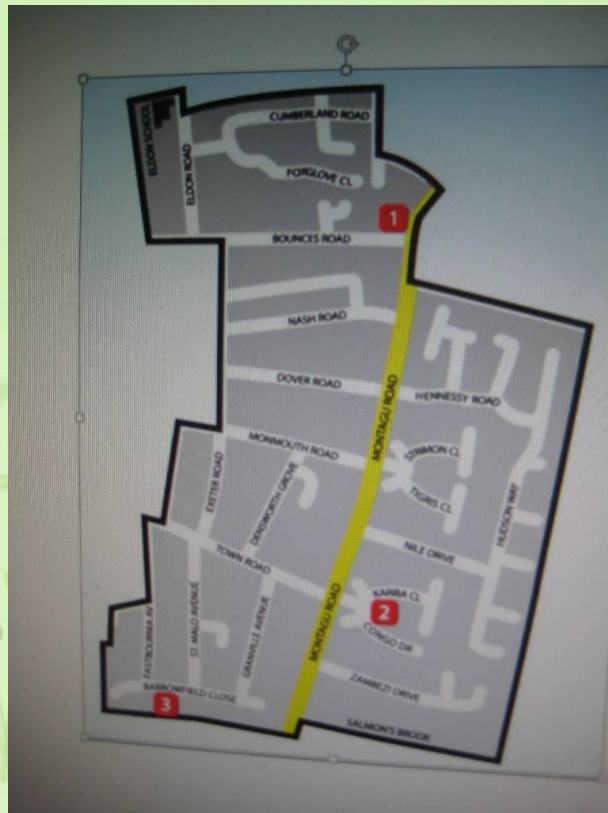


# Convening, cleaning and greening

Beautifying  
Bountagu



# Bountagu!





# A bit about Bountagu

- Where we are
- Progress
- Our five main priorities



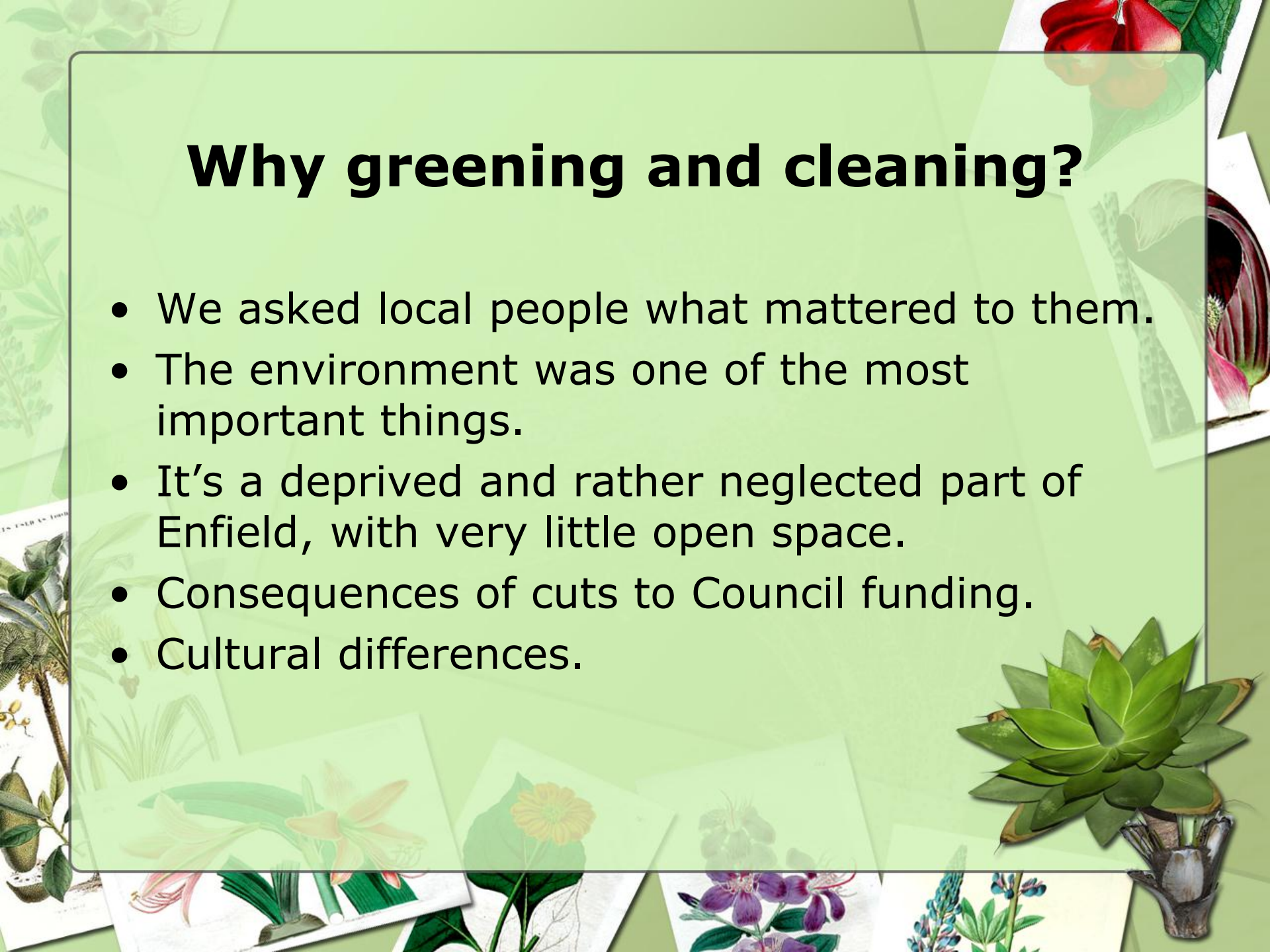






# Why greening and cleaning?

- We asked local people what mattered to them.
- The environment was one of the most important things.
- It's a deprived and rather neglected part of Enfield, with very little open space.
- Consequences of cuts to Council funding.
- Cultural differences.



# Also ...





**and this**





**and this too**

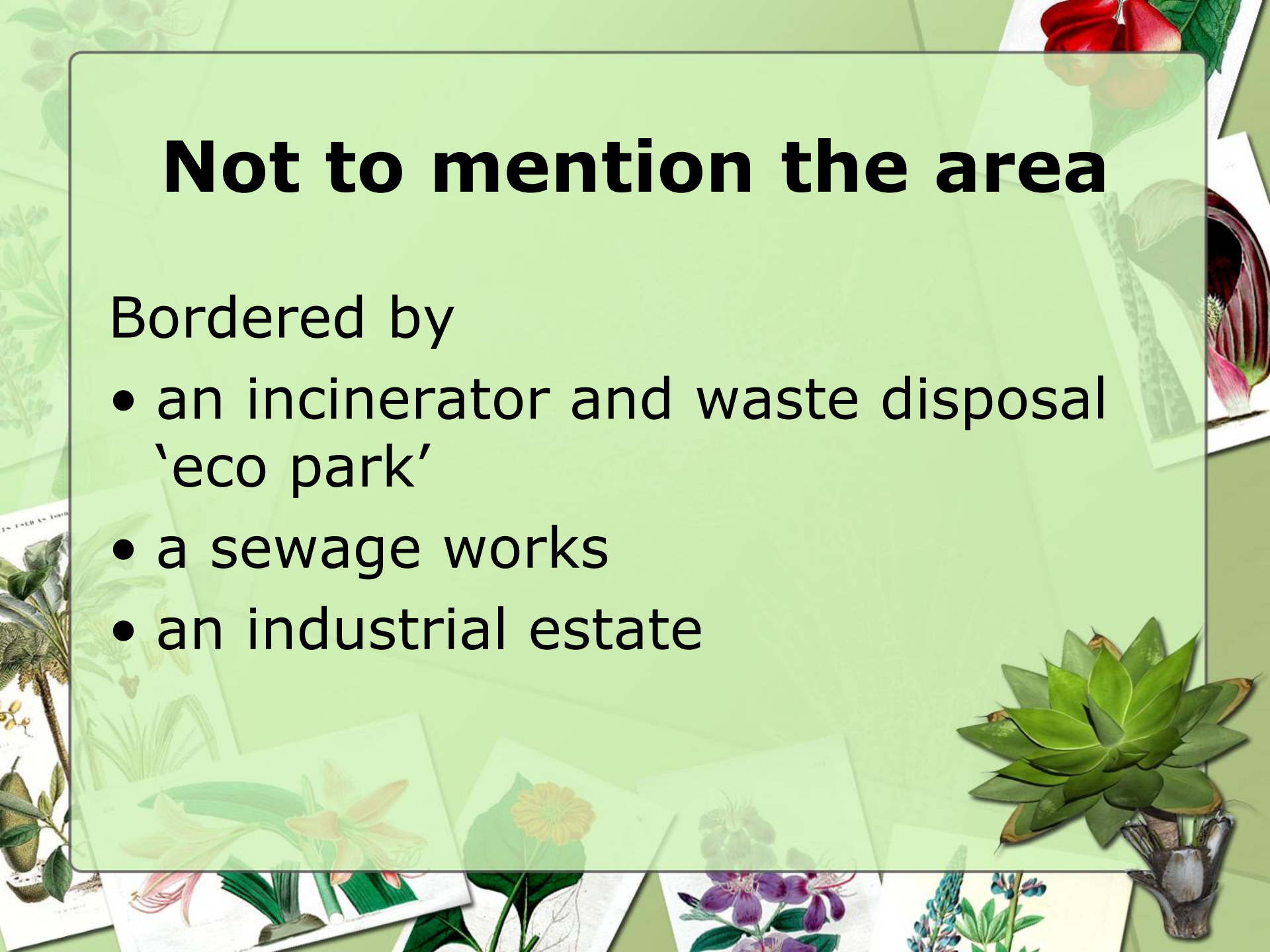




# Not to mention the area

Bordered by

- an incinerator and waste disposal 'eco park'
- a sewage works
- an industrial estate





# **Deephams Sewage Works (our neighbour) being renovated and updated**





# Deepphams





**So we called a meeting of residents  
passionate about the environment ...**





# **... and set up a petition**

**"Make Edmonton livable and proud again"**

"The residents are disgusted with the present state of the streets."

"The pictures below show what Edmonton now looks like."

"Please sign the petition to get Enfield Council to take more radical steps to clean up Edmonton for good and make it into a pleasant place to live, without dirty streets, dumped rubbish and flytipping."



## **And we proposed remedies – to which the Council responded**

- More cameras
- More penalties and prosecutions
- Naming and shaming
- Better information – languages
- Educate landlords and estate agents
- Images on wheeled bins
- Street sweeping, regular collections
- Street Hawks





# **We organised monthly clean-ups**





# Or a new form of friendly combat?





# The local press picked up on us picking up litter

## Volunteers pick litter to launch project

Rubbish sacks were filled with litter after volunteers came together for the launch of a scheme to keep neighbourhoods clean.

Volunteers picked up litter at Montagu Recreation Ground in Meridian Way, Edmonton, as part of the Beautiful Boroughs project.

Set up by CleanupUK, Bountagu Community

Hub helped to clear up the area along with L&Q housing group and Enfield council's street hawks group.

Sarah Hayes, senior project coordinator for the Beautiful Boroughs project said: "Everyone joined in — it really was a great atmosphere. The group have set a brilliant example that we hope others in Enfield will soon follow."



■ Volunteers and community groups help pick up litter in Montagu Recreation Ground

# Open spaces?

- Montagu Recreation Ground ('Montagu Rec')
- Salmons Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme – before and after





# Montagu Rec

before the FAS





# Montagu Rec

after completion of the FAS





# Montagu Rec now









# **Edmonton Eagles**

**(our neighbours on Montagu Rec)**  
**possible partners**





# Making bug boxes at the Bountagu Hub





# Our community 'garden'

## The work begins





# **Our community 'garden'**

## **Making the children do the work**





**“We ploughed the field and scattered the good seed on the land”**



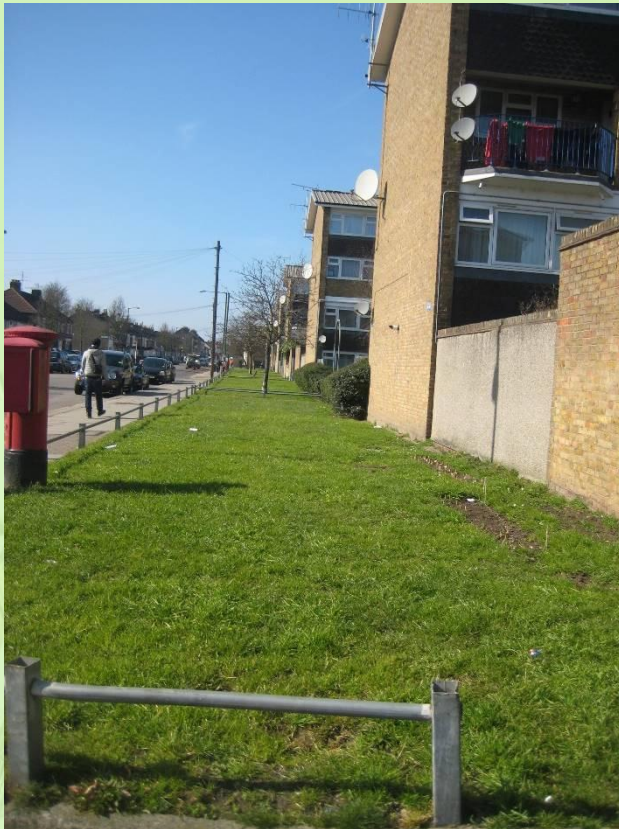


# The 'garden' in summer





# Planning for planting





# It's a wall ...





# **... but it has potential**

- Community project to decorate it
- Mural or mosaic
- Representing local community
- Out to tender





**Also we have an allotment**





**... and (woohoo!) a shed**  
**- for which the Council gave us a bitesized grant**





# **As well as other plans ...**

- Organised walks in nearby Lea Valley Park
- Trips to the seaside for people who never get to experience nature
- A community festival on Montagu Rec
- Gardening advice for residents
- A local produce market





# A lasting legacy

This is our mission:

“Within ten years, we will build an integrated, harmonious Bountagu community, bringing together diverse groups, offering a range of activities and opportunities, leaving a legacy of beauty, hope and aspiration for future generations”.

