



Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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Working for Cove and Altens

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As usual work on the beds and planters is hotting up, the bench in the Community Garden has been replaced with a renovated bench and the damaged one has gone back to the workshop to be renovated itself. The beds and planters have been planted up with summer colour, and the hanging baskets will go up shortly. We are now in the run up to the judging, which takes place in the afternoon of 2nd August this year. If you can do your bit to ensure your garden is tidy and looking good it will boost the display as a whole.

The Diamond bed on Earnsheugh Road has been planted up in the colours of Beautiful Scotland, to celebrate their 50th Anniversary, and we have made a special effort in the Sally bed, at the junction of Earnsheugh Road and Langdykes Road, with 50 in yellow begonias standing out amongst the other begonias. Philip keeps this area, both sides of Earnsheugh Road, very tidy for us, and the flowers behind the Welcome to Cove sign are looking good. Sam is doing her best with the three beds along Langdykes Road, with a little help from her friends, and these have extra annuals in too, to add to the colour. Mike keeps the grass along Cove Road well mown, Sarah looks after the green in Old Cove, and Lesley, Ruth, Kath, Jim, and Wendy keep working on the beds and planters to keep them looking good, and to keep the weeds down.

We have **four** special projects this year, firstly, **we have an offer of help from the AWPR to renovate the Woodland walk**, and we have the agreement of the landowner to put in drainage and improve the path so that the whole length of the path is user friendly. It'll also help the owner, as the farm track used to access the fields will no longer be used by walkers once the original route is back in use, as we make the area that floods useable again. If you have a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening join us on the Walk as we strim and mow back the grass, cut back the shrubs and bushes, and clear up the rubbish. We start at 7.00pm, and get as much as we can done each week.

Secondly, **Leiths are making bases for our Oil Industry Ornaments**, and we hope these will be back at the Community Garden soon. A reminder of what changed the little fishing village of Cove into the expanding community that has become home to so many of us.

Next, **Leiths are also giving us some quarry dust** to tidy up the two areas where we have planters sited on Loirston Road, the two near the football ground, and the two at the junction with Loirston Avenue and Catto Place. These areas should look so much better once they have been refreshed in this way.

And fourth, last but by no means least, **work will commence on the statue of Isie Caie at the end of July!** This project has been close to our hearts for the last four years, and we are now in a position to commission the work. Alberto Costa, the sculptor, will be working on the stone as soon as it has been delivered to the Harbour. He plans to work there once a week, and he will be delighted to see you. Do go and visit him, tell him your stories of the fishing in Cove, give him your ideas and comments, and maybe help with the work, he loves to teach as he works, and you could be able to say 'I helped' once the statue is finished! We have all sorts of ideas that will make the work on the statue interesting and fun as it progresses.

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!

