

“HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?”  
COME TO THE GARDEN SHOW!

Cllr Bill Howell writes : -

“Alsager residents are getting into gardening in a big way and that is probably attributable to the work of **Alsager in Bloom** who have clothed the town centre in an array of hanging baskets, tubs and troughs filled with beautiful bedding plants. All this enhances the traditional display of bedding plants provided by **Cheshire East gardeners** in the entrance to **Milton Gardens** and to the improvements to the gardens made by the small group of community volunteers.

Alsager station flower beds have been replanted by **East Midlands Trains** and are maintained by, the **Friends of Alsager Station**, another local group of volunteers.

Just before Congleton Borough Council ceased to exist, it provided a piece of land to extend the allotments on Cedar Avenue in order to satisfy an extraordinary increase in demand. This has provided over 30 plots but there is still a waiting list!

I hope this resurgence of interest in flowers, fruit and vegetables will be reflected in a massive increase in entries to the two major competitions for residents: the **Town Council's Best Kept Gardens Competition** and the **Alsager Gardens Association's Annual Show** at the Civic Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The show, sponsored by **Alsager Town Council**, is not just for members of the Association. Anyone can enter who is not a professional grower. There are categories for various flowers, all kinds of traditional fruit and vegetables and, for those whose skills extend to preparing the produce, preserves, cakes, and floral art. Even needlework has a section and children can show off their prowess at growing the largest pumpkin, and creating a mythical creature from a vegetable or a miniature garden.

The Garden Show features the **Alsager Photographic Society's** Annual Competition which is also open to non-members.

The schedule booklets and entry forms for the show are available from the Information Office or the Library and from myself, Show Secretary Bill Howell, 182 Crewe Road, Alsager, ST7 2JA Tel 873104.

Entry forms must be in BEFORE Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. At only 20p per entry it's fun for all the family at a bargain price!”

The Annual **Alsager Gardens Association Show** will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Alsager Civic Centre. The show opens at 2pm and closes at 5pm.