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PRESS RELEASE

A Halesowen community group has donated over 1,900 plants to say thank you to a local Dudley hospital.

Halesowen in Bloom, an award winning voluntary community initiative dedicated to bringing joy to the local community through all things natural, wanted to say a big thank you to the key workers at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in the best way they know how.

With over 1,900 blooms donated by the group, and the help of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to locate the delivery of them, the flowering plants were planted on Monday 1st June by Countrywide Ground Maintenance, spelling out 'thank you' in a rainbow of colour across the Russells Hall Hospital bank.

Halesowen in Bloom chairwoman Eve O'Connor said "It was genuinely heart-warming to read the positive messages of thanks for the donation on social media, I am truly pleased that we found such an appropriate new home for our plants and Halesowen in Bloom could say a big blooming thank you to the NHS."

Chief executive of the Trust Diane Wake said "We really can't thank Halesowen in Bloom enough for their beautiful donation. It's brought so much joy to our staff and visitors already, and I can't wait to see it come out in all its glory in the summertime. What an amazing way to say thank you."

The group have also set up a JustGiving page called Front Line Flora to raise funds for the blooms that were donated, with any excess funds donated going to The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. If you would like to make a donation, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/front-line-flora-blooming-the-nhs>

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