

Kinnesswood in Bloom News



After the very busy months of July and the beginning of August it was time for members of the group to have a bit of a rest for the next few weeks, some taking part in the Kinross and Bishopshire Shows, some having a welcome holiday and others tending to their own gardens. It has not been a great summer for gardens but somehow people have produced flowers, fruit and vegetables for all the shows. It was really interesting to see the Kinross Potager garden on the Beechgrove Garden and admire what they have achieved in such a short time. The work with local children was particularly interesting to the in-bloom groups.

We said a couple of months ago that we wanted to raise more than last year from Friends of Kinnesswood. We have surpassed our total for last year and raised more than £520. We'll let you know the final total next month. Well done the villagers of Kinnesswood and many thanks for all your contributions. We are really grateful to all the villagers who kept their own patch tidy and put on such a good display all summer. Thanks also to those who have sponsored the tubs and hanging baskets; they were appreciated by those who live in the village and visitors passing through. We also appreciate those who have given words of encouragement throughout the season, provided tea, coffee, pancakes and even ice creams on the infrequent sunny days this year.

Janette and David Gardiner attended the Civic Trust prize-giving for the "Best Kept Village" competition in Cleish. Scotlandwell got the trophy for first, Crook of Devon was second and Kinnesswood was third. Norma and Janette were ready to go to the "Scotland in Bloom" prize-giving in Rothesay. Unfortunately this coincided with the arrival in Scotland of Hurricane Katia with all the disruption to ferries and roads that ensued. Although we did not attend we were pleased to hear that we had achieved the Silver Gilt Award for small villages.

Janette, Norma, Pat and Rita attended the Take a Pride in Perthshire presentations on Wednesday 14th September. We were all delighted to hear that we had achieved the Gold standard given to villages that are outstanding. This shows not only that we have achieved horticultural success but that we have shown environmental responsibility and community participation and given a mark over 85%.

Kinnesswood in Bloom meetings have usually been held in the Lomond Country Inn. Since it is closed at the moment the AGM will be held in the kitchen of the Portmoak Hall on Thursday 6th October. Thank you beekeepers for allowing us to meet at the same time as you. All are welcome to the AGM and to any of the meetings that are held in members' houses at the moment.

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