



Kinnesswood in Bloom News 2010

Several members of Kinnesswood in Bloom group attended the TAPIP awards in Perth and were delighted to hear that they had gained a Gold Award in the small village category as well winning the small village trophy. The judges commented favourably on the success in fundraising, the community involvement and the planned programme of maintenance and development activities in the village.

They were particularly impressed by the links between the environmental and historical aspects including continued work at the Michael Bruce garden and the booklet "A Walk in Kinnesswood" which encouraged villagers and visitors to appreciate and enjoy the village environment past and present. Many people have been seen over the summer walking round the village with the book in their hands, including grandparents helping their grandchildren to complete the trail devised by Portmoak schoolchildren.

Local residents were praised for their well maintained gardens and their support for the group. The group know that their hard work is appreciated when they receive positive comments from the public. The Friends of Kinnesswood Appeal has now raised £445, more than double the amount raised last year.

The season is definitely changing when the watering rota comes to an end. The drivers and waterers are an essential part of the success of Kinnesswood in Bloom. Gradually the hanging baskets are being taken down. Work parties continue to tidy up the tubs and garden areas. It is also the time of year to review what went well and draw up plans for next year. Thankfully there is a bit more time to relax and plan the winter social events.

The Beautiful Scotland Awards were presented in the Rothes Halls on the 22nd September. Kinnesswood in Bloom were pleased to receive another Silver Gilt Award, not far behind Newcastleton in the Borders which was the winner in its category.

Look up the very informative and colourful website

www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org to see what is happening. We are always pleased to see new members, even if they can't attend the monthly meetings. You will be made most welcome.

