



# *Kinnesswood In Bloom*

2025

## **MONTY DON'S BRITISH GARDENS**

**EPISODE 1, FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JAN 8pm**

**EPISODE 2, FRIDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JAN 8pm**

**EPISODE 3, FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JAN 7pm**

**EPISODE 4, FRIDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> JAN 8pm**

**EPISODE 5, FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> FEB 8pm**

ALL EPISODES ON BBC iPLAYER ON 10<sup>th</sup> JAN



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 (KiB) team meet regularly to discuss and plan projects, work rotas and fundraising.

## Beautiful Scotland 2024

We were delighted to bring home so many awards from Beautiful Scotland 2024.



**Robert Tulloch receives his special award for beekeeping**

## 2025 themes

- 25 Years of Beautiful Scotland
- 20 Years of KiB
- Nature & Biodiversity



**School minibeasts & art project**



**Pollinator bed under construction**

# Horticultural Achievement

## Summer 2024

- 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 competition judging.



# Horticultural Achievement

## **Autumn and Winter 2024–2025**

- Regular work parties continue 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.



# Horticultural Achievement

## February & March 2025

Tidying up



## Spring and early Summer 2025

- 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 .

## **Burn, school grounds & verges**



## **War memorial and a clean burn**



## **Wet paint**



## **Help-yourself veg**



# Environmental Responsibility

**A lot of wee weeds**



**Clean up**



**Polycrub & signage cleaned up**

**Road verges & burn after tidying**



# 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.



## War memorial



## Monty's in town



# 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.

## Monty Don visit



We were invited to host Monty Don and his team for a tour round the village as part of a segment for one his new TV programmes.



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**



# Plans for the future

## 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 phase 2
- KiB and Beautiful Scotland anniversary celebration themes



**Michael Bruce Cottage garden outline plan**

# Appendix

## **Young Robert nominated for award**



Robert Tulloch, 11, from Perth and Kinross, is a passionate beekeeper. After discovering beekeeping with his dad, he became an active member of his school's gardening group and a rising star in Scotland's beekeeping community. Robert won a national competition to design a cover for *The Beekeeper* magazine, using his £150 prize to buy tools, and he's also making beeswax candles, donating profits to the community. His enthusiasm shines through in his work, including a PowerPoint on the invasive Asian Hornet, which he presented to beginner beekeepers. In 2025, he'll take his first beekeeping exams and is connecting with beekeepers in South Africa and Kenya. His passion helped his village earn recognition in the Beautiful Scotland Awards.

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## **Kind words on school collaboration**

Dear Norma

Thank you for nominating Portmoak Primary School in the Climate Action Project of the Year category in our Eco-Schools Scotland Awards 2025.

Our judges were very impressed at the high standard and impressive work from schools across Scotland and found it very difficult to choose from the wonderful entries.

Unfortunately your nomination was not successful but the judges did comment that it was a great local community project with excellent biodiversity links. The interaction between a range of local community groups and the school was wonderful to see, with community members directly supporting the learning of the younger generation. The use of food grown in the garden for cooking lessons and in school dinners is impressive.

The Committee should be very proud of its work and we look forward to reading about more fantastic actions in future applications.

This year's winners will be announced next week and you will be able to see their entries [on our Awards page](#).

Please get in touch if you have any queries at all.

Best wishes

Jane

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