plant must be in flower (if applicable) and free from any pest and/or disease, mineral deficiency and in a healthy condition.
- Sufficient plants must be supplied to cover the planter at the time of planting.
- The range of plants should be as diverse as possible. The Town Council are working towards a more sustainable approach to its floral display planting and are keen that the display should not only provide a colourful, long lasting display but they must also use indigenous bee / insect friendly plants wherever feasible and possible. Increased use of perennials / shrubs particularly in the entrance planters as well as the barrel and 3 tiered planters would be welcomed. **Please specify the mix of plants you intend to supply as part of the quote**.
- Plant each planter with a mix of plants to last the summer season until 30.9.21. Larger planters and entrance planters can be planted up on site. Depending on distance the Town Council may be able to arrange transportation of the pole planters if required.
- Inspect all planters on site by the end of July and replace any plants that have failed.

Overwintering

Provision should be made in the quote for the overwintering of any perennial plants used so they can be reused the following year.

Additional Planters

It is the Town Council intention to increase the number of floral planters particularly on the Jubilee Square. Please provide a price per planter to supply plants, compost and plant out extra planters assuming a size of length 1200mm, width 500mm, height 700mm.

The successful applicant will be required to provide evidence of public liability insurance.

PLEASE SUBMIT QUOTES TO THE TOWN CLERK, WEM TOWN COUNCIL, EDINBURGH HOUSE, NEW STREET, WEM SY4 5DB info@wem.gov.uk, 01939 232733 by 16.00 on Wednesday 20th October 2021