



# Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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## Working for Cove and Altens

Work on the beds and planters is progressing apace, the Community Garden is looking good, and the planters are being tidied up as I write. Repairing and repainting damaged planters is the next task, and some sponsorship plaques will be replaced to keep the area looking good.

This year we are supporting Friends of Old Cove in their initiative to enter It's Your Neighbourhood. There are plans for raised beds, planters, troughs and hanging pouches throughout Old Cove, so look out for them as they arrive, and if you live in Old Cove and haven't yet asked for a trough or hanging pouch, drop us an email or phone and we can sort something out for you too.

Also in Old Cove, plans have been drawn up for a sensory garden at the corner on Stoneyhill Terrace to include the statue of Isie Caie, and we are talking to various people – owners, planners, funders, etc. to begin to turn this dream into reality.

We are also talking to the council and the rangers about the walk through the woods behind allotments that leads down to the coast by the welcome stones. We are working towards making this an accessible path suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

As far as walks go, we are also regularly walking the forest path from the post office up to Cove Road, the first walk took away two black bags full of dog poo, and the second, six black bags full of litter! The last time we walked there it was so much better, but that was just after the Cove Clean-Up (well done, all who took part!) and it may have been targeted by a group then. A BIG thank you to the two ladies, Carole and Gillian, who got together with us through 'Streetlife' and agreed a clean-up campaign for that walk. We hope to be able to continue to keep this walk clear with the help of those who want to use it, so if it is a favourite walk of yours, get in touch, we will be organising more clean-up outings throughout the year.

Work along Cove road is progressing too. Hopefully you will have noticed that this area is looking tidier as we have extended the area of grass that we are cutting and maintaining. Some plants have gone into the grass here too, which we hope will give us a good showing in the future.

Last year 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 have begun weeding there, and laying down woodchip to control the weeds and feed the ground. We've done the same along the beds on Hasman Terrace in Old Cove, too. Aberdeen City Council supply us with woodchips when they can so the work is dependent on the next load of chips arriving.

The garden workshops continue. In 2015 they are on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm at Altens Community Centre. Please come along, there is always something new to learn, and we have a good climate. Seeds and plants go home with you as well as providing for Cove in Bloom for the year to come. Phone to make sure where the workshop will meet, though, through the summer we are sometimes out in a garden somewhere.

**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!**