



COVE IN BLOOM

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This year is the 50th anniversary of Britain in Bloom, which has been organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) since 2001. Beautiful Scotland is looking for gold and yellow plants to celebrate! We are planning to add as many gold and yellow plants to the beds and planters as we can.

WE NOW HAVE REGULAR WEEDING AND PLANTING SESSIONS, AND YOU CAN HELP!

We plan to work from 10.00am to 12 noon every Saturday morning, weather permitting, so if you want to be involved we meet at 10.00am at the junction of South Loirston Road with Cove Road, and then go on to where-ever we intend to work that day. Everyone is welcome to come along, we will find something for all, and you don't have to stay the full two hours if you don't want to, or turn up every week – just when you can, every little bit helps.

Our poppies are showing along the wall at the Green, Old Cove, and alongside the shrubs behind the bed at the junction of Langdykes Road and Earnsheugh Road. There are now some wild flowers planted there too, so we are hoping for a good display in the summer.

The two horse-drawn ploughs are back after being grit blasted and primed, and are being painted now. We have our ideas as to where to site them in the village to commemorate the farming history of the area, but nothing is fixed in concrete, so to speak, so if you know of somewhere they might go let us know your ideas, after all, Cove and Altens is your community, and your input is important to us.

We are still waiting to hear if our application for funding for more trees for the Community Orchard has been successful, we should hear some time in June. If this goes ahead we will be planting the new trees towards the end of the year and we hope for help from the young people of Cove and Altens.

AND FINALLY, don't forget our regular monthly workshops, usually held in Altens Community Centre at 7.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month, though this time of year we may be out and about in the village doing some work on the beds, so do phone us to check what is on if you plan to join us. All are welcome to come along, experienced and new gardeners, to get our hands dirty doing what we need to be done in our gardens and village at this time of year.