



Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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Working for Cove and Altens – some of 2014's achievements.

We had a good display in the rose bed this year, so thanks to Philip for his hard work there and on the bed across Earnsheugh Road from there. Philip also planted a lovely show of flowers behind the stone wall and around the trees in the grass in front of the houses there. This year that bed had '50' picked out in yellow to celebrate the fifty years of Britain in Bloom.



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 hope that, apart from regular weeding, they will not need too much attention to remain an attractive addition to our plantings.

Our greatest achievement in 2014 is the Heritage Stones, set in the grass beside the Coast Road, these were donated and set in place by Leiths Quarries, and we were delighted that both Philip Leith and Maureen Watt MSP were able to help us dedicate these to the area. The three children who designed our logos were there to take part in the ceremony, in front of their classmates, with both Charleston and Loirston Schools represented, even though two of the designers are now at Kincorth Academy.



Adding to our historical theme, these two horse drawn ploughs were sited at the top of the bank beside Mains of Loirston Farm. These ploughs came from South Loirston Farm, where they were used to work the surrounding fields many years ago.



Our year ended with a bang, as we planted a new hedge behind the Community Garden on Cove Road. This will replace the stake & wire fence that has been an eyesore there for so many years, and with the help of our Cove scout group, we also planted a further 16 fruit trees in the new Orchard on South Loirston Road, with a Bug Hotel alongside. Our thanks to the scouts, parents and leaders who mucked in to get this done with so little fuss and a lot of fun!

The garden workshops continue. In 2015 they will be on the second Wednesday of the month at Altens Community Centre. Please come along, there is always something new to learn, and we have a good time. 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!