Library War Memorial
Planted with a red colour scheme to echo the poppies of Flanders fields. The team organised repaving in 2014 in time for the centenary commemoration.

St Mary’s Church
Tulip bulbs and perennials on the churchyard border wall welcome visitors to the village. The team have tidied and repaired graves here.

Main Island Beds
Perennials, annuals and bulbs combine together to beautify and enhance our ‘Green’.

Woodcock Lane
A long border planted with spring bulbs, perennials and wildflowers to brighten this green haven.

Mallard Community Orchard
Formerly a waste ground covered by rubbish and weeds. Now full of wildflowers, fruit trees and a herb bed.

The ‘Triabout’
A large central bed is under construction to create a positive impact when entering the village from Solihull.

Village in Bloom Sculpture
Designed and built locally, the sculpture reflects the heritage of Acocks Green and celebrates the achievements of the Village in Bloom team.
Village in Bloom Team

Village in Bloom Community Participation and Environmental Activities

In line with the Royal Horticultural Society guidelines and recommendations, the team has been involved in many annual projects with the local community, including:

- Launching ‘Britain in Bloom’ event in the springtime at our orchard - plant sales, community stalls, seed-sowing, and live music.
- Contributing to the Acocks Green Carnival and Stockfield Fun Day selling plants, offering gardening advice, sowing seeds with children, potting up plants with grown-ups and generally encouraging gardening activities!
- Arranging an annual fund-raising social evening for 150 people at our local hotel
- Organising a children’s art competition to involve local schools and library users
- Large-scale planting of spring bulbs, involving the wider community
- Participating in the Great British Spring Clean initiative from ‘Keep Britain Tidy’

We are also directly involved in village life including:

- Encouraging litter-picking ‘champions’ across the area
- Undertaking pavement cleaning and weeding
- Recycling rainwater using water butts and using fallen leaves as compost
  - Liaising with the local council to arrange the repair of broken street furniture, blocked drains, damaged railings etc.
  - Initiating discussions with local businesses to encourage the upkeep and cleanliness of their premises and car parks and… there is always more to do!

For more info or if you wish to be more involved contact:
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More info about our work can be found at www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org/villageinbloom

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