



# Cove in Bloom

Part of Scotland in Bloom

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## **WE EARNED A SILVER MEDAL in the BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND competition!**

Congratulations to all of you who played a part in the success that Cove earned. To Charleston School and Loirston School, who planted and looked after their green spaces, their planters, plots and pots; to the Community Council for the work they put in to improving the surroundings in Cove, and in particular for the Cove Clean Up; to the Nether Loirston Growers for their excellent allotments; to the residents of Burnbanks Village for looking after their planter and keeping their village so beautiful; to the Loirston Annexe, the Altens Community Centre, and the groups that meet in these centres for their support and help; to the Scout group for their efforts in the planter at Charleston School and the new bed at Loirston Annexe; all our generous sponsors who make it possible to fund the work; and finally, to all of you who keep an eye on the new planters and the existing community beds, weeding, watering and feeding and generally doing your bit to make Cove a pleasant place to live. IF I have forgotten to mention anyone or any group, I apologise - it's not that we don't appreciate what you have done, it's just that my memory lets me down occasionally. 'Cove in Bloom' as a group really appreciates everything YOU do that goes into the community effort. We simply try to draw together everyone's efforts to improve our area.

For the future, **we are still working on the Welcome Stones**, though with input from the Roads Department we have changed our plans slightly as we work with the Council.

Our fund raiser and awareness raiser – **the Isie Caie Heritage walk** took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> September and we had a great time, thanks to our generous sponsor, Cove Bay Hotel for the lovely packed lunches, we have now raised almost £2,000 towards our planned statue.

Cove in Bloom entered **a pallet garden representing Isie Caie** into the RHSA show in Aberdeen and also into the Dundee Food and Flower Festival. We won our class and a trophy in each show, and have made a few more folk aware of Cove in Bloom and our famous fishwife, Isie Caie. The awards are displayed in the library for all to see.

We have **a picnic bench for the Harbour area**, with the help and support of the Harbour owner which should be in place by the time you read this. Cove Harbour is one of the few privately owned harbours in the area, and the owner would like to make it a pleasant place for visitors to enjoy. To achieve this everyone who uses his ground must do their part in keeping it clean and tidy, and taking away their rubbish when they leave. Of course you all appreciate this, and will continue to use the Harbour with respect.

Other plans are in the pipeline, and we will let you know about them as they progress, but **there is one thing we still need** and that is **YOUR HELP**. If you can volunteer to look after just one bed, or one planter, if you want to become involved in the planning, or have an idea that we might be able to bring to reality you can contact us by phone or email, or just pop round to South Loirston for a natter. The Cove in Bloom group meets every month to plan and manage the work, and you are welcome to join us. All help is appreciated, and each person who takes on one small task makes it easier for all the others. Please get in touch, we will only ask of you what you are willing and able to do – and the team is always there to call on for support.

**THANK YOU, COVE AND ALTENS!**