



TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR CITY BULLETIN

MAY 2020

Welcome to the May 2020 update for Dundee's Take Pride in Your City campaign. There may be a lack of sessions and events to advertise but there is certainly no shortage of news to share from Dundee's environmental and horticultural groups. Thanks to everyone who has sent an update so far, it's great to be able to share your news!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN DUNDEE?



City Road Allotments have been making improvements to the bed by their entrance over the last two years to welcome people into the site and for those passing by to enjoy. They have a wonderful display of spring daffodils, tulips and grape hyacinth just now to boost their spirits and lots of plans for more improvements to the site once they can get going again.

The Maxwell Centre has been busy giving out 60+ spring growing kits to Hilltown families and centre users who are keen to start growing veg, fruit and herbs at home. They are also putting 'how to get started' gardening videos on their Facebook page, such as making your own pots. If that's not enough they have set up a new Facebook group 'Grow Dundee' to connect those in Dundee who grow their own or forage around the city! Once lockdown is over they plan to set up seed and cuttings swap events and a free seed library at the centre.



'The Patch' is **St. Francis RC Primary School's** garden at Murrayfield allotments. It's still thriving despite restrictions with the help of a couple of teachers and parents. Their fruit trees are coming into life now, they have carrots, lettuce and Brussels sprouts to plant and their potatoes are doing really well!

DUNDEE NEWS CONTINUED...

Dundee Daffodil Group held their first virtual Spring Show in early April, the event proved to be a great success. You can view the winning exhibits on their Facebook page in [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of their slideshow.



Fintry Community Garden volunteers have been writing a weekly blog in addition to keeping an eye on the garden. Their latest blog 'Why all the hype about community gardening?' can be viewed [here](#).

Floral displays by Beautiful Scotland groups **Bonnie Dundee** and **Broughty Ferry in Bloom** are still providing colourful displays for those passing by.

NEWSLETTERS & OTHER LINKS

Here are some recent newsletters and links which may be of use. Including industry news from horticultural and environmental organisations, ways to get involved, funding ideas, plus top tips for staying occupied and keeping projects going during lockdown.

Beautiful Scotland & It's Your Neighbourhood Weekly Newsletter 1 May 2020 - Has updates, ideas and inspiration from across Scotland. Including a [Pop-Up Pocket Garden](#) competition for children and young people to design and grow a small garden at home - perhaps your design could feature on Beechgrove Garden!

The **RSPB's Nature of Scotland Awards** celebrate the inspiring people, projects, groups and organisations across nature conservation in Scotland. Nominations for 2020 close on 1st June, find out more about the categories [here](#).

Fields in Trust - [Bringing The Parks To You This Spring](#). You can even nominate your local parks to be included in their virtual tour of the UK's green spaces - maybe you can tell them about Dundee?

Clean Up Scotland - [April Newsletter](#)

Trellis - [Mini e-Bulletin 18 April 2020](#) and [Stay Well and Garden](#)

RHS Communities - [Blooming Brilliant News: Issue 1](#)

Buglife Scotland - [May Newsletter](#)