Village's beautifying committee to clean up Main Street

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The Campbellville Beautification Committee has adopted the area opposite St. David's Presbyterian Church on Main Street with plans to clean it up and make it more attractive.

"The area is quite a mess," said committee member Harry Yates. "We have adopted the name 'The Grove' for the area and have been cleaning it out and planting some flowers that were donated to us. It will require a lot of work to make it look nice."

Residents and tourists alike are known to enjoy Campbellville's quaint shops, nice restaurants, seemingly unlimited supply of antiques and its overall charm and beauty. But keeping it beautiful can often be a daunting task — one willingly and enthusiastically taken on by Campbellville's Beautification Committee.

The committee, formed in 2001, has tackled many projects over the past few years including garbage clean-up (especially in the spring), hedge trimming along Campbell Avenue West, planting of several gardens, maintenance of the Conservation Halton park, and almost anything else that will enhance Campbellville's beauty.

With no funding at all, the committee depends on the dedication, tools, and supplies of its volunteers as well as any donations received.

"We are basically a group of concerned citizens that aim to keep Campbellville beautiful," said committee chair Ruth Hull.

"We have six people on the committee and about a dozen volunteers that we can always rely on to work on the projects. There are about another dozen or so that help on occasion. Many of these people also provide tools or trucks to transport material when we need it."

Mr. Yates said approximately 200 volunteer hours have been spent over the past few years in the committee's initiatives but more volunteers are always welcome.

Ms Hull said the support of councillors Cindy Lunau and Jan Mowbray have made the task easier, as has help from the Town of Milton's public works department.

For more information on the Campbellville Beautification Committee, contact Ruth Hull at (905) 854-3677.

Last call for nominations

Time is running out as the Foundation for Rural Living (FRL) makes its last call for submissions for this year's sixth annual Awards of Rural Excellence.

If you know of a project in your community that deserves recognition, submit an application to FRL by Saturday.

The Awards of Rural Excellence recognize and honour rural communities, organizations and groups who, through programs, projects and initiatives act on their vision of a better rural Ontario.

Nomination forms are available from the FRL at 1 Stone Rd. W. in Guelph or by calling (519) 826-4126. Or, visit www.frl.on.ca.