

Positivity Stones: The Preservation Phase

From the time that the Positivity rock line began, it became a symbol of togetherness and Community. It was wholly inclusive and anyone could contribute to the line or just visit to read the messages and to look at the beautiful painted stones, and just feel that they weren't alone.

Over the months the line grew and grew, becoming a Redditch landmark and focal point, providing colour and brightness during such difficult times.

However, as we moved into the summer it began clear that some of the stones had been removed and thrown into the nearby stream. Other had been broken and started to fade and the line, although still amazing, was unfortunately starting to suffer from senseless vandalism and the natural elements.

Seeing this I felt that action needed to be taken to protect the stones and ensure that that this living history was not lost. This idea quickly received support via Facebook, and most importantly from the very special founder of the Positivity Rocks, Lauren.

After contacting Redditch Mayor, Gareth Prosser, the Communities and Arts team at Bromsgrove and Redditch Council, quickly jumped into action and a small working group was created to take the ideas forward.

Together the team made site visits, held meetings and in July set out about the huge task of collecting in the stones. This was once again a big community event with volunteers assisting with the collection, sorting and moving the thousands of positivity stones to a dry store at the Countryside Centre.

Once at the store the stones were protected and preserved whilst the plans for the Positivity Stones future life were planned.

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