



## Blooming good winners...again

Golden wonders: Woodcroft Wildspace volunteers Bob Ladell, Amanda Ladell, Fiona Fall, Audrey Kirby and Soria Allard

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A PATCH of wilderness in Winchmore Hill has been lauded by the Enfield in Bloom committee for the second year in a row.

Woodcroft Wildspace, in Woodland Way, has been presented with the gold award for the best environmental garden or meadow.

Bob Ladell, chairman of the committee that runs Woodcroft, said that winning the award for the second year running proved that the work of all the volunteers on the site had paid off.

"We are absolutely delighted," he said. "We are very grateful to the Enfield in Bloom team for judging in our favour."

"We knew we had won the award, but the award ceremony was last week and having won this provided us with extra motivation."

Bob added that the award was a good note to end the year on as he has big plans for 2016.

The committee wants to organise a series of fundraising events in the dedicated community meadow on the site, which Bob feels is ideal for events including school plays and concerts as it acts as a natural amphitheatre.

He is also urging school groups interested in visiting the site as part of their studies to get in touch as their dedicated education slots for next year are filling up fast.

He said: "During the course of 2015, we have hosted some 20 school visits ranging from four-year-olds through to ten and 11-year-olds."

"Everyone, including the teaching staff, have thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience."

Anyone interested in getting in touch with the award-winning gardeners can email [enquiries@woodcroft.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodcroft.org.uk) – or to book a school visit [education@woodcroft.org.uk](mailto:education@woodcroft.org.uk)