



BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND
SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Working for Cove and Altens

In 2014 we added a group of three new beds on Langdykes Road to the beds we look after. They are planted with shrubs and perennials, and we have begun weeding there, and laying down woodchip to control the weeds and feed the ground. We've done the same along the beds on Hasman Terrace in Old Cove, too.

In the autumn of 2014 we planted a new hedge along the side of the burn behind the Community Garden on Cove Road. These small plants will grow into a hedge full of interest to the wildlife in the area, and in a few years will completely replace the stake and wire fence presently there. Thanks to the Woodland Trust who provided the plants.

At about the same time – during National Tree Week - we added another 16 fruit trees to the Cove Community Orchard, sited in the ground along South Loirston Road. Thanks to the Orchard Windfall Trust for funding the trees, and our own Cove Scouts, who set to and planted them out with us. A local gardening expert, Terry Stott, showed them how to plant trees, and everyone mucked in, parents and Scout Leaders alike.

For this year we have applied to the Harbour Board for funding to add seats and an Information Board to the Heritage Stones site. We are looking forward to adding to the amenities here, and hope you will enjoy using this area in the future.

We have now started on this year's work, our team of stalwarts have begun tidying out the Community Garden at the junction of Cove Road and Earnsheugh Road, and we will continue working round the planters and the beds tidying them all up for the new season. Another team of keen Cove residents have started work maintaining the Woodland Walk, and we will be working to keep this area accessible even though the ownership of the land is unknown. Anyone with any information about the ownership, do contact us, we simply want to have the owner's permission to work here, if at all possible.

Working along with Friends of Old Cove we plan to make a start on the Sensory Garden on Sparkhill Terrace this year in preparation for the statue of Isie Caie in the near future. It would be good to see this in place by the end of this year, but when it arrives will depend on how soon we are able to raise the necessary funding.

Remember, if you want to do a little to help our cause, you can join our Saturday morning outings by just turning up at South Loirston for 10.00am, and you will be very welcome. If Saturdays are not good for you, we also work during the week, join our woodland walk team on the last Tuesday of every month, or let us know when you are able to help, there is no shortage of work to be done!

AND the garden workshops continue. In 2015 they are on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm at Altens Community Centre. Please come along, there is always something new to learn, and we have a good claik. Seeds and plants go home with you as well as providing for Cove in Bloom for the year to come.

Our aim, as Cove in Bloom, is to improve and maintain the area of Cove and Altens, and to find ways to commemorate and celebrate our history in the way we do this. If you can help us even a little, we can make a big difference. If everyone who maintains a garden in Cove and Altens gave up one hour a month to help Cove in Bloom, just imagine what we could achieve!

Find us on the website, by email or phone – or just pop in at South Loirston to have a word – you are very welcome.