

Dundee

Britain in Bloom

City
Category
Finalist
2015



Greener Streets: Better Lives

Greener Streets: Better Lives is a new Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) campaign to tackle the growing number of grey spaces spreading across the country and transform them into beautiful green places.

We're losing green in the competition for space: gardens are being paved over to make room for an increasing number of cars; high-density housing is replacing lower-density housing in many areas, and parks face a funding crisis and are at risk of deterioration and future loss.

Greener Streets: Better Lives sets out to challenge this. We want to work together with Bloomers, community groups, schools, councils and home owners to see thousands of grey spaces transformed into great green places for people and wildlife.

Who can get involved?

Everyone! Whether you have a tiny windowsill to transform with a pot or you're working on a bigger project in the community – anyone can make a transformation, no matter what size.

About RHS Britain in Bloom

Organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), Britain in Bloom is one of Europe's largest horticultural campaigns, involving over a thousand communities each year and creating lasting improvements to local environments for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors.

The RHS became the organising body for Britain in Bloom in 2001. The charity, along with the 16 "in Bloom" Regions and Nations, has introduced a number of developments. Judging of Britain in Bloom will take place in the first two weeks of August, with the winners being announced at an award ceremony taking place in Sunderland in October.

Why Dundee?

Following on its success at the 2014 Beautiful Scotland Awards, Dundee has been invited to take part in the Britain in Bloom 2015 Finals City Category. The Bonnie Dundee Group will be working in close partnership with Dundee City Council and other groups to take forward this entry. (continued on next page)



About RHS Britain in Bloom (continued)

Judging Criteria

The Judging Criteria for Britain in Bloom is the same as Beautiful Scotland and covers three pillars:

Horticultural Achievement - including impact, good horticultural practise, in residential and community gardens, business areas, premises and green spaces. This section accounts for 50% of the maximum points.

Environmental Responsibility - including conservation and biodiversity, resource management, local heritage, local environmental quality and pride of place. This section accounts for 25% of the maximum points.

Community Participation

- development, continuity, communication and education, year round involvement, funding and support. This section accounts for 25% of the maximum points.



Timetable 2015

30th January	Entrants seminar - Sheffield
3-14th August	Judging
October	Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony - Sunderland

Get involved!

Upcoming Events

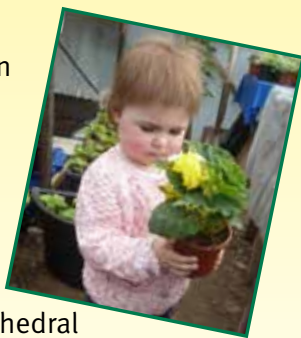
- 26th April** Dundee Law litter pick
- 9th May** Dudhope Park litter pick
- 9th May** Broughty Ferry Beach litter pick
- 1st June** Bonnie Dundee help the group plant their planters in Union Street and the Dundee Science Centre
- 6th June** Balgay Hill litter pick, 10.00am
- 18th June** Schools Competition
- 15th July** Garden Competition
- 22nd July** Allotment Competition

Please advise us of any activities / work that your group are planning and if volunteers are welcome.

Examples of Projects in Dundee

Dundee is lucky to have many examples of community environment projects and floral features across the city, here are just a few:

- Bonnie Dundee Union Street/Science Centre
- Queen Street Wildlife Garden
- Friends of Barnhill Rock Garden
- The Miley
- Douglas Community Allotment
- The Attic
- Lochee Gardeners
- Ninewells Community Garden
- The Ark Nursery / St Paul's Cathedral
- Riverside Nature Park
- Dundee Roundabout Improvements and Wildlife Trail



I am sure that there are a lot more projects going on in the city so please let us know. In 2014 Dundee had eight 'It's Your Neighbourhood' entries, I am sure we can attract more for 2015.

The Dundee Route

- Timescale for Judges 3.5 hrs (plus 15 minute presentation and 15 minute Press call)
- Date of Judging TBC (first two weeks in August)
- The Judges for Dundee are Jeff Bates and Sue Wood
- Judging Criteria / Guidelines - The Route will need to include the key elements from the judging criteria, showing as wide an example of work across the city as time will allow
- We will also try and meet as many groups as possible either as part of the route, on the minibus or at the end of the judging tour

Please send in all your ideas to us, we will start to put them into a route. Details of the route will be sent out to groups.

Portfolio

The portfolio is an electronic document that provides Dundee with a great opportunity to showcase our campaign's year-round activities and the things we can't include on tour, such as spring planting, winter fundraising events, etc.

To make our portfolio as interesting as possible send any recent photographs 2014/15 of your group's efforts and achievements and we will do our very best to include them in the portfolio.

Please remember that we must send the Dundee portfolio to the RHS by 3rd July 2015 so please can we receive your input no later than **12th June**. Thank you

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