

# SUTHERLAND GROVE CONSERVATION AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## Wandsworth Council 'Sustainable September' 2024

### SGCARA street tree-pit planting - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

SGCARA was delighted to be awarded a micro-grant from Wandsworth Council to buy plants, bulbs, seeds & compost to give out to residents to plant round street tree-pits on 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Wandsworth Council's 'car-free' Sunday, as part of its 'Sustainable September' project. We bought winter pansies, chrysanthemums, crocus & daffodil bulbs and also wildflower seed-balls.



Buying the plants!



How much more can we get in this trolley?



Annette & Julia with plants, waiting for the first 'customers' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept



Residents hard at work planting....



....then enjoying the fruits of their labours!



Sutherland Grove plane tree-pit  
'before' and 'after'





Some more lovely planted street tree-pits

## Some feedback from residents who took part

*'I would like to thank the Council for supplying the grant for the plants which I have taken great delight in planting .....to brighten up our street. Love it!'*

*'The Wandsworth Council Climate Action Microgrant tree pit planting initiative, organised by SGCARA is a great local community programme, and has encouraged us to improve & brighten up the pavement outside our house for the benefit of the environment & everyone that passes. Collection of the plants and compost was very straightforward, the tree pits are much improved, and we're looking forward to seeing the bulbs and wild flowers growing in the spring.'*

## What next?

We have learned that more plants are needed to make a real impact in the big Sutherland Grove plane tree-pits!

We have also learned that the planted tree-pits need a little notice on them so that other residents don't accidentally put their rubbish bags on the planted areas!

We plan to apply for another (bigger!) micro-loan from the council for more tree-pit planting September 2025. We hope residents who have already 'adopted' a street tree-pit will add more plants to the tree-pits, and that lots more residents will be inspired to take part.