



## **Ex-Brats Creating Something Special**

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Recently the National Memorial Arboretum staff started on an ambitious project to plant a carpet of thousands of crocus bulbs along Yeomanry Avenue at the rear of our Halton Grove; it is to become a 'Living Memorial'. Not only will this make the grounds look more beautiful for visitors, the flowers are intended to act as a yearly living reminder of hope and renewal that burst into life each spring! The NMA sent out a request for volunteers to help plant the bulbs. As you would expect, the ex-Brats who look after your Halton Grove were amongst the first to offer their services. Many of the visitors who come to see the spectacular show of colour in spring will access Yeomanry Avenue through our Grove. We are now considering creating our own 'Living Memorial' within the Grove next year to add to the display and to help us remember those who are special to us. We will keep you informed of progress.

The picture shows some of the volunteers reporting for duty with Sarah Montgomery, Managing Director of the National Memorial Arboretum.