



# Cove in Bloom

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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## Working for Cove and Altens

### 2016 is a special year for Beautiful Scotland and we want to make it special for Cove and Altens.

Work on the beds and planters is ongoing, the Community Garden is looking good, and the pampas grass that was burned back is growing up again. We have some lovely flowers in the middle bed, thank you, Mr Penny of Cove Nurseries for donating these, and the perennials have been cut back and tidied up. We are starting to work round the planters now, and damage will be assessed as we go round, with the necessary repairs following. We have a new sponsor this year, welcome to Colin Lawson Transport, new plaques will go up shortly to acknowledge and thank you for your support.

This year, thanks to our generous sponsors, we have been able to buy plants from a commercial plant nursery, and these should be with us before the end of May. By the time you read this we would hope that the beds and planters will have been replanted with this summer bedding, and we will be able to see a real improvement in the displays. As usual, Mr Penny of Cove Nurseries is planting up our hanging baskets, and these will go up in due course. We are very grateful for all the support we have received this year, and we were so touched when Nicola Mair set up a crowdfunding page to help us. Thanks to all of you who have donated in this way, it makes all the difference when we see that our work is appreciated.

Mike is again mowing the grass along Cove Road, and making a really good job of it, I can't say enough about our stalwart regulars, they are such a great band of folk, always willing, even though some of us are not as able as we used to be, and it makes gardening around the village so enjoyable. We work together and laugh together!

We now have two regular gardening sessions every week, Thursday morning and Saturday morning, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Do join us on one or other of these if you can. If you can give me an email address or a phone number we can let you know where we are working, or we can pick you up. Some of the team find Thursday easier than Saturday, and some the other way around. I must also mention Sam Glick, who looks after the three beds on Langdykes Road for us. Sam has little ones, and that makes it difficult for her to manage a regular schedule, so she has taken on these beds herself, and works when she can. Well done, Sam, your efforts are appreciated, glad we found a way that you could be involved! (We could do the same for others, if you want to help but can't fit a regular schedule, like Sam).

We are starting to tidy up the woodland walk again this year, we continue to try and keep this walk clear so if you use it please consider helping us keep it tidy – even if that's only by picking up your dog's poo and disposing of it in the bins provided. We are sowing wild flowers along this walk this year too, perhaps you can help with this, as well as with the clean-up outings throughout the year.

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!

