

In the month that we celebrated International Women's day as well as SI Nottingham's 85th Anniversary Programme Action hasn't stopped to draw breath.

SI Nottingham answered an emergency call from Emmanuel house for supplies of orange juice, muffins and breakfast bars to support their service users. The manager at Aldi Bingham ensured we maximised our £100 donation and also loaded the car!

Herbies Hemps have continued to evolve the lovely Welcome Packs with new professional looking stickers for the product bottles and we have supplied two refuges with 10 packs each along with some of our Eco-Friendly Moving on packs. One refuge reported that *"the guest's love them because it makes them feel like they are really being cared for, they are being thought about and it's something that is personal and welcoming"*



Our lovely Mary Drake who volunteers to tend the garden at 'WeRhere' has spent a full day in the rain tending the garden there and I am sure you will agree that it looks absolutely beautiful now all the spring bulbs are finally blooming. WeRHere are looking forward to welcoming their families back into the space and have plans to do some outside counselling in the sun.

Hopefully this maybe something else that SI Nottingham may be able to help with.



On Friday 12th March, against all odds our two pear trees were finally planted at Greens Windmill and Science Centre in Sneinton. It wasn't exactly the big unveiling we wanted but both pear trees were planted by the community gardeners with the help of Sue McFarlane who has been instrumental in organising the tree planting and sourcing the trees. One Conference & One Invincible pear tree to celebrate the work of SI Nottingham and the other Soroptimists around the world. Two plaques are in place ready for a more official ceremony to be planned for the end of

April.

Whilst SI Nottingham have had to adhere to Covid regulations, over the past couple of weeks FarmEco, Scriveton have been hard at work preparing the ground on our behalf for our Mayawaki "mini" forest in preparation for 350 trees being delivered by The Woodland Trust.

They have marked out the ground, bulldozed it, built a mound and fed and mulched the ground with straw and used coffee grounds from their cafe. Whilst this has been happening our tree planters have been sowing seeds for the ground coverage plants and we



await the delivery of Bluebells that we hope to plant during April as restrictions ease. We will be asking for volunteers as we hope to plant officially by 24th April.



At our PA committee meeting we have been discussing our regions initiatives regarding sustainability. As recycling plastics has been at the forefront of everyones minds local pharmacies and Superdrug have partnered with TetraPak to collect and recycle tablet "blisterpacks". There are some groups regionally that are collecting them and Sue McFarlane has volunteered to collect them and recycle them at her local pharmacy. Please save all your blister packs until we can meet face to face and Sue will collect them for recycling.