



Dunblane in Bloom





Making Dunblane an attractive town to live in and to visit.

Since Dunblane in Bloom was formed in 2004, the work of the group has expanded with the establishment of the Community Garden and Rockery at the Faery Bridge, as well as beds at the Coronation Garden, Beech Road, opposite Marks and Spencer and Smithy Loan.

Ground/wall planters at the Station, High Street and dual carriageway provide vibrant seasonal displays. 3000 plug plants are purchased in the Spring and tended in a poly tunnel for five to six weeks.

Each year we receive funding from several sources including donations from the public, community groups and local businesses.

All this work is done by a team of volunteers who meet every Sunday morning and some evenings during the Summer. Local youngsters also join us each year as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Community involvement.

Becoming a volunteer is a good way to learn about plants and gardening techniques as well as making new friends. If you are a novice gardener or would like to improve your skills, members in the group would be more than happy and able to pass on many tips. **And, it not compulsory to attend every Sunday!**

To keep Dunblane blooming please think of joining us



Working with Young people

Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme participants work with us as part of their “Community Service”.

We will continue to participate in the scheme but limit this to 3 individuals at a time who are working on their Silver and Bronze level awards.

These three young volunteers are planting up the new troughs at the library



As a working group within DDT we have a polytunnel and an outside storage area in donated space at Ashfield. We are custodians of the DDT van and trailer. All essential resources, for carrying out our work



Supporting Resources

Grateful thanks for financial and material support are due to:

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Graham Stewart

(Silversmith)

Robert Paul

(Architect)

Gardening Club



Watering in the summer is a big job that requires commitment from volunteers.

We purchased a new water tank this year. The old one put a lot of strain on the van and needed the trailer; the new one fits in the back of the van and has a quiet electric pump.





Spring: the Rock Garden at its best



The “feeding” in the Community Garden is beginning to show results





Raised beds opposite M & S



On the Perth Road dual carriageway



At the end of Smithy Loan



On the High St opposite the "Riverside"

Future Aspirations & Challenges for 2020

1. Procuring funding for all ongoing work.
2. Replacing existing planters with recycled plastic materials.
3. Redesigning & planting the Community Garden and Rockery.
4. Reviewing wall planters to comply with health & safety advice.
5. Continuing the mix of permanent and seasonal planting, taking account of changing climatic conditions, sustainability and biodiversity.
6. Sharing management responsibility through a Steering Group.
- 7. Recruiting new younger members**

If you want even more, join us!

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