**News and Views from SI Stourbridge - July 2023**

**Coronation supper** – As an early celebration of King Charles III coronation we gathered together in Linda Sanders beautiful garden for a fantastic, shared supper. There was live music, bubbles, amazing food and of course a raffle!

Two women sitting under a tent

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A collage of people in a garden

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**Stourbridge in Bloom** – It’s summer so it all hands to the watering can to make sure our raised bed and 7 troughs are looking their best for the Britain in Bloom judging!

We have a fantastic team who water and weed with gusto. Here is the poster we produced for the judging day showing us at work.

Sadly, the judging day was a bit damp!!!

A group of people standing next to a table

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A person and person sitting on a bench with flowers

Description automatically generatedA person sitting on a bench with a fence and a fence

Description automatically generatedWe have run again our primary schools **“Contain - It”** Competition, for container gardening. This year was a coronation theme ‘Crowning Glory’ and we had some entertaining entrants! Here are a couple of the finalists.

A group of buildings in a forest

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A group of people standing in a garden

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A screenshot of a social media post

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And finally, our president Rachel marks the Day of Action 3 regions picnic at the National Memorial Arboretum on 15th July!

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