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Let's create Hanging Gardens of Wotton!

VISITORS to Wotton-under-Edge can expect a colourful welcome this summer, thanks to the plethora of new hanging baskets around the town.

Wotton's town crier, George Carpenter, recently joined members of the organising committee to take a look at the baskets and celebrate the magnificent floral displays in Church Street, Long Street and Market Street.

More than 150 baskets have been hung in the town, as a part of a project organised by a committee of members drawn from the Chamber of Trade, council and representatives from local community groups and businesses.

The initial idea was the brainchild of Peter Roberts, managing director of Wotton-based Clarendon Press, in a conversation with Wotton Chamber of Trade leader Alex Wilkinson, and came after Peter saw Thornbury's scheme last year.

"I was gobsmacked by what I saw in Thornbury, but I wanted even better for Wotton," said Peter.

"I wanted the Hanging Gardens of Babylon! The baskets have been up for about four weeks now and they are everything I imagined and exactly what Wotton deserves.



Cap: Wotton's hanging baskets

Picture: Don Clark Camera Repairs

"This is just the beginning. Next year we hope to include the Alms Houses in our display.

"We have learnt a lot from this process and of course we now have the brackets up and the baskets to use again, which were obviously a major expense."

He added: "Of course we wouldn't have been able to do this without the generous donations from our community and traders, which together with grants from Stroud District Council and the town council allowed the project to go ahead."

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