How to plant a Rotary Wheel – Approach 1
Thanks to Dave Holland of Eyemouth & District Rotary Club

- A good sunny site on a slope with decent drainage is ideal
- Approx 2,500 corms used
- The "magic" number is 14ft for the wheel diameter so 24 outer teeth to be 1ft square and spokes of wheel 1ft wide
- Use white lining paint to mark out the main design of three concentric circles at 14, 12 and 10 ft
- Mark the spokes and teeth
- Remove turf/ground from gaps in wheel to about 4in deep
- Plant corms at 36-40 per sq ft. (could add a bag of compost to help them)
- Reinsert turf carefully and firm down very well with feet or roller
- You could plant the alternate way as spokes but at a lower corm density
How to plant a Rotary Wheel – Approach 2
Thanks to Peter Berry and Ron Searle of Erith Rotary Club

• Approx 3,500 corms used for circle and 500 for spokes
• Equipment – spade, string, carving knife, strong stake, 6 small canes, 4ft wooden board
• Set out circles (see sketch)
  o Set the stake in the middle of area to be planted, attach string with a centre loop and tie the knife to the opposite end in two radii of 2’6” and 4’
  o Kneel and cut down in to turf to mark out the two circles. Do inner circle first
  o Use spade to cut through turf fully
  o Cut area between circles in to suitable sections and dig out and set carefully aside in strict order of removal
  o Loosen soil in bottom of trench so about 3-4”deep
  o You could use a ‘dibber method’ for planting instead if appropriate considering the people involved and the number of corms to be planted
  o Scatter crocus corms in trench
  o Replace turf carefully in order and stamp down very firmly to flatten
• Set out the spokes (see sketch)
  o Check visual alignment carefully and use smaller canes to set out the 60 degree angles of the spokes
  o Use wooden board and carving knife to mark out 3 trenches at 60 degree separation, 6” wide and stopping short of the 5’ circle by 6” at both ends
  o Remove turf and loosen as before
  o Scatter crocus corms and replace turf carefully and stamp down very firmly to flatten
• Completion
  o Remove stakes / canes
  o Rake around any surplus or spilt soil so tidy
• Enjoy the results in Feb/Mar each year and be sure to share your photographs and tell the Rotary End Polio Now story in your community
Rotary Wheel Crocus Circle - Ethie School 2010

- Start at 4' radius
- Start at 2'6" radius

In the smaller circle:
- 6' from edge
- 6" wide

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HOW TO – plant Rotary wording such as “ROTARY : END POLIO NOW

Thanks to Frank Hart-Venn and members of Exmouth & District Rotary Club, the District Council’s gardeners, Exmouth in Bloom and RotaKids

• 4,500 corms used
• Letters about 150 cm tall
• Planting channels about 15 cm wide
• Follow planting guidelines carefully to minimise ‘theft’ from squirrels and birds
• Using density suggested below the first year display was good with no gaps
• The second year display was superb although a few gaps had appeared from squirrel theft! These gaps will be filled in during the next year’s planting ready for next season’s flowering