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As we go to print, there is still no news of coming out of Tier 3 and when we will be able to reopen the Tans which is disappointing as there's always a lovely atmosphere in the week or two leading up to the Big Day with customers taking a few moments to meet friends or refresh themselves before launching back into shopping and preparations.

Although this year is different, I hope you are still finding time to relax and to stay positive. After all we have a lot to look forward to in 2021, including a return to something like normality as the vaccine is rolled out. Hopefully this will enable us to reopen more of our services to volunteers and customers and we all look forward to that! Although we are keeping in touch with a lot of you it will be great when you're back with us.

We have one more edition before we take a couple of weeks off – look out for our review of 2020!

Stay safe

Bruce



This week we have received a letter from our local MP Guy Opperman informing us that we have been 'Highly Commended' by local residents!

Throughout November, he asked people across Tynedale and Ponteland to nominate their favourite small business and we have been put forward anonymously!

We are so grateful to anyone who nominated us and to everyone who continues to support us. We promise to continue the good work!

What is everyone getting up to as we head towards Christmas?

Adam has been busy making this gorgeous wreath as a gift for us at the office...and we can eat it! All handmade and certainly festive. Great job.

Thank you Adam!



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Brunton First School—Story Telling Garden



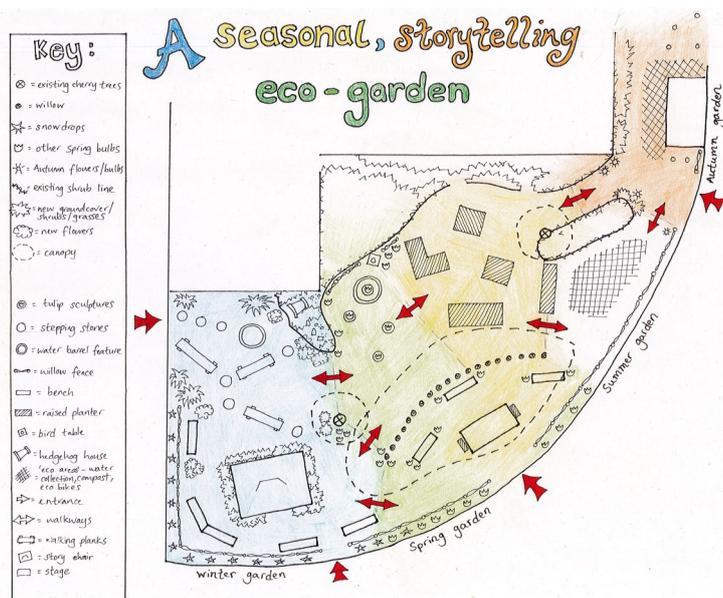
**HEXTOL
GARDENERS**

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As well as the regular maintenance work we carry out at Brunton First School in Gosforth, the Newcastle gardening team are sometimes tasked with making bespoke gardens within the grounds. Led by Nicola, the team have been busy working with the school children, designing and making a new 'Story Telling Garden'.

Since the summer, the team have been building the garden you see in the drawing, adding features such as a story-telling chair, raised planters and flowers.

The garden is to serve as a special area for classes to read outside, as well as a place to explore and relax in during play times. The design has been inspired by the four seasons, with plants that are connected to each season flowing through different sections.



We have recently received a grant from the Shears Foundation to help us through the pandemic. A word from them:

'The Shears Foundation is delighted to be able to support The Hextol Foundation with an emergency grant at this challenging time. We very much hope that it helps them to continue their vital work with vulnerable and isolated people, when and where it is most needed. We are making available a limited number of emergency grants up to £5000 to charities who we have made previous grants to within the last three years.'



We can't thank them enough for their generosity which will help us as we work towards something closer to "normality" next year.

