



# Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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## Working for Cove and Altens

**2016 is a special year for Beautiful Scotland and we want to make it special for Cove and Altens.**

### Your help is needed!

Things have been quiet for Cove in Bloom since the end of 2015, but the hard work starts just after Easter when the tidying begins. By the time you read this we should have the community beds looking much better.

Work will continue this year on the woodland walk, and we have wild flowers to plant there as well as keeping the shrubs and trees cut back. We intend to continue mowing the grass along Cove Road as well as on the woodland walk, and we are trying to get something done about some of the dry stone dykes that have been allowed to fall into disrepair.

We want to put up pillars for our hanging baskets this year, too. These will be easier for us to water and maintain, and we will not be putting a strain on the lamp-posts, which is always a concern for the Council.

These tasks all take time and people to work on them. If you could spare just an hour or so occasionally you could help improve the area in which you live. You could take responsibility for one bed or planter with support and guidance from our expert, Jim Henderson, or you could join our team on our regular Saturday morning outings, when we weed, tidy or plant as needed, or on our monthly trips along the woodland walk, keeping it tidied and cut back.

Join us, and help make Cove and Altens a more pleasant place to live.

We were very disappointed to find that some-one tipped over the planter on Earnsheugh Road in March, hopefully this was an accident as this type of mindless vandalism is, thankfully, rare in Cove and Altens, but the more people who get involved in looking after the plantings, the less likely it is to happen. These planters and beds are for everyone to enjoy and spoiling them does nothing for the community.

In addition 2016 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beautiful Scotland, so we intend to commemorate this with a special display in the Diamond Bed on Earnsheugh Road using their colours. We have been going through the brochures to choose our plants for this coming year carefully so that our beds can be as colourful as possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsors whose donations we celebrate with the plaques on the planters and in the beds. This year, in addition to our existing supporters, we have a new sponsor in Colin Lawson Transport, who has been very generous, allowing us to buy bedding plants from specialist nurseries to ensure a good display, and promising us help with transport when needed.

Come and help Cove in Bloom make Cove and Altens something special.

