

Evening visit to Flower Pod at Southwell

Flower Pod is a horticulture-based social enterprise in Southwell supporting clients with learning difficulties. On 1.5 acres they grow a wide selection of seasonal flowers to cut and use to produce floral products.



On a chilly evening at the beginning of June a group of members gathered at the unit set aside at Nottingham Trent University at Brackenhurst. We were greeted by several very friendly staff from the unit and one of their clients. They endeavour to run the all their work with the minimum impact on the environment. So it was no surprise to find that that we were ushered into a spacious building built of straw bales . Here we had an introduction into the workings of the unit with a video and explanation by the staff which was followed by a tour of the grounds. These are composed of narrow picking beds of flowers to support their products. The unit will supply bouquets to order and also produce filled hanging baskets for sale. Any flower heads unsuitable for these products will be stripped of their petals which are then dried. These are then sorted into confetti which can be bought in a colour to complement a bouquet or as mixture of colours. The grounds are maintained by their clients assisted by a group of volunteers.

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