Community groups sought to become foster parents to town's flower beds

Recreation and Parks Department is seeking "foster parents" for the town's flower beds.

Due to 1997 town budget cuts, Halton Hills staff will only plant the Civic Centre flower

beds, but the beds in the rest of town will remain unplanted unless groups or individuals step forward to "adopt" them for the season.

Those wishing to become flower bed foster parents should register with the Recreation and

Parks Dept. as soon as possible. Those signing up will be assigned a bed, given a budget to buy the plant material and then be responsible for watering, fertilizing, weeding and general care for the flowers.

At an April council meeting,

Ward 2 Councillor Kevin Kuiack suggested that council itself should show community spirit by volunteering to plant the Civic Centre beds.

Bryan Shynal, manager of parks and cemeteries, said he would be pleased to register the

council as a group. Shynal said in his report to council that the program was proposed after the strong support his department has received already from community volunteers willing to create and maintain plantings at various municipal properties.



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applies). O.A.C. Freight, P.D.E. (\$850/\$850), taxes, licence and insurance are additional. Option to purchase at lease end for \$8,005.40/\$10,085.40, plus taxes.

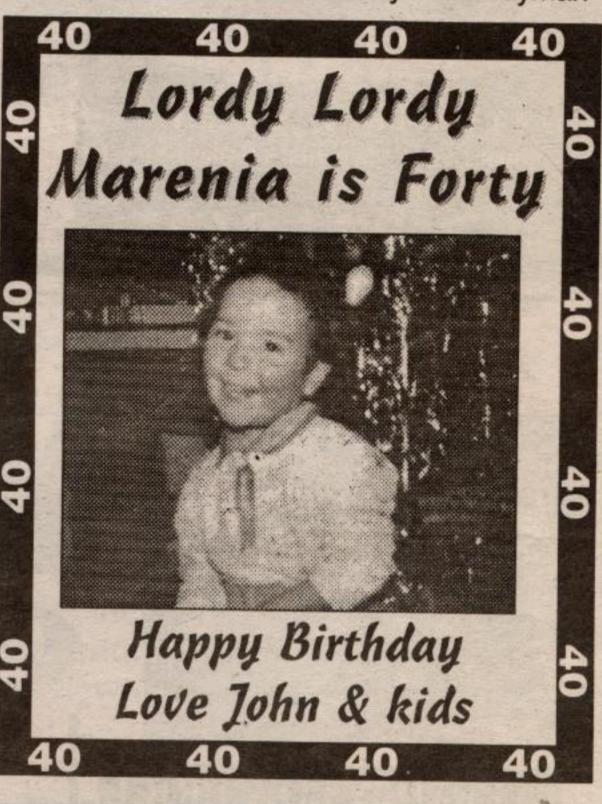
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A Scouter's first

North Halton District Scouter Elaine Hannah was presented with a Trainer III accreditation, the first one in the district to reach this level. Hannah is a cubmaster at 1st Limehouse and began training for Part II in 1974, and training for Part III in 1978. Training co-ordinator Bob Bairstow presented Hannah with the accreditation at the April 16 Scouter's Club meeting.

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