Year on year it is wonderful to see the results of so many community groups and local authorities who work tirelessly to make their part of Scotland a cleaner, greener, more sustainable place to live, work and visit. Keep Scotland Beautiful is proud to award these efforts.

Trophy winners

Premier Award
The Rosebowl
Coupar Angus Pride of Place

Class Awards
City – Bonnie Dundee
Small City – Growing Kirkcaldy
Large Town – Beautiful Stirling
Medium Town – Cupar in Bloom
Small Town – Brighter Bothwell
Urban Community – Uddingston Pride
Flatted Community – Restalrig & Lochend House Residents Association
Coastal Town – North Berwick in Bloom
Coastal Village – Aberdour Village in Bloom
Large Village – Coupar Angus Pride of Place
Small Village – Newcastleton Floral Group
Wee Village – Beautiful Kilconquhar
Business Improvement District – Aberdeen Inspired

Discretionary Awards
Community Horticultural Award – North Berwick in Bloom
Jim Murdie Trophy for Sustainability – Lanark in Bloom (Community Garden)
Biodiversity Award – Monifieth Eco Force
VisitScotland Trophy for Tourism – East Haven Resident’s Association
Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Trophy – Fife Council
The Wright Sustainability Award – Dundee City Council (Bonnie Dundee)
Community Involvement Award – Flourishing Forth
David Welch Memorial for Something Special – Bonnie Dundee (Ninewell’s Hospital Garden)
New Entrant Trophy – Blooming Haddington
Beautiful Scotland is judged according to three pillars – Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation – which accord with the spectrum of activity that Keep Scotland Beautiful undertakes. Therefore, while shrubs, flowers and trees form an important part of a submission, so do considerations of litter and graffiti and the entrant’s work in relation to sustainability.
The Royal Horticultural Society and Britain in Bloom

Keep Scotland Beautiful is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society’s (RHS) Britain in Bloom Federation. As a member, a number of category winners from Beautiful Scotland are nominated to represent our country at the UK level the following year. Every year, two RHS Britain in Bloom finalists are invited to represent the UK in Entente Florale, the European competition.

Scotland has been extremely successful in the UK-wide competition in recent years, with at least one class winner in every year since 2005. Most impressively, Scottish entrants have won the highest Champion of Champions Award three times in the seven years from 2006-2013, with two successes for the large village of Falkland in Fife, and one win for the small town of Alness in the Highlands.
For more information about the work of each group, and to see their portfolios, please visit www.beautifulscotland.org

**KEY**

- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal
- Silver Gilt Medal
- Bronze Medal

**Medium Town**

- Blairgowrie & Rattray in Bloom
  - Perth & Kinross
- Blooming Haddington
  - East Lothian
- Cupar in Bloom
  - Fife
- Gala in Bloom
  - Scottish Borders
- Lanark in Bloom
  - South Lanarkshire
- Milingavie in Bloom
  - East Dunbartonshire
- Shape up Shotts
  - North Lanarkshire
- Strathaven in Bloom
  - South Lanarkshire

**Small City**

- Beautiful Cumbernauld
  - North Lanarkshire
- Dunfermline in Bloom
  - Fife
- Growing Kirkcaldy
  - Fife

**Small Town**

- Brighter Bothwell
  - South Lanarkshire
- Stonehouse Brighter Village Group
  - South Lanarkshire

**Large Town**

- Beautiful Stirling
  - Stirling

**Urban Community**

- Burnside in Bloom
  - South Lanarkshire
- Cove in Bloom
  - Aberdeen City

**City**

- Bonnie Dundee
  - Dundee City

**Small Town**

- Dyce in Bloom
  - Aberdeen City

**Flatted Community**

- Uddingston Pride
  - South Lanarkshire
- Restalrig & Lochend House Residents Association
  - City of Edinburgh
Coastal Town

Broughty Ferry in Bloom
Dundee City

Coastal Village

Aberdour Village in Bloom
Fife

Large Village

Brig in Bloom
Perth & Kinross

Cairneyhill in Bloom
Fife

Coupar Angus Pride of Place
Perth & Kinross

Envirokirn Action Group
Argyll & Bute

Flourishing Forth
South Lanarkshire

Leslie Community Trust
Fife

Newburgh Action Group
Newburgh in Bloom
Fife

Seasons of Ceres
Fife

Wigtown in Bloom
Dumfries & Galloway

Small Village

Brighten up Kirkconnel
Dumfries & Galloway

Wee Village

Beautiful Kilconquhar
Fife

East Haven Resident’s Association
Angus

Low Valleyfield
Fife

Business Improvement District

Aberdeen Inspired
Aberdeen City

Alloa in Bloom
Clackmannanshire

Dunfermline_delivers
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Essential Edinburgh
City of Edinburgh

Falkirk Delivers
Falkirk

North Berwick in Bloom
East Lothian

Bute in Bloom
Argyll & Bute

Colourful Carnoustie
Angus

Dunbar in Bloom
East Lothian

Floral Action Burntisland
Fife

Monifieth Eco Force
Angus

Muthill in Bloom
Perth & Kinross

Newcastleton Floral Group
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Community Horticultural Award

North Berwick in Bloom

There are perennial beds throughout the town, some planted to cope with the conditions on a seaside raised beach using grasses and other drought resistant plants. Around 1 million bulbs have been planted by volunteers in and around North Berwick, and the group holds a tulip festival each spring. There are wildflower meadows, a bed showcasing coastal flowers, some now extinct locally, and beds sown for native cornfield annuals and their insects. The emphasis on permanent and varied planting means that nectar is available from February to October.

Volunteers plant and maintain 90 hanging baskets in summer and 130 planters, ranging from barrels to boats, in summer and winter.

The Lodge, jointly managed as a partnership between NBIB and ELC, was nominated by Britain in Bloom judges as ‘best park’ in Britain in 2013. It is an arts & crafts garden with a series of gardens including a sub-tropical bed, dry bed with succulents, rose garden, Edwardian rockery with compartments which may be the last in the country, a fennery showing British native fens and their forms, a stumpery and a shade bed for woodland plants, a Japanese bed commemorating the end of WW2, a daffodil display showing all 13 daffodil groups, wildflower areas and recreational grass.

Jim Murdie Trophy for Sustainability

Lanark in Bloom (Community Garden)

This group has embarked on an ambitious project with its partner Lanark Community Development Trust at Castlebank Park. The new Horticulture Centre at the Park has been developed over the past year and is now the nerve centre of Lanark in Bloom. The polytunnel is already being used to bring on cuttings for planting out next year and as a venue for committee meetings. There are also raised beds which are being used to grow vegetables for sale, to bring in much needed funds, supplementing the sale of home grown plants. Lanark in Bloom works closely with the Community Development Trust which is involving a variety of special needs groups in growing vegetables the sustainable way. The Centre also has its own beehive. Ernest Romer of Lanark in Bloom deserves special mention for his commitment to a local primary school - he dedicates Tuesdays to the school, inspiring primary school children in horticulture. The Horticulture Centre will help him in his endeavours.

VisitScotland Award for Tourism

East Haven Resident’s Association

East Haven is a small coastal village of 53 properties and is one of the oldest fishing communities in Scotland dating back to 1214. A new section of national cycle route 1 was opened in 2012, resulting in an immediate increase of over 1,000 visitors a week. The group consulted with every resident to identify priorities for celebrating and commemorating its Octocentenary. In less than a year, the 120 residents and friends have: branded themselves ‘East Haven 800’ and used social media to engage with people all over the world; linked with every section of the community and beyond to involve people of all ages and all abilities; aligned themselves to the Scotland Homecoming and held a large public event in August; managed to get East Haven on the BBC weather map; and held a large public Maritime and Heritage exhibition in March. The group also succeeded in obtaining £63,000 to develop a new heritage point in the village, and involved the public, SNH and RSPB in developing six heritage boards. A large fishing boat was acquired which the group has sunk into the centre of its newly created community garden. Tourists are now flocking to East Haven following the groups’ progress in the media and on social networking. The group has enhanced the visitor experience and revealed a real gem on the east coast of Scotland.

Biodiversity Award

Monifieth Eco Force

The group has tackled the issues of Biodiversity in a realistic and constructive manner. There are two projects of commendation – a community orchard, and a wildflower meadow. After initial guidance from Tayside Biodiversity and planting advice from ‘Appletreeman & Plants with Purpose’, a fully-fledged orchard was planted in autumn 2013. With the support of Angus Environmental Trust, the varieties chosen include many with associations to Perth and Angus. To encourage pollination, a bee friendly wild flower mix is used in the ley together with Crocus. With a free draining soil type, in which clinker had been a base from previously industrial use, the site has been enhanced by using planting pits into which compost was incorporated. Being a community orchard there is excellent scope for the site to be used for adult gardening education in fruit growing, as well as within schools. The second project is a large dedicated wild flower meadow in West End Park. In the past it was an area of low maintenance grass maintained by Angus Council, but now there is a site to encourage bumble bees, butterflies and moths that are in national decline as well as creating an aesthetically pleasing flower meadow. To ensure that local provenance is maintained, professional guidance was sought from Scotia Seeds. A fully workable structure plan for its longevity has been fleshed out and its future, like that of the community orchard, is guaranteed with the site being used as an educational resource, a seed repository, carbon offsetting, and continuing involvement by the local community as well as visitors to Angus.

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The Kingdom of Fife boasts award-winning beaches and parks, new towns, picturesque villages, and heritage and culture in abundance. The Council works hard to improve the quality of the environment for visitors and residents alike.

Taking great pride in the management of its open space, Fife Council ensures very high horticultural standards are evident throughout the kingdom. With permanent horticultural features in key areas, seasonal bedding is complemented by sustainable and permanent planting.

Helping to raise the standards of public floral and horticultural displays, Fife Council runs the successful Beautiful Fife competition. This has stimulated interest in horticultural excellence across the Kingdom, recognising achievements of fledging groups and well established entrants.

Dundee also has a well-managed tree resource within the city. In recent years the council has continued to develop its open spaces through the development of Riverside Nature Park, which is an important location on the Tay Estuary. The park has created a wonderful new habitat for wildlife, opportunities exist for bird watching, and you will find the largest wildflower meadows in Dundee. As part of its annual improvement programme, each winter a number of flower beds are redesigned, replacing annual bedding with more sustainable and yet colourful planting. These areas include Dudhope Park, Taybank, Baxter Park, Stobsmuir and Harefield Road. The council has begun trials with yellow rattle on some grass areas, reducing the amount of grass cutting required and allowing opportunities for wildflower planting. Wildflower or annual sown areas are being introduced, including to Lochee roundabout, the Law and Riverside Drive.

Flourishing Forth
Forth is a former mining village on an exposed, and at times, windswept site but, thanks to the efforts of so many local people, it is certainly ‘Flourishing’. The village hall was packed with local people to meet the judges keen to talk to them and to tell them about their activities. The enthusiasm of all ages is inspirational. As a result, baskets and flower beds brighten the village with much of their care in the hands of people who live nearby; former industrial areas now have wild flowers planted; three new stone gateways provide a welcome to the village; and the daffodil tea organised over two days to mark the move from the old to the new primary school brought children and adults together to share and reminiscence. The group has also taken the enforced move out of its polytunnel at short notice in its stride, and the new facility with a twin span tunnel, a series of around 30 raised beds and an office, is well on the way to completion; it will provide even better facilities for community use - notably by the PolyDollies, the children and older residents.

Bonnie Dundee (Ninewell’s Community Garden)
Located at Ninewell’s Hospital in Dundee, and featured as one of Beechgrove Garden’s 2013 community gardens, this therapeutic and community garden includes herbaceous plants, fruit and vegetables, a sensory garden and a medicinal herb garden in an accessible environment. Some of the beds are split into ‘wards’, with medicinal plants in each ward that are for specific ailments, such as dermatology and Musculo-skeletal. The mission of the garden is to promote physical activity and good health through gardening. The charity-run garden is supported by volunteers and open to the public, local groups, hospital staff and patients.

Blooming Haddington
Blooming Haddington has burst on to the Beautiful Scotland scene with an abundance of high quality, community led initiatives which a seasoned entrant would be proud of. This well supported and organised group was formed under a year ago. The group is assisted by helpful council staff and has a passion to make Haddington better for all. The sheer amount of organisations supporting its vision, with real commitment, is remarkable for the size of this town. Amisfield Walled Garden and St Mary’s Pleasance are both worthy of special note. From a standing start last September, the group has encouraged businesses to sponsor 100 hanging baskets.
Keep Scotland Beautiful is the independent charity which campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues which affect people’s quality of life. It is committed to making Scotland clean and green, today and tomorrow.