



Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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Working for Cove and Altens

You may think nothing much can be done in the way of gardening this early in the year, but you would be wrong! We have seeds planted in the greenhouse, and already they are being pricked out into larger trays to grow on. These will be for the beds, the pallet garden competition we enter in the Gardening Scotland show in Edinburgh, and for the hanging baskets, but that is not all that has been happening this year.....

Last year 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. Aberdeen City Council supply us with woodchips when they can so the work is dependent on the next load of chips arriving.

We have applied to the Harbour Board for funding to add seats and an Information Board to the Heritage Stones site. We should hear from them in about 6 weeks, we'll keep you up to date on that as things progress.

Our team of stalwarts have begun tidying out the Community Garden at the junction of Cove Road and Earnsheugh Road. Thanks to Janice Esson, Eleanor Paterson, and Ruth Gulianotti for not only their hard work last year, but for getting stuck on already this year. We started back on the second Saturday in February, and have already made a real difference to the look of those beds. There are others who join us when they can (Brian Allan & Lesley Hay come to mind immediately, thank you, too), but these three have been the backbone of our Saturday morning outings for so long now I don't know what we would do without them!

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, let us know when you are able to help, there is no shortage of work to be done!

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 clack. Seeds and plants go home with you as well as providing for Cove in Bloom for the year to come.

One more BIG thank you goes out to the two ladies who walked the Woodland Walk with me and collected dog poos. What a great job you did Carole P and Gillian B, we got together through 'Streetlife' and agreed a clean-up campaign for that walk. Cove in Bloom hopes to be able to continue to keep this walk clear and useable this year with the help of those who want to use it, so if it is a favourite walk of yours, get in touch, we will be organising more clean-up outings throughout the year.

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!