Brightening Chopwell update

November 2025



Planters

- 4 of 8 new planters installed
- 7 replacing existing planters
- 1 will require planning permission
- Huegel garden style
- Made by Men’s Shed
- Herbs being harvested and dried for the Bank



Litter-picking

- Dates for next litter picks are:

- December 7th (Sunday) – St Nicholas's Day! – change to wear all your Santa outfits and beards!! 10am The Bank, followed by a cuppa and mince pie at The Bank

- January 11th (Sunday) – post Christmas/post-NY clear-up 10am outside Hotel, followed by a beverage at The Gaffers

- February 13th (Friday) Pre-Valentines clean-up! 10am The Bank followed by coffee and cake (who doesn't love a cake?!) at the Bank

- We will also be clearing away fallen leaves and trimming back overgrowing hedges

- All start at 10am – contact Bob Donaldson 07941997937



- **Progressing our Food Strategy**
  - **Secured Gateshead Food Project grant**
  - **New part-time project manager has been assigned and started work**
  - **Children's workshops**
  - **More herbs and edible plants**
  - **New recipe booklet to be produced**

Can Chopwell Feed Itself?

Developing a strategy for local food



Arch

- Original location decided (thanks to all who voted)
- Pre-planning application received – but too many obstacles
- Local farmer has agreed to site on his land, adjacent to original location
- New arch due to be ready to install before end of the year





Chopwell sign mosaic

Permission obtained from council to create a mosaic to replace old faded sign

Seeking volunteers to help make mosaic



Other ideas

- Miners' Memorial orchard with newly commissioned bench – discussion with councilors ongoing

Other ideas

- Improved accessibility (survey underway)
- Ideas for improvements welcomed







Thank you