



# Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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## Working for Cove and Altens SILVER MEDAL WINNERS FOUR YEARS RUNNING!

**It's been good to see the bulbs flowering!** The crocuses all round the village are lookin good as I write, it's a pity they don't last very long but the daffodils are coming out and they will be with us much longer. We have a new patch of yellow crocuses on Langdykes Road, which is very cheerful, and I hope you noticed the big swathe of purple crocuses on the corner by the Health Centre. We joined with the Portlethen & District Rotary Club to plant them last year, as a reminder of their push to prevent polio all over the world – there are only two countries, we are told, that still have polio occurring, so it won't be much longer before the Purple for Polio push has won that battle!

**This spring we are pleased to welcome Nika Cloete**, who has volunteered with Cove in Bloom to work towards her bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. She has already helped cut back the bushes along Cove Road, pricked out trays and trays of seedlings for flowers for the summer season, tidied out the beds in the Community garden, and learned how to take cuttings to propagate new plants from last years ones. She'll be telling me how to do it all soon!

**We expect to have started on the rockery** at the Green in Old Cove by the time you are reading this. That's what we call the grass area on the corner of Stoneyhill Terrace, and we will be taking granite rocks and soil down there to build this and fill it with alpine plants. The application for planning permission to put the statue there is on the way, and should be with the council very soon.



**Did you see our Dog Friendly Cove posters?** We've already put some folk in touch who can help each other, we love our dogs, they are our best friends, but there are problems with looking after them, we are trying to get dog owners to work together to solve at least some of these problems, perhaps there's something that could help you in the contacts we've put together? Get in touch and find out.

**The work on the Woodland Walk** gets started again shortly. Many of you will have heard that there is progress towards a Trust purchasing this land for the community, and the Trust is progressing towards becoming a SCIO (a registered charity) so that everything is ready to go once the deal is agreed. I'm sure you will realise the benefit of owning this land, and will become members of the trust as soon as it is up and running. We hope to involve the Rangers with a walk through the area to identify the trees and plants, and we would love to have the children helping us sow seeds and make bee and bug houses for this walk. We'll be speaking to the schools in the spring.

**Alberto Costa is working hard on the sculpture** in the harbour; the statue of Isie Caie will be completed in the summer and moved to its final resting place. Isie Caie was the last fishwife in Cove, and this sculpture symbolises the hard life these fisherfolk led, the women as well as the men, as he works the stories Alberto is told by those who visit him are incorporated into the work, so do go and see him there; he's usually working on a Wednesday, and some Thursdays and Fridays too. We are planning a few events with Albertino in connection with the sculpture during the spring – watch out for news on the Cove & Altens Facebook page as well as our own website and facebook page.

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