



Kinnesswood In Bloom

2024



Flip book



Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood is situated in Kinross-shire and is a beautiful village set below Bishop Hill and overlooking Loch Leven. The village is home to the Michael Bruce Way, a delightful walk, and boasts a nine hole golf course and some lovely buildings dating from the 18th and 19th Centuries.

A walk around Kinnesswood will bring you to many pretty little corners & gardens that have been created since the Kinnesswood in Bloom team first got together in 2005. There are tubs and planters throughout, a library in the old phone box, children's art displayed in the bus shelter and a tiled map depicting the history of the village.

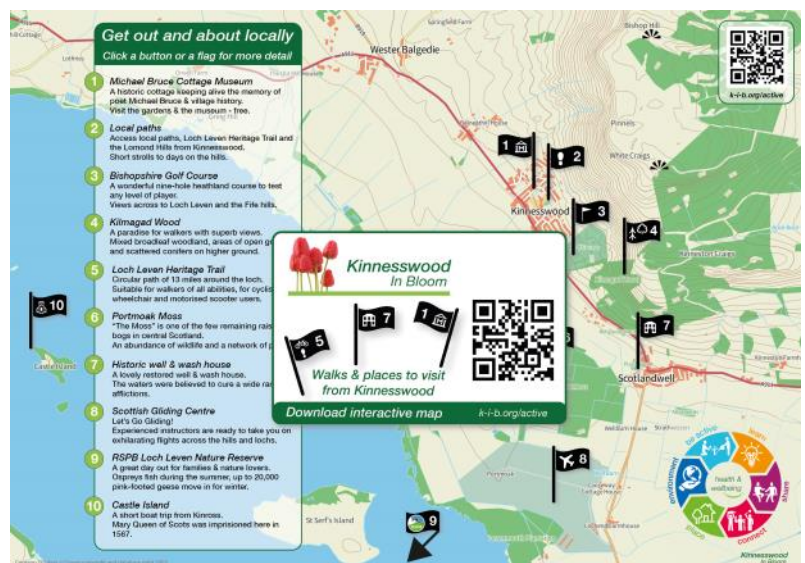
The Kinnesswood in Bloom team meet regularly to discuss and plan projects, work rotas and fundraising.

Britain in Bloom Village Winner

We were delighted to bring home so many awards from Britain in Bloom 2023.



Heath and Wellbeing theme

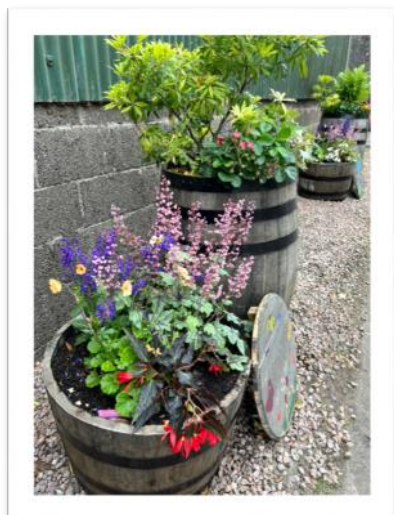
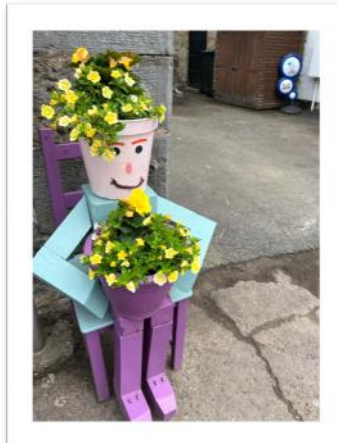


Out and about locally downloadable interactive map
(click or scan to download)

Horticultural Achievement

Summer 2023

- Work parties took place every Saturday morning and at least once more during the week in Summer to cover whatever is required.
- Tubs and planters were given a facelift., lampposts painted, streets swept
- We worked hard to keep everything in pristine condition ready for Britain in Bloom judging.



Horticultural Achievement

Autumn and Winter 2023–2024

- Regular individual work continues while weather permits
- Verges are strimmed, hedges trimmed.
- Tubs and planters are tidied, plants are recycled for next year.
- We plant bulbs every year and involve the local schoolchildren whenever possible.



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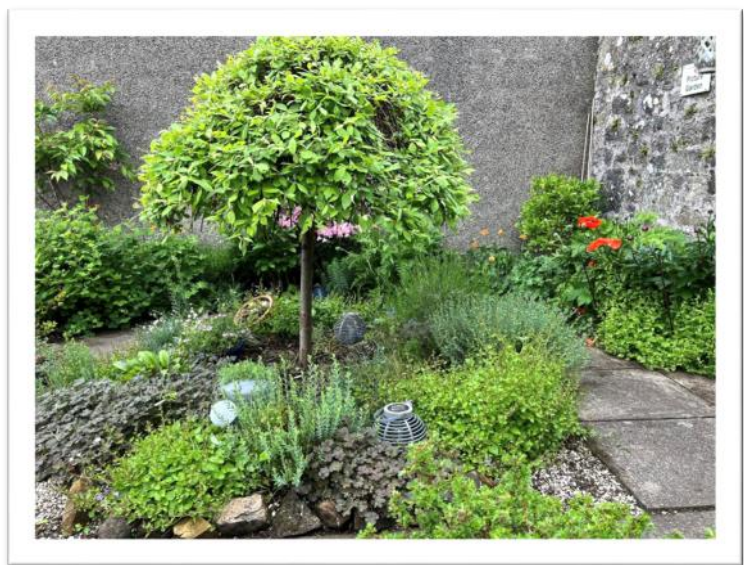
February & March 2024

Tidying up



Spring and early Summer 2024

- Every year we seek sponsorship from local businesses for tubs and planters.
- We plant a small amount of Summer bedding.
- Local residents assist by providing seeds and cuttings.
- We made good use of the Polycrub to grow summer bedding.



Environmental Responsibility

- We continue to plant to attract bees, butterflies and insects.
- We now use sustainable planting in most project areas and only use annual bedding to add a bit of extra colour and impact.
- Clean ups are held in the village and at the school a few times a year with furniture & planters maintenance carried out as required.
- Local farmers supply manure for veg beds/roses and we source peat-free compost .

Bug hotel 1 & bees



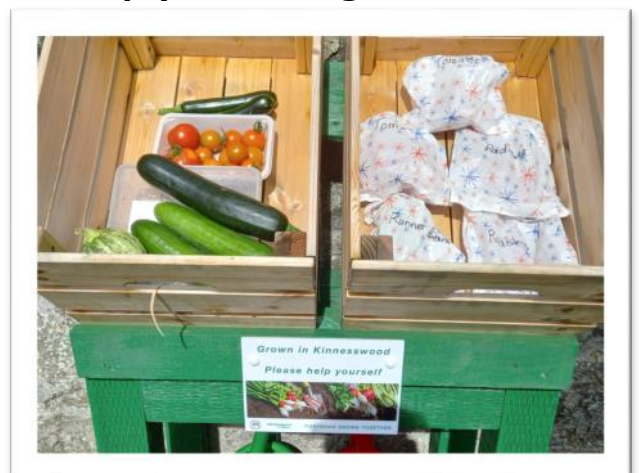
Bug house 2 , bird house, squirrel house



The big litter pick



Help-yourself veg

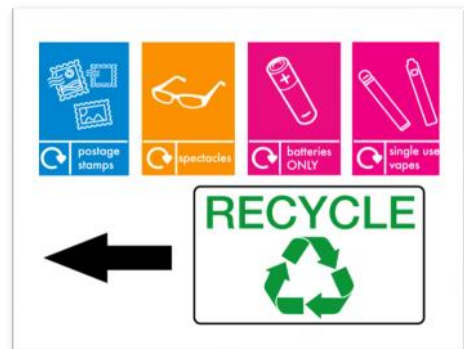


Environmental Responsibility

Keeping the burn clear



Dung delivery!



Revamped recycling station

Painting the "library" and lampposts



Community Engagement

- The Kinnesswood in Bloom team works closely with the local primary school and School Grounds Group.
- We keep villagers informed via our website, the village noticeboard and publish monthly in the Kinross Newsletter. We also have a busy Facebook page.



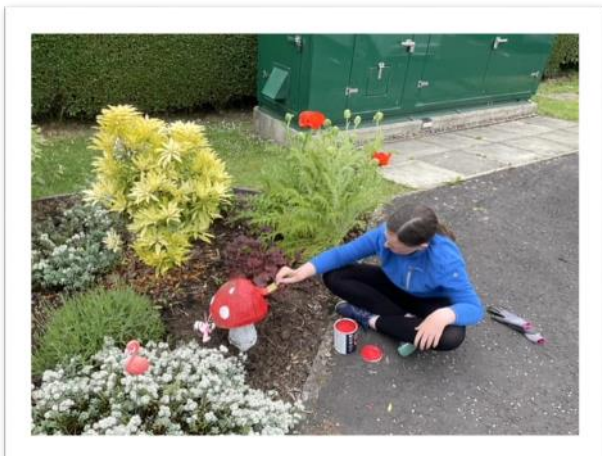
Polycrub— lessons with the school



Bus shelter art & signage mockup



Some of the local art



Community Engagement

- Many local business in, and around, the village play their part in our activities. As well as making monetary donations, they have provided invaluable help by way of equipment, turf, plants, manure, seeds and manpower.
- Not all locals can commit to meetings or work parties but many are more than willing to provide muscle power or other skills, a cup of tea or help remove any rubbish.

Bus shelter refurbishment



With the help of locals we gave our bus shelter a new lease of life with damp-proofed walls and floors, new wood seating, new sculpted oak backrests, renewed recycling bays and a new home for local arts projects.



Celebration at school for for their help in Britain in Bloom



Raising money has been one of our greatest successes and, aside from organised fundraising events, funding applications and donations from local business, we have a regular income stream from Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom, local business sponsorship and our weekly bonus ball competition.

Fundraising / supporting activities

- Sales of Kinnesswood in Bloom walk booklet
- Weekly bonus ball
- Donations (goods & monetary) from local businesses
- Donations of goods from residents
- Monetary donations from residents ("Friends of KiB")
- Donations from clubs & associations
- Local grants
- Kinross Newsletter
- Portmoak Gala Fund
- Take a Pride in Perthshire Project funding
- Donations in kind from members & volunteers

Weekly Bonus Ball raises up to £750 per annum

Kinnesswood In Bloom (KiB) Bonus Ball Fundraiser Rules – 14 Jan 2023

All players listed on the current record sheet maintained by the organiser are deemed to have accepted the rules of play as outlined herein. The minimum age of players is 18.

Basics of the game
The KiB bonus ball is primarily a fundraiser for the activities of the group - our game includes a weekly prize draw element plus a lottery syndicate element.

The 49 numbers (1 to 49) of the original UK Lottery are available for purchase by our supporters for £1 per number per week thus raising a maximum of £49 each week if all numbers are taken. The holder of the bonus ball number in the Saturday UK Lotto draw is our £30 prize draw winner.

Funds raised are also used to purchase one EuroMillions ticket (£2-50) for each Friday draw and one UK Lotto ticket (£2) for each Saturday draw – both as "lucky dips".
When all 49 numbers are taken, we raise £14.50 per week towards KiB funds.

Friends of KiB leaflet-drop village appeal

Kinnesswood In Bloom
Keep Scotland Beautiful
2024 Beautiful Scotland entrant

We are delighted to announce that this year Kinnesswood will be competing in this prestigious national awards initiative. Standards are high, time is short, but with your help we can do it again. Judging will take place 29 July - 11 August (our judging date will be announced nearer the time)

2024's big project - coming soon...
Michael Bruce Cottage garden refurbishment

Projects in the last 12 months

- Bus shelter refurbishment-
- New seating
- Inscribed benches
- Sealed & painted
- New barrels & planters
- Maintenance
- New signage & artboards

• And this took a lot of time...

Village Winner 2023
Kinnesswood in Bloom

We need your support

If you would like to offer your support you can bank transfer to:

Kinnesswood In Bloom
Account: 23526865
Sort code: 80-22-60
Reference: KiBfriends

Thank you

Or, drop the tear-off slip below in a with a donation to:

Pat Nicol, 15 Buchan Avenue
Shelagh Goudie, Balbury Cottage, The Cobbles
Kinnesswood Village Shop

Name (and captain please) _____
Date _____
www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org



Perth & Kinross Council 80% funding cut

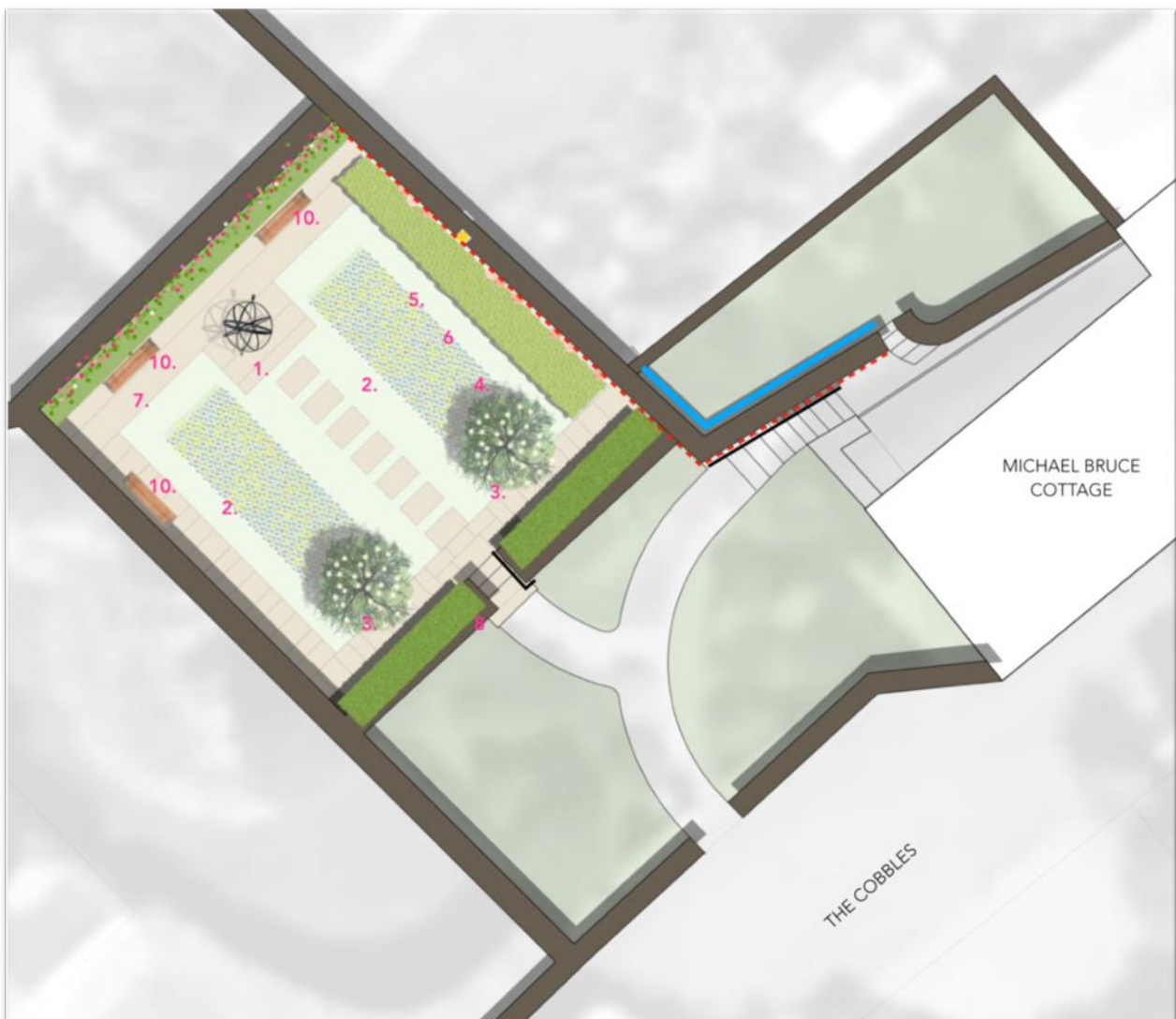
Very recently (end April 2024) PKC announced an 80% cut to all In Bloom groups allowance — this was a **VAT exclusive** budget to be spent at local garden centres. This will inevitably impact this year's plants & displays.

Conclusion

- We feel that our current strategy is working well and plan to continue with our regular meetings, work parties and creation of sub groups as required.
- We want to ensure that we can sustain momentum by increasing the team members/volunteers and keeping all sections of the community interested while making sure it's fun.
- We plan to build on everything that we've already achieved keeping sustainability and biodiversity to the fore.
- Funding is available from several external sources and we will apply for that as and when new projects are agreed.

Projects in the pipeline

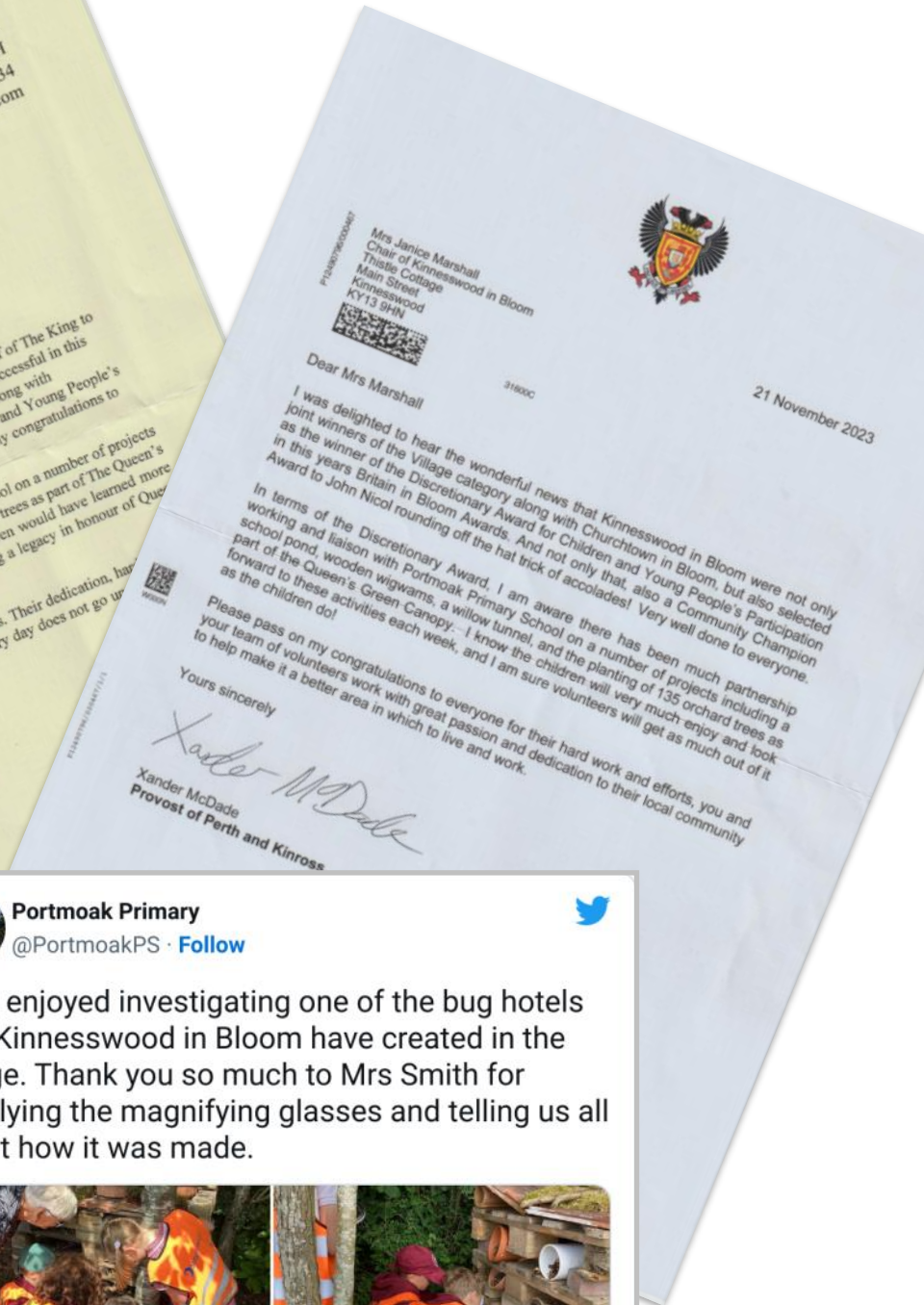
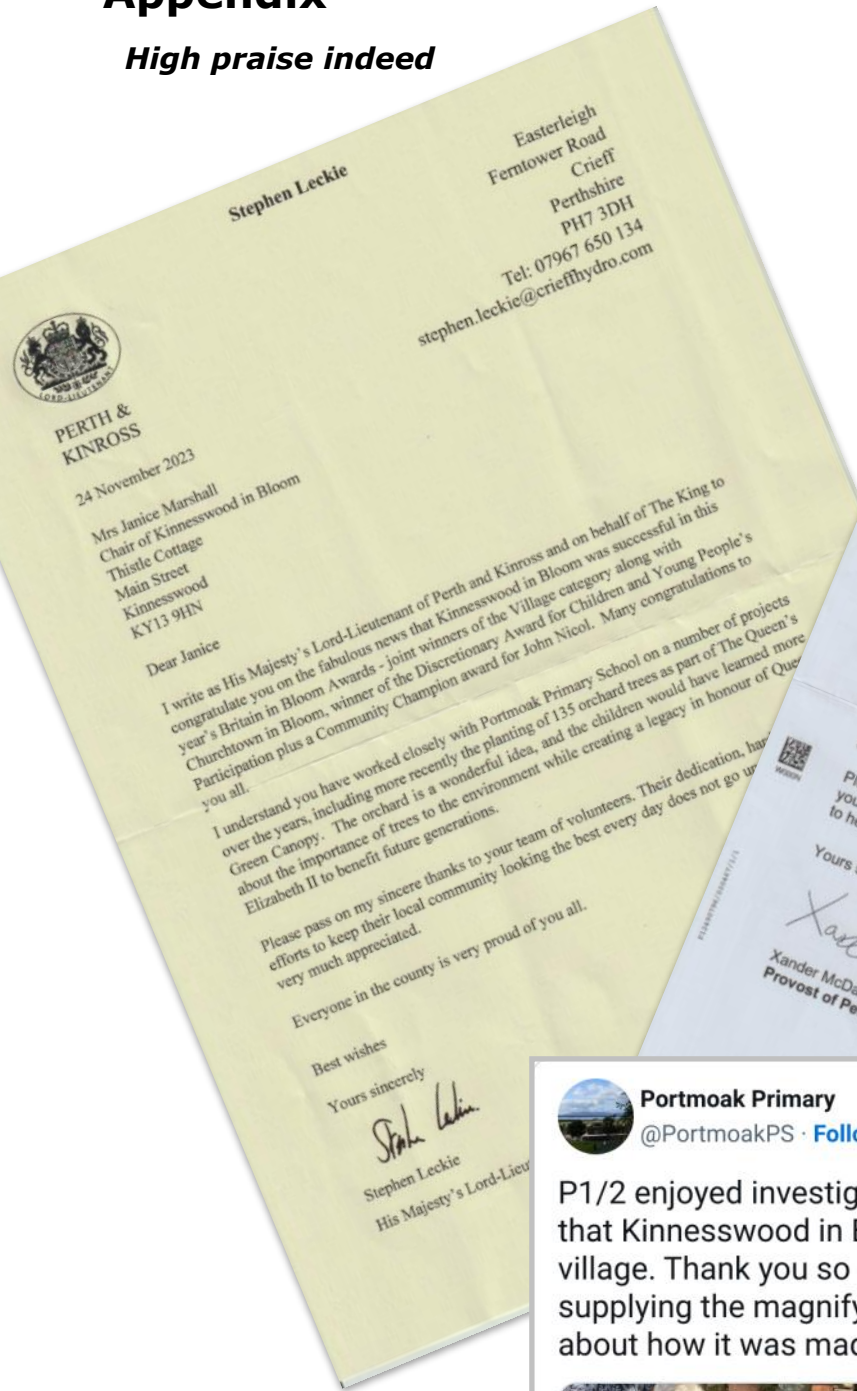
- Michael Bruce Cottage garden refurbishment—seed capital in place, working with TPKKA to design, project manage & source remaining funding.
- “Cake and Celebration” theme - fun art in progress



Michael Bruce Cottage garden outline plan May 2024

Appendix

High praise indeed



 **Portmoak Primary**
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P1/2 enjoyed investigating one of the bug hotels that Kinnesswood in Bloom have created in the village. Thank you so much to Mrs Smith for supplying the magnifying glasses and telling us all about how it was made.



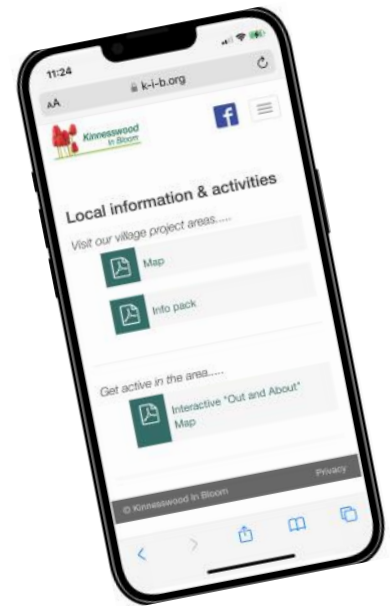
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