

Chairman's Notes

Hopefully our excellent Spring weather will now spring into summer.

Deer Cull As you may have read in the press the Council has now approved, despite public condemnation, the cull of roe deer that inhabit Tullos Hill to protect the trees they are proposing to plant as part of their tree for every citizen scheme. We are wholly opposed to the unacceptable Cull and have written to the Council objecting to their proposals. I also requested to address the Committee dealing with this matter but was refused on a technicality and they then proceeded to approve the cull. This is very short sighted because deer from the surrounding areas will repopulate the culled area necessitating ongoing culling. Most of you I'm sure will be against the cull so I would ask you to help by making your views known to the Council, Councillors and the media. Do you really want a tree planted for you if it means the death of an innocent deer?

Allotments With the major works complete, the allotments allocated and kind weather there has been a surge of activity as allotmenters prepare their ground and sow their first seeds for what will hopefully be a bumper crop. It is really satisfying to see this coming to fruition.

Cove Clean Up Disappointingly only 9 people turning up which is our lowest number ever and very poor considering we have a population of over 7500. Thanks are due to the 9 who made a valiant effort to tidy up our Community. This poor response makes one wonder whether it is worthwhile continuing with this event. On a bright note, however, I would take this opportunity to thank the ladies who were unable to join us on the day but regularly clean up the shopping area and Cove Road. Why not follow their example and clean up some of the rubbish in your own area?

Blooming Cove

This year our spring flowers gave a great show and brightened up our area after the hard winter. The display is due to the sterling efforts of a small group who look after our flower beds and plant our bulbs. If you have any suggestions for improvements or feel you would like to help out please give us a call. We will be entering 'Its Your Neighbourhood Awards Scotland in Bloom' and hopefully we will be as successful in obtaining an award.

On a sad note one of the group members and frequent winner of our Gardening Competition, Ron Stewart, died recently. We offer our condolences to his family.

Garden Competition We will be holding it again this year with the three categories being Best Garden, Best Novice Garden and Best Container or Hanging Basket. Now's the time to get your green fingers working so you are ready for the judging in August. Good luck and remember to submit your entry form.

Cove Gala Summer's here so that means it must be Gala time. This year our Gala is on Saturday 11 June so make a date to come along and give it your support as all funds raised are distributed to local groups.

Community Councillors A new Community Councillor has come forward to join us but we are still short of Members so if you are interested in matters affecting your Community why not give us a call or come along to our next meeting at Loirston School on Monday 27 June commencing 7.00pm.

Policing Please help to keep our Community safe by reporting to them if you see a problem or anything suspicious by phoning **0845 600 5 700** or Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111**.

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