Beautiful Scotland Souvenir Newsletter 2015

Trophy winners

Premier Award
The Rosebowl – Bute in Bloom

Class Awards
City – Growing Smarter Granite City
Small City – Dunfermline in Bloom
Large Town – Beautiful Perth
Medium Town – Blooming Haddington
Small Town – Pitlochry in Bloom
Urban Community – Dyce in Bloom
Platted Community – Restairg and Lochend House Residents Association
Coastal Town – Bute in Bloom
Coastal Village – East Haven Heritage and Garden Group
Large Village – Dufftown in Bloom
Small Village – Brighten Up Kirkconnel
Wee Village – Beautiful Kilconquhar
Business Improvement District – Aberdeen Inspired

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Community Horticultural Award – Kinghorn in Bloom
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Keep Scotland Beautiful Award – Colourful Carnoustie
About Beautiful Scotland

Beautiful Scotland is the long-established community, environmental, improvement initiative that the independent charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful delivers in Scotland. Previously known as Beautiful Scotland in Bloom, the initiative supports community groups and local authorities across Scotland as they seek to improve and enhance their local environment. Beautiful Scotland is a competition with an extensive set of categories and awards, and its winners can progress to the RHS Britain in Bloom competition and thereafter to the international Entente Florale.

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The Three Pillars

Beautiful Scotland is judged according to three pillars – Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation – which link 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 and engaging with their community.
The Royal Horticultural Society and Britain in Bloom

Keep Scotland Beautiful is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society’s (RHS) 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. 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

**Category Awards**

**Key**
- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal
- Silver Gilt Medal
- Bronze Medal

**City**
- Growing Smarter Granite City
  - Aberdeen City

**Large Town**
- Beautiful Perth
  - Perth & Kinross

**Medium Town**
- Blairgowrie & Rattray in Bloom
  - Perth & Kinross

- Blooming Haddington
  - East Lothian

- Brighter Bothwell
  - South Lanarkshire

- Gala in Bloom
  - Scottish Borders

- Milingavie in Bloom
  - East Dunbartonshire

- Shape up Shotts
  - North Lanarkshire

**Small City**
- Beautiful Cumbernauld
  - North Lanarkshire

- Strathaven in Bloom
  - South Lanarkshire

**Small Town**
- Dunfermline in Bloom
  - Fife

- Lanark in Bloom
  - Scottish Borders

- Pitlochry in Bloom
  - Perth & Kinross

**Urban Community**
- Stonehouse Brighter Village Group
  - South Lanarkshire

- Condorrat Tenants & Residents Association
  - North Lanarkshire

- Cove in Bloom
  - Aberdeen City

- Culter in Bloom
  - Aberdeen City

- Dyce in Bloom
  - Aberdeenshire

**Flatted Community**
- Powis Residents Group
  - Aberdeen City

- Restalrig & Lochend House Residents Group
  - City of Edinburgh
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**Local Authority Awards**

**Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Award**

*Aberdeen City Council (for Seaton Park)*

Seaton Park, situated on the banks of the river Don and in the shadow of St Machars Cathedral, is one of Aberdeen City’s jewels. The Cathedral Walk epitomises the high standards of design, plantsmanship, and maintenance of a formal bedding display that includes hardy annuals and half hardy annuals, framed by mature sustainable plantings in a parkland setting. The lawns are maintained to an exceptional high standard, showing a great degree of skill and knowledge by the small team who are ably supported by a dedicated Friends of Seaton Park who work in close co-operation.

**Community Awards**

**Community Horticultural Award**

*Kinghorn in Bloom*

From arriving by train where the station gardens give an instant splash of colour, to the creation of a dry river bed garden, the community has coloured up this seaside village through sustainable plantings and annual flower mixes. The station gardens range from bedding, alpine colours, to ample sustainable plantings, and numerous colourful planters are scattered along the main street, including boat planters to honour the seaside connection.

**Jim Murdie Trophy for Sustainability**

*East Haven Heritage & Garden Group*

Everything this group does enhances the environment, and promotes biodiversity of the coastal community. The group has sought advice from experts and worked in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage to protect the rare Greater Yellow Rattle on its Site of Special Scientific Interest; developed a sustainability strategy linking its charitable aims to the ‘2020 Challenge for Scotland’s Biodiversity’ key outcomes, and also the ‘Community Action for a Sustainable Scotland Themes’: developed a new partnership with its Waste Water Treatment Plant and is using bio-solid pellets as a slow release fertiliser; uses free soil enricher from Angus Council; planted new flower beds using locally grown herbaceous plants and in other areas native wild flower seeds; and added water butts, hedgehog, bird and bat boxes to create a new wildlife corridor in the village. The group is looking towards tomorrow and ensuring that East Haven is a strong, sustainable community in the future.

**VisitScotland Award for Tourism**

*St Andrews in Bloom*

The group complements and supports the local tourism industry, with recent projects focussing on high-profile areas and those heavily used by visitors. These include upgrading entrance points, transforming the harbour area, increasing the number of hanging baskets and planters in the main streets, working with tourism businesses to brighten up their shopfronts, working closely with the official Visit St Andrews website, planting for year-round colour, and working with St Andrews Links Trust to demonstrate to golfers how St Andrews cares for its natural environment.

**Biodiversity Award**

*Brighter Bothwell*

The group has supported biodiversity in a number of ways: a perennial wildflower meadow along the cycleway established over a number of years, with orchids, oxeye daisies and yellow rattle, and yellow flag iris in wetland areas; bird and bat boxes to encourage wildlife; production of a trail booklet to encourage local schools to use the nature trail; and town centre planters with pollinator friendly plants labelled to raise awareness. The organic Community Garden provides a strong focus for wildlife, with a well-established pond providing wetland habitats and a homemade solar powered device oxygenating the water, a compost area with wormery; bird and bat boxes; a biodiversity border; and 10 beekeepers who are running a Breeding Queens programme.

**The Wright Sustainability Award**

*East Lothian Council (for Spott Road Depot, Dunbar)*

The Council’s Spott Road Depot workers work hard all year to ensure Dunbar is kept litter free, parks have well-trimmed grass, and the flower borders and wild flower areas are the envy of other areas. The supervisor, James Scott, is a very talented designer, designing and producing beautiful flower displays around the town as well as working with local groups to design special borders - this years’ design is a fishing boat, which celebrates the towns fishing fleet. The manager, Gordon Whitelaw, also supports local horticultural projects, engaging with groups planning planters and allotments around the town. He practices sustainable landscaping and encourages all groups to do the same. The council team ensure there is no waste, recycling rubbish, composting garden waste and reusing stone, top soil and other waste materials where possible.

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COMMUNITY AND LOCAL AUTHORITY AWARDS

Community Involvement Award

Milngavie in Bloom

The group attracted new volunteers through a leafletting campaign, asking for people to look after ‘pocket parks’, which has led to volunteers gaining a sense of ownership. It has developed partnerships with businesses in the central precinct, and its Community Bed is a great opportunity for local organisations to showcase their own work – this year the bed is being looked after by a Carer’s charity, which has helped raise awareness. New partnerships have been established with the Ramblers and TCV, and the group is working closely with the Council on all projects. It has also helped other organisations to link with each other e.g. volunteers from Tesco, who helped out with a bed replanting, met a Friendship group for elderly people and this has led to Tesco providing food for free for the Friendship groups’ weekly sessions.

David Welch Memorial for Something Special

Beautiful Perth (for Riverside Heather Project)

This project was developed after the closure of the National Heather Collection at Cherrybank in Perth. The new Riverside Heather Collection has now been established with some 16,000 heathers (550) varieties planted. Committee member, Tom Lowdon has taken lead role in managing the local volunteers and has established a wide circle of people who give freely of their time to ensure planting, addition of compost, pruning and weeding is undertaken. This is an important partnership between the local authority, local business (donated hours for landscape works), Community Payback who have undertaken much of the clearance work, Perth College Horticultural students and the Beautiful Perth volunteers. Youth Challenge clients have completed the work on the renovation of the nearby ‘Folly’ and landscaping has been completed with the addition of a managed grass area and access path. This work, along with the heather collection is a real talking point for visitors. The project has become a model for partnership working that is sustainable, and can be used for other projects to improve the environment and general community wellbeing. It also demonstrates the power of working together for a common cause and has fostered great community pride.

New Entrant Trophy

Dunkeld & Birnam in Bloom

This very active and dedicated group has taken part in the Take A Pride in Perthshire local awards scheme for a number of years, and works hard to help its village not only look good but to be environmentally responsible and has a great sense of community. The group looks after a community garden, a woodland walk, 34 containers, five flower beds and even a train feature at the local doctor’s surgery. The community garden – St Ninian’s Garden - has been a truly impressive project. The group has raised over £50,000 to completely transform this previously neglected area. The members have created beautiful stone walls, added attractive seating, new planting, hard landscaping and lighting. Volunteer and community support is strong in Dunkeld and Birnam, with regular weekly work parties throughout the village. The group is well supported by local residents and businesses, and has excellent links with the Royal School of Dunkeld. The group runs a local garden competition, and also has a tremendous sense of fun and community spirit – as witnessed in its entry into the Decorated Wheelbarrow competition and the Arts Festival Float.

Keep Scotland Beautiful Award

Colourful Carnoustie

This group exudes community involvement in all its activities and is a true example of what a Beautiful Scotland entrant should be. With all it’s hard work, the group has become one of Beautiful Scotland’s top entrants. This year the judges were extremely impressed by how Colourful Carnoustie had taken on board comments from last year, evident in the exceptional developments in horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation.
Keep Scotland Beautiful is the charity that campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues to change behaviour and improve the quality of people's lives and the places they care for. We are committed to making Scotland clean, green and more sustainable.

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