Brighter Bothwell
‘Let’s just do it!’

Bothwell
South Lanarkshire

Britain in Bloom Portfolio 2017
Small Town Category
Although situated on the River Clyde and near to the centre of Scotland's motorway system with major links close by, Bothwell has the air of being 'off the beaten track'. The conservation 'village' (as locals still refer to the main part of this small town) is well known for its high quality housing, boutiques and fine dining. Despite being a modern and vibrant community, Bothwell boasts a long and dramatic history that parallels the history of Scotland itself. The Romans were here and had a camp at nearby Bothwellhaugh. St. Mungo sent out his acolytes from Glasgow in the sixth century to found a Christian settlement on an already pagan, holy shrine. The present magnificent Parish Church, part mediaeval and part Victorian, stands on the same site.

In the 12th century, Bothwell's earliest ruling family, the Olifard, built a motte and bailey castle near the present Parish Church. Later lords of Bothwell built a great new stone castle on the banks of the Clyde, the ruins of which can still be visited. Besieged by both Edward 1st of England and Edward 3rd, this castle, under the Douglas family, would become more palace than fortress and a centre with diplomatic links to the great courts of Europe.

Bothwell Bridge is so ancient that its origins are unknown but, as it has done for centuries, it still provides an important river crossing. Here in 1679 the Covenanters were defeated by a government army under the Duke of Monmouth. A monument to the battle may be seen at the bridge. Through the centuries, many famous personalities have been associated with Bothwell. They include William and Dorothy Wordsworth, Sir Walter Scott and James Boswell. Present-day Scottish literature is represented by the author Christopher Brookmyre who lives in the village. The 19th century industrial revolution came to Bothwell with the establishment of a coal mine in the centre of the village. This lasted until the middle of the 20th century but few signs of it still remain.

For those who choose to visit, Bothwell has much to offer with its great castle, its splendid church, ancient bridge and battlefield, Georgian and Victorian mansions and its contemporary attractions of good shopping and dining. Few Scottish communities can better this combination of history and modern amenities.

*With grateful thanks to Bothwell Historical Society*
Brighter Bothwell is 17 in 2017

In the spring of 2000, a group of Bothwell residents decided that Bothwell was in need of some TLC and set up Brighter Bothwell. Their aim was to make Bothwell more attractive to residents and visitors, by enhancing the areas where people live, work and relax. Brighter Bothwell is a team effort and, from its outset, has always sought to involve local people, businesses, schools, churches, other community groups, local authority staff and others who share its aspirations to keep Bothwell bright. From the start, to give us some guidelines and provide a focus for our activities, we decided to participate in Keep Scotland Beautiful’s Beautiful Scotland campaign. Our initial entry earned praise for a ‘first class’ effort, and we have been very pleased with our progress and awards over the years.

Key achievements over the years
- Creation and maintenance of the Jubilee Garden. Enhancement and maintenance of The Glebe and of the Dixon Gate entrance to the churchyard of Bothwell Parish Church.
- Development and maintenance of Bothwell Nature Trail, and related educational resources.
- Major upgrading of the Gilchrist Garden, and installation of a memorial to Marion Gilchrist.
- Initiating the introduction of Bothwell Scarecrow Festival, and also the establishment of The Organic Growers of Bothwell who created the Community Garden.
- Marking Bothwell’s mining heritage, in collaboration with Bothwell Historical Society, with the creation of the Miners’ Wildflower Garden and the reconstructed Coal Hutch as a memorial.
- Major upgrading and redesign of a memorial garden to create the Sensory Garden.
- Year-on-year improvements in autumn, winter, spring and summer floral displays.
- Improvements in local environmental quality, as a result of regular campaigns and clean up events. The development of Bobby’s Boxes, as part of our anti-dog-fouling campaign.
- Increased awareness of our work in the community, and national recognition for Brighter Bothwell’s support for Keep Scotland Beautiful activities.

While there is always more to do, Brighter Bothwell members and supporters have achieved a lot to make Bothwell a very good place to live, work and visit.

In planning our activities for this year, we had a focus on the following.
- Continuing to provide encouragement and support to young people in local schools and groups. We aimed to help develop their understanding of the local environment and offer opportunities to promote Keep Scotland Beautiful’s work.
- Building on the success of our Clean Up Bothwell and Greening Grey Britain activities. We extended the use of Bobby’s Boxes, introduced our Bin Your Butt campaign, and enhanced several less attractive areas with planting for biodiversity.
- Continuing to seek ways to promote Bothwell’s attractions and heritage; particularly important in Scotland’s Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. To take forward this priority, we work as appropriate with other community groups, seeking funding to help achieve our goals.
Brighter Bothwell members and volunteers participated in a range of activities, accounting for around 400 days of time. The list below shows key events over the past year. In addition, members have attended monthly committee meetings and many work parties, and have met regularly with staff from South Lanarkshire Council. Projects include maintenance and further development of horticultural features, work related to Beautiful Scotland and Britain in Bloom themes, the installation of new entrance signs in the village, and continuing work to combat litter and dog fouling and support Clean Up Scotland campaigns. We support the Eco Committees of our two primary schools and our local secondary school, and their related activities, and continue links with Bothwell Montessori Nursery School. Brighter Bothwell members also have key roles in the Community Garden and Bothwell Scarecrow Festival.

Key Activities in 2016 to 2017

August
- Bothwell Horticultural Society Annual Flower and Produce Show, held on 27 August.

September
- Bothwell Community Scarecrow Festival, a nine-day event.
- Beautiful Scotland 50th Anniversary Awards’ Ceremony.
- Celebration party to thank all volunteers and mark our successes and 16th Anniversary.

October
- Start of Craft Bomb preparation for Christmas and for 2017, which used BS and BiB themes.
- Recycled summer planting from Main Street tubs. Planted spring bulbs and winter pansies in 26 tubs.
- Oct/Nov, planted 10,000 crocus bulbs — Purple 4 Polio — Bothwell and Uddingston Rotary Club.

November
- St Bride’s Primary School Clean Up event. Attended meeting of Parent Council/PTA, Bothwell PS.
- Wildflower planting on Bothwell Nature Trail. Planted bulbs in large planters beside War Memorial.
- Uddingston Grammar School shopping evening; we had a stall to promote our work.
- Met with Community Development Officer of Robertson Homes to seek support for tree planting.
- Launch of information screen in library, funded by Bothwell Historical Society for community groups.

December
- Christmas Craft Bomb installations on Main Street and in Sensory Garden, to mark Christmas Fayre and Santa Parade.

January
- Presentation, along with Uddingston Pride, about our work to Bothwell and Uddingston Rotary Club.
- Bothwell Scarecrow Festival Annual General Meeting; planning for the 2017 Scarecrow Festival began.

February
- Met staff of our two primary schools to discuss activities for spring and summer terms.
- Installed two replacement and one new Bobby’s Box.
- Meeting with senior SLC staff resulted in very good support for annual Spring Clean Up event.
- Stall, with Uddingston Pride, at Uddingston Grammar School Volunteering Fayre.
- Preparation for Spring Clean Up event, and supported St Bride’s PS ‘Thinking Day’ Clean Up event.

March
- Hosted Beautiful Scotland get-together for Britain in Bloom finalists.
- Started four-week Craft Bomb knitting session in Bothwell Primary School.
- Work party in churchyard to support preparations for visit of HRH The Princess Royal.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers started — one working for bronze and two working for silver awards.
- Bothwell Spring Clean, as part of Clean Up Scotland. Included briefing visits to both primary schools.
March continued
- Start of fund-raising Easter Hunt, including selling entry forms at primary schools’ parents’ evenings.
- Brighter Bothwell AGM.
- Newsletter finalised and ready for printing.
- Bothwell Evangelical Church fundraising coffee morning in support of Brighter Bothwell.
- Planting of trees donated by Robertson Homes.

April
- Potato Day at Bothwell Community Garden.
- Visited Rosebank Nursery to place order for Main Street tubs; ten tubs to contain bee-friendly plants.
- Start of annual fundraising from Main Street traders for support for floral displays.
- Brighter Bothwell Newsletter delivered to all households, businesses and key locations in Bothwell.
- Announced winners of Easter Hunt.
- Continued planning for use of Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving Grant.
- Planning for design and installation of new entrance signs in village.

May
- World of Work event at St Bride’s PS. Spoke to children in P1 to P3 and nursery about BB’s work.
- Removed spring bulbs from Main Street tubs. Some recycled by volunteers, some sold at plant sale, others dried off for re-use later.
- New bed planted in Gilchrist Garden, with theme of birds, bees and trees.
- Bothwell Community Garden Open Day, including Brighter Bothwell plant sale. Bothwell beekeepers gave visitors free packets of seeds as part of their Bee Friendly Bothwell campaign. Seeds subsequently freely available in Library, Post Office, and a local café.
- Met with recently-appointed Council arborist.
- Contributed to Beautiful Scotland ‘training’ day in Uddingston.

June
- Main Street floral display installed, with tubs maintained throughout the summer by our volunteer Tub Team.
- New ‘wheelbarrow’ planter filled and installed outside Library. The wheelbarrow was created for last year’s very special Craft Bomb, which helped to celebrate Beautiful Scotland at 50, and has been recycled as a planter.
- Craft Bomb came to Bothwell for about two weeks; created by Brighter Bothwell. Included display in Library on Birds, Bees and Trees, and Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife.
- Initiated by Brighter Bothwell and supported by Tesco, children from Bothwell Babies’ and Toddlers’ Group planted welly boots for Green Street Play Park.
- Annual Clean Up event in Uddingston and Bothwell with Uddingston Grammar School senior pupils. Joint event with Uddingston Pride.

July
- Further work parties and Bin Your Butt campaign events planned.
The ‘Horti’ show on 27 August had a good range of entries and celebrated achievements across the age ranges. Once again, Avril received well-deserved success.

One of our volunteers was delighted by a ‘1st’ for her raspberry jam.

Pupils from St Bride’s Primary School had an impressive display of produce from their school gardens.

Brighter Bothwell crafters arranged a display of a range of items from their 2016 Craft bomb which celebrated Beautiful Scotland’s 50th Anniversary.

Avril, a talented beekeeper, celebrated another ‘1st’ for her bee skep.
September saw harvesting of apples and blueberries in the Community Garden. The verdict? — delicious!

Green Street Play Park in October had a superb display of passion flowers as well as trees with glorious autumn colours.

Also in October, we were able to enjoy the display outside Bothwell Book Box, which raises funds for St Andrew’s Hospice.

The nearby Rosa rugosa provided a beautiful autumn display, with hips just ready to be made into rose hip syrup.
Our noticeboard in the Miners’ Wildflower Garden alerted visitors to what to look for in the autumn. The plaque on the board commemorates aspects of Bothwell’s mining heritage.

October

The Sensory Garden continued to provide a lovely display of colour for all to enjoy.

The end of October saw our volunteers out in force to empty summer floral displays from the tubs and plant bulbs and pansies for our autumn to spring displays.
Miniature buddleia from our summer displays were replanted, in the Glebe, for example. A beautiful red admiral butterfly was attracted to a buddleia awaiting replanting.

As well as working on our tubs, we also planted bulbs in the large planters which are maintained for us by South Lanarkshire Council.

At the end of October and beginning of November, we planted 10,000 purple crocus bulbs supplied to us by the Rotary Club of Bothwell and Uddingston. We welcomed support for this task from our local Scottish Women’s Institute and Bothwell Scouts, as well as many of our volunteers.

During October and November, 33 people assisted us by giving a total of 120 hours of help.
February — snowdrops and primroses on the Nature Trail and snowdrops in the churchyard.

March — spring flowers in Main Street planter.

April — pansies at the War Memorial.

April — spring flowers in the mangers and tubs at the Dixon Gate entrance to the churchyard. Bulbs flower inside the churchyard too.

We planted the mangers at Bothwell Evangelical Church.

April — crocuses, Tête à Tête, muscari and hyacinths bloomed in the Main Street tubs in the spring.

A bee enjoyed the early source of nectar in April.
The sun shone in early April for Potato Day at the Community Garden.

The potatoes that Avril planted in the poly tunnel in February produced a delicious crop in June.

These strawberries and broad beans, harvested in June, are bound to ensure that Ellis achieves his Small Holding badge from the Scouts.

Bothwell Beekeepers launched their Bee Friendly Bothwell campaign at the Community Garden Open Day on 20 May. This young lady enjoyed meeting the big bee!
May — new planting for a bed in Gilchrist Garden. Theme of Birds, Bees and Trees. We worked with the Council on this project, and some of the plants were grown in the Community Garden.

Bothwell Primary School
Pupils from Uddingston Grammar helped P5 to clear the bed in October and gave them a sign for their hedgehog house in the school grounds.

February — preparing the bed for planting.

May — harvesting. P5 worked with P1.

St Bride’s Primary School and Nursery
Children from the nursery and from P2 work in their garden areas. Mr Collins, the janitor, helps them to learn new skills.

May — hanging baskets at one of our pubs.
Horticultural Achievement 8

Bothwell is twinned with Jouy-en-Josas. Members of the twinning association are to plant this iris in Bothwell to mark the well-established connection. The iris is named after the 18th century French Jouy printed cloth, and bred from a famous Cayeux iris ‘Chevalier de Malte’.

Our local Tesco store provided plants for the toddlers from Bothwell Babies’ & Toddlers’ Group to plant in welly boots for Green Street Play Park, in June. The children enjoyed the fruit too!

Our Planting Achievements for 2016-2107

Planted for spring displays
- 30 tubs and 7 mangers. Additional shrubs in the Jubilee Garden.
- Assisted with the Council’s large planters on the Main Street and mangers at the War Memorial. 10,000 purple crocus bulbs.

Planted for summer displays
- 60 tubs, 7 mangers, wheelbarrow and one hanging basket for our Main Street displays. A new bed in Gilchrist Garden.
- In addition, we planted additional perennials in our Coal Hutch feature, nasturtiums in the large planters generally maintained by the Council.
- We also plant and maintain three large planters of herbs, for public use, Green Street Play Park.
- Two new wildflower areas sown last year have been maintained and two new areas added this year, all through our working with South Lanarkshire Council.

Trees
- A total of seven trees have been planted, one in Gilchrist Garden, six (funded by Robertson Homes) in public areas around Bothwell.
- An apple tree will be planted in Appledore Crescent in the summer by the first prize winner of the Easter Hunt.

Wildflowers
- Various wildflower plug plants were planted on Bothwell Nature Trail.
Bothwell Nature Trail is an attractive, health-promoting, biodiverse corridor for walkers and cyclists, as well as a very good educational resource. SLC’s Community Payback Team helps with its maintenance. We have recruited our local Scouts to look after the pond areas for us, and have given them bat boxes to put up.

Around 50 species of wildflowers and grasses are present. The pictures below were taken in early June. The Nature Trail and Community Garden are two key areas for promoting biodiversity.

Spot the bee .....  

..... and the butterfly!

In early November, volunteers helped to plant wildflower plug plants grown in the Community Garden. Plants included ragged robin, primrose, cowslip, ox-eye daisy and wild carrot.
Environmental Responsibility 2

- Awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag.
- Eco-design collage made from recycled bottle tops.
- Litter picking on Bothwell Nature Trail.
- At the school’s wildflower area, sown with help from Brighter Bothwell.

Nursery and Primary children took part in Clean Up events in November and February
February — the Council team prepare an area beside Bothwell Community Hall for wildflower planting.

March — planting one of the six trees donated by Robertson Homes, who have a new development of houses in Bothwell. We chose English Oak, Red Hawthorn, Birch, Rowan and Crab Apple Golden Hornet.

April — cowslips in the Miners’ Wildflower Garden.

Southern Scotland Bat Survey in the Community Garden in August/September

Two Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers learned about the survey and saw the equipment used. Early data showed seven species identified.
Encouraged by Bothwell Beekeepers, our planting in many areas, including in our Main Street floral Display, is designed as ‘bee friendly’.

The beekeepers launched this campaign in May, giving free packets of seeds, a flyer and a bee ‘friendship’ bracelet. Seeds were available at the Community Garden Open Day, and then in the Post Office, Co-op, Library and a local restaurant.

Bulbs recycled from a previous year’s Main Street floral display made a good show at the Medical Centre.

Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers helped to dry off this year’s bulbs for planting later.
Preparing for a Royal Visitor in March

Brighter Bothwell volunteers helped to ensure that Bothwell Parish Church grounds were looking their best for the visit of HRH The Princess Royal. She attended the service on 22 March to rededicate the Quire of what is the oldest Collegiate Church in Scotland, after over three years of renovation.

In April, Bothwell Historical Society presented Rev Gibson with a specially bound copy of its survey of grave-stones in the Parish Churchyard. Several Brighter Bothwell volunteers helped with this survey, photographing grave-stones and recording all the inscriptions; a project to record another aspect of Bothwell’s rich heritage.
Scouts organised a Clean Up on the Nature Trail in February.

Brighter Bothwell’s Spring Clean Up event in March. A supporter arranged for us to gather at the Community Hall and provided soup and sandwiches for volunteers.

Our annual joint Clean Up event in June, when we worked with Uddingston Pride and Uddingston Grammar School to litter pick in our local areas.

These children were very pleased with their prize for finding an unusual object.

One of our ‘champions’ who does regular litter-picking near his Bothwell home.
Bobby Bothwell, our cuddly canine team member, is very pleased that we have been able to install more Bobby’s Boxes around Bothwell. They dispense the poo bags that are freely available from the Council. They are aimed at less-responsible dog owners who have ‘forgotten’ to carry a bag. For each of his boxes, Bobby has a buddy who fills it with bags. He is pleased that his work has received national recognition.

The Focus of our Latest Clean Up Campaign

LOVE BOTHWELL
LOVE CLEAN STREETS
NO IFs, NO BUTTs!

BIN YOUR BUTT
Bothwell’s sixth annual Scarecrow Festival in September was another resounding success. A varied programme of events and around 400 scarecrows brought out the crowds. Almost £13,000 was given to Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity, and money was also given to worthy local causes.

This event makes people smile!

- Celebrating Beautiful Scotland at 50.
- Scarecrow children loved the Sensory Garden, the home of fairies and elves.
- A very clever clown was much admired!
- Super Scarecrow street encouraged neighbours to work together on making scarecrows.
- The mini Scarecrow Hunt is always popular, especially with the winners!
- Our sunflower scarecrows provided hoopla fun.

Bobby Bothwell came out to see the dog and dog walker scarecrow. The dog ‘took off’ when he spotted the crow!
We continue to use key locations to promote our activities.

The Library displays our awards and news of our activities appears on its monitor’s rolling programme. Library staff provide very good support.

The shopping evening at Uddingston Grammar is always a good opportunity to promote our work.

This year’s Christmas Craft Bomb was our first. We hung knitted and crocheted Christmas decorations on trees in the Sensory Garden. The hairdresser allowed us to decorate the pillars at his entrance with a Santa hat and snow scene. Sadly, the Post Office would not allow a Santa hat on our post box!
February saw us, along with our friends in Uddingston Pride, at a Volunteering Fayre organised by Uddingston Grammar School for its senior pupils.

Following our support for the Rotary Club’s Purple 4 Polio project, Uddingston Pride and Brighter Bothwell were invited to a Rotary meeting in January to make presentations about our work to members. These were very well received and we were given a generous donation to support our work in our communities.

Our annual newsletter, prepared during February and March, included a focus on BS50. Our deliverers in April included many new recruits to the task. Around 40 people, of all ages, helped us. The youngest ones enjoyed delivering in their streets! Once again, the library supported us by providing a base from which deliverers collected their allocation of newsletters.
April — our Co-op showed its support for our work with a basket of ‘goodies’. We featured in the display about how the Co-op works with its local community.

May — the Church’s coffee morning in support of Brighter Bothwell raised £150 for our funds. We always appreciate the Church’s generosity. The Church is now also providing use of its facilities for our monthly committee meetings.

• Pupils helped to sell entry forms at St Bride’s Primary School parents’ evening.
• ‘Posting’ a completed entry form in the library.
• A happy winner with her egg-filled Easter chick.
• Brothers won prizes. The elder won the first prize and will plant his tree in Bothwell soon.
David joined us to work for his Bronze Award. He has done a lot of work on a range of tasks, including in the Community Garden.

Rebecca and Stephanie came back to work for Silver. They enjoyed repainting the wheelbarrow, made for last year’s Craft Bomb, which is now being used as a planter.

The heavy rain on 20 May, the day when we held Brighter Bothwell’s annual plant sale at the Community Garden’s Open Day, did not dampen our spirits — too much! We had many visitors who braved the weather to attend this popular event. Our ‘robin’ umbrella protected the youngest visitor when the heavens opened! As well as selling bedding plants, we offered crocus and muscari bulbs lifted from the Main Street tubs, in return for donations. Leaflets about our work and gardening for wildlife were also available. The refreshments in the potting shed were very popular, as everyone wondered when the rain would stop!
Craft Bomb activities from October to June shared skills across age groups. We used this year’s Britain in Bloom and Beautiful Scotland themes as our focus. Once again, our group met in the library, which we also used as a key location for related displays.

We organised four sessions with pupils of Bothwell PS, and taught them to knit. They turned their knitted squares into fun birds which went on public display in June.

- A great team of volunteers helped with installation.
- Learning about leaf shapes.
- Display in Post Office window; Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife.
- Crafters met in Bothwell Library.
- Primary children learned to knit.
- Knitted bee.

- Reading about Life in a Tree in the Sensory Garden.
- Jane with the complementary library display.
- Exotic crochet bird
Bobby visited assemblies at both primary schools to tell the pupils about our Spring Clean Up event. His new ‘apprentice’, Buster Bothwell, was also introduced to the pupils.

Bertie Bothwell helped to tell the pupils about many aspects of our work, when we visited several early-stages classes at St Bride’s Primary School World of Work event.

The nursery children loved seeing Bobby and trying on his hat!

- Library staff were happy to look after our caterpillars again this year so that children could see the magic of metamorphosis.
- Buster came along to see the five painted ladies before they were released in the Sensory Garden.
- Everyone enjoyed the experience, and learned a little more about biodiversity.
Sources of Income

- Local businesses, particularly those on the Main Street, are approached individually each year to seek their support for the summer floral display.
- For an annual donation of £50, residents and businesses can join our Adopt-a-Tub scheme. Brass plaques are added to donors’ tubs.
- We visit new businesses to explain our work and discuss how they might help.
- Our newsletter is used to seek donations from residents, as well as support for our projects and work parties. The use of an insert/payment slip has once again helped to boost donations.
- Some people donate through our collection boxes. People who pass by while we are working in Bothwell often say ‘You’re doing a great job’. Our response is to offer them the opportunity to join our team of volunteers, and then (with a smiling face!) to produce the collection box so that they can show their appreciation with a donation, if they wish. We have been pleasantly surprised by how quickly the box in our local Co-op fills up with loose change. Around £600 has been donated since mid August 2016
- Brighter Bothwell members make major contributions to the annual Scarecrow Festival. Some of the funds raised from the 2016 Festival were donated to local good causes, and we were very pleased to receive a donation of £400.
- Bothwell Evangelical Church organises an annual coffee morning to boost our funds, and also gave us a donation of £300 from its 2016 Scarecrow Festival fundraising activities.
- Our annual plant sale in May was successful in raising almost £180, as well as £44 in donations for recycled bulbs.
- Our Easter Bunny and Chick Hunt raised £222. The winner of the first prize was given a tree to plant in Bothwell as well as a book about trees.
- South Lanarkshire Council Community Grants have been used to purchase bulbs and to contribute towards the summer floral display.
- Tesco once again provided plants for the Babies’ and Toddlers’ Group to plant in the welly boots which decorate Green Street Play Park during the summer. The local store also gave fruit for the children’s snack that day.
- As a winner of Skipton Building Society’s Grassroots Giving 2016, we received £500. We are using this grant to extend our Bag It and Bin It and Bin Your Butt campaigns.
- We raised £270 by selling many of the Pots of knitted flowers, made to celebrate Beautiful Scotland’s 50th Anniversary in 2016! Many were bought by groups who attended the BS Awards Ceremony, at which the pots had been used to help decorate the venue.

Expenditure included — hire of hall for meetings, printing of newsletter and flyers/posters, plants and bulbs, plants and watering for summer floral display, cost of materials for projects such as Bobby’s Boxes, insurance, postage, stationery and sundries. A major outlay this year was replacement of the entrance signs to the village. We have also worked closely with South Lanarkshire Council to replant one of the beds in Gilchrist Garden. When planting areas and features looked after by Brighter Bothwell, we often use plants from the Community Garden, which we purchase from the Organic Growers of Bothwell.
Key priorities for the year ahead

- Providing encouragement and support to local schools will continue to be a priority. Involvement of local Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers is proving successful and will also continue, and offers opportunities to promote all aspects of KSB’s and BiB’s work.
- We hope to build on the success of our Clean Up Bothwell and Greening Grey Britain activities, by continuing to engage with the community and seeking fun ways to gain support. Bobby Bothwell and his pals are always keen to do their bit to help us!
- We will continue to seek ways to promote Bothwell’s attractions and heritage. To take forward this priority, we will work as appropriate with other community groups, seeking funding to help achieve our goals.

Plans for the Future

Bothwell has a rich heritage which we have sought to promote over the years. The example shown is the restored Coal Hutch which acts as a memorial to Bothwell’s mining heritage. We still refer to our paper, “Bothwell, A Vision for our Community”, which was prepared at the request of the Community Council, when we seek support for projects to further enhance our community.
Newspaper cuttings are from the Hamilton Advertiser, unless otherwise stated.

Dates shown are the dates when the articles were published.

1.9.16 Notice of Bothwell Scarecrow Festival
8.9.16 Bothwell Scarecrow Festival
14.9.16 Bellhill Speaker, Horti Show
15.9.16 Horti Show
21.9.16 Bellhill Speaker, Beautiful Scotland awards
22.9.16 Beautiful Scotland awards 2016
16.11.16 BS online, Planting bulbs, Purple 4 Polio
17.11.16 Planting Bulbs, Purple 4 Polio
24.11.16 Library Display Screen unveiled
1.12.16 Intimation of Bothwell’s Santa Parade
15.12.16 Bothwell Primary School Green Flag
12.1.17 Christmas Craft Bomb
2.2.17 Presentation to Rotary Club
8.2.17 Bellhill Speaker, BIB Finalist announced
9.2.17 BIB Finalist announced
2.3.17 Scarecrow Festival presentation to charity
9.3.17 St Bride’s PS Clean Up
9.3.17 Cleaning up the Environment
29.3.17 Bellhill Speaker, Bothwell Spring Clean
29.3.17 Bellhill Speaker, Royal Visit to Parish Church
30/3/17 Royal Visit to mark completion of Parish Church refurbishment
30.3.17 Intimation of Easter Hunt
5.4.17 Bellhill Speaker, Planting of trees donated by Robertson Homes
6.4.17 Bothwell Spring Clean
19.4.17 Community Garden Potato Day
11.5.17 Intimation of Community Garden Open Day
18.5.17 Presentation of Graveyard Book to Church
24.5.17 Bellhill Speaker, Bee Friendly Bothwell
1.6.17 Community Garden Open Day, including Brighter Bothwell Plant Sale
14.6.17 Bellhill Speaker, Butterflies’ release and Craft Bomb
15.6.17 Butterflies’ release in Sensory Garden
22.6.17 Brighter Bothwell Craft Bomb