

Broughty Ferry

IN BLOOM

portfolio 2016



introduction



We have been described in the press as 'a small group of volunteers who run gardening projects in the town'. We started in 2008, Broughty Ferry in Bloom with a few enthusiastic gardeners. By 2016 we now have a core of 15 members. Last year we retained our Silver Gilt Medal in the Coastal Resort Category, having only slipped into Silver once since forming.

Originally a fishing village with a ferry to Fife, Broughty Ferry has been a suburb of Dundee since early last century. Barnhill is an area within Broughty Ferry and is the home of the Rock Garden.

The group meet on the second Tuesday evening of every month at Broughty Ferry Library - all welcome! There is an overlap with members belonging to other organisations

each bringing different skills and experience to the group. The Barnhill Rock gardeners are a vital resource for Broughty in Bloom, as is their Garden, and where would we be without our friends, The Bonnie Dundee group? They help us on occasions at Duntrune Community Garden, with litter picks, and help 'man' The Secret Garden Trail.

We produce a newsletter twice a year which is distributed throughout the area by various means. There is support from Dundee City Council in various ways:

- staff and advice
- accommodation in polytunnels and library
- a plentiful supply of their Discovery Compost

We also benefit from the SAMH group who now garden at Duntrune Community Garden in Dawson Park.

the main sites

we look after are:

- The Old Boat, Fisher Street
- Broughty Ferry Station
- The Eco Garden, Queen Street car park
- The planters on Brook Street
- The planter at Douglas Terrace
- The planters at Windmill Street car park
- The planter at Campfield Square, Barnhill

We also work in the polytunnel at the Duntrune Community Garden in Dawson Park and at The Barnhill Rock Garden.

Two 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups have registered - Friends of the Barnhill Rock Garden and Queen Street Community Garden.



Every month during the year we meet in Broughty Ferry Library, anyone can attend. We have a polytunnel in Dawson Park and this we share with SAMH, who have taken over running The Duntrune Community Garden. Winter for us is all about tidying up and making plans for the coming spring and summer. Our 'Snowdrop-In' in February is intended to encourage people to brave the winter weather and look and see if they have any snowdrops and if so, what kind? It has also become a popular social event in our area.

We were 'snowed under' with entries in the Snowdrop In this February.



horticultural achievement



Autumn planting at the boat, October '15



Beatrice, one of our members tidies up at St Stephen's and West church grounds despite the cold in March '16.



The Rock Garden was part of the Snowdrop Festival this year.



Spring display 2016 at the Barnhill planter.



Spring planting in Brook Street.



horticultural achievement

The planters & hanging baskets in Brook Street



The team filling the hanging baskets in our polytunnel, early June 2016

Brook Street is the main commercial thoroughfare in Broughty Ferry. It is therefore important that it's an attractive shopping experience. We continue to concentrate our planting efforts here. To this end, in previous years we received a donation from the Broughty Ferry Traders Association.

Money raised two years ago by the Balgillo Nurseries has meant that we have managed to afford more planters and hanging baskets (32 in total) to extend at both ends of the street.



Last year we had extra baskets planted up so we placed them outside the library. They proved popular with both staff and public so we replanted over winter and now a summer arrangement is on its way.



We are continuing with the 'Tasty Space' bed at the library planting it up with pollinators, herbs and some vegetables. This is a very recent photograph with one of the Gala Week Scarecrows.



Oor Wullie surplanted oor planter. We were surprised to discover that our newly planted tub had been moved across the road to accommodate this Scottish comic character! He is part of a 'Bucket Trail' throughout the city this summer.



The old boat

One of the first projects we had was the old boat beached next to the famous Lifeboat Station. Until this year we have planted it with summer bedding or winter pansies and spring bulbs. It's had an overhaul and this year there is a more naturalistic look with its sea holly, grasses and thrift. Stones from the nearby beach have bulked up the landscaping.



Broughty Ferry Station



Hard at work on the tubs at Broughty Ferry Station June '16

horticultural achievement

The Balgillo Nurseries



Balgillo Nursery and Balgillo Too bring on the next generation of gardeners. (see photograph) They help in litter picks sometimes holding their own in the grassy area next to the nursery. They make cakes for our fundraisers and help out at events.

Campfield Square, Barnhill, Broughty Ferry



Our planter at the Barnhill shops continues to please passers by which is our aim of 'Greening up the Grey' in the hard 60's - 70's shopping precinct. Opposite this we have established an area of planting which encourages wildlife, absorbs the bad gases and fumes from passing traffic and gives pleasure to everyone with its seasonal interest. This is outside the Community Centre so there are donated snowdrops planted especially for flowering when we hold the Snowdrop In.



The Barnhill Rock Garden



Even this February The Barnhill Rock Garden was worth a visit.

Always an attraction for young and old, this former golf course was transformed into the Rock Garden last century by the council. It is now run by a partnership between a strong vounteer group, Friends of Barnhill Rock Garden and a dedicated council gardener, Michael Laird. It includes a water feature made from a former spring and the pools are full of tadpoles in the spring, providing loads of interest. The Rock Garden is one of the loveliest gardens in Broughty Ferry and regularly wins awards. At the moment it has a Green Flag and has been recently judged for 2016. It is also a popular venue for lots of events such as a location for wedding photographs, story readings for children (run by the library), birthday parties and rolling Easter eggs. Every other year it hosts 'Gala in the Garden' which despite rain at times, has always been well supported by locals and holidaymakers alike. There is a programme of Brass Band Concerts held in the garden throughout the summer.

environmental responsibility



The Great British Beach Clean

In October of last year Grove Academy pupils volunteered to clean up the beach by the Lifeboat shelter in Broughty Ferry as part of this important national campaign. They completed a survey of the litter they found which has been sent to the Marine Conservation Society.

Springwatch 'two minute Beach Clean' 2016



Litter Picking is addictive as anyone who has been on one will tell you. Children especially are always keen to be involved and it's sometimes difficult to get them to stop. This works for us for as can be seen in the pics we have a lot of child labour. We had the Balgillo Nurseries, the Cub Scouts, and Grove Academy pupils and many other volunteers to help on the spring litter picks. We tried to pick up even the smallest piece of plastic knowing how detrimental it is to wildlife and ultimately to ourselves. *Since August 2015 - 4 clean up/litter pick events registered with Clean Up Scotland and a few more happened that were not registered.*



Balgillo Too Nursery spring 2016



Broughty Ferry
IN BLOOM
Help needed with our
Beach Clean-Up
this Saturday morning
23 April 2016
from 10am

Meet at the car park at
the Bridge Street end of
The Esplanade

gloves and tools
will be provided



Friends of The Barnhill Rock Garden - working party doing the Spring Clean-Up, and local Cubs when they finished theirs. April 2016.



environmental responsibility



The nursery children from nearby join in the project and have helped by planted sunflowers and watering.



This spring saw the start of another Grove initiative, The Shiell Street Project, organised by their teacher and BFIB member, Mary Holligan. The area access had been improved by a new tarmac path and was ideal for the 'Grow Wild Youth Project' (see growwilduk.com for more info). A lot of research went into finding out who owned the land before they could start. Eventually, they were successful in both permission and their funding application. *Shiell Street, already known as Broughty Ferry's nature reserve is situated between the railway bridge and the road to Monifieth.*

The Eco Group

from Grove Academy are responsible for turning a scrubby patch of unwanted land into a wildlife corner. Last year they added a small pond to increase biodiversity. This year, the group have secured funding through 'Grow Wild Youth' for a Mythical Meadow. The group consist of mixed age pupils who are working towards maintaining their school's green credentials. Grove Academy is an Eco school and already the group have won many awards.

The Pansy/Poppy horse by Sofia Calmeiro-Arguello.



The Nature Nutters

are a group of active young environmentalists who meet monthly to work on environmental projects. This is their fourth year of helping to develop the Queen Street Community Garden. They were behind the gabion build and bulb planting and willow gates. Here they are busy painting breeze blocks and filling the gabions.



The plants from the nursery bed were planted in the Wild Flower meadow at Queen Street. June 2016

Green Dog Campaign

Broughty Ferry will soon have its very own **Green Dog Campaign**. At the moment we have a Green Dog Walker 'champion' pulling at her lease, ready to start and encourage responsible dog ownership. All we need now is the specially branded armbands leaflets etc.

community engagement

The Annual Garden Competition

The Annual Garden Competition proves very popular over the years, with new classes being added as needs demand. The application form is available to download from the web page or on the back of the Spring/Summer newsletter. The presentation is held at the end of the summer with certificates and prizes awarded. The Woodlands

Hotel have generously supplied prizes such as 'Dinner for Two' or 'A Week Pass to the Leisure Club', for Overall Winners. Tickets to the Dundee Flower & Food Festival are awarded to the category winners. Some of the winners have also taken part in The Secret Garden Trail the following year.



The Secret Garden Trail, is another of our increasingly popular community events. Every year we cajole Broughty residents to open their gardens for an afternoon during Broughty Ferry Gala Week. Every year it just gets bigger and more maps have to be printed. It gives people a chance to showcase their garden skills and share their experiences with like minded visitors. Not to be outdone by the Castle Bowling Club, Barnhill has joined the trail and is also competing in the Garden Competition. Other garden attractions this year are an artist's studio and hens.



The Snowdrop-In

To cheer us up during winter we hold this community event which combines food with flowers and helps with our fund raising. We borrow cups and saucers from Forthill Residents Association, a group which always gives us a lot of support. This year there was an increase in visitors which included other horticultural groups from Dundee. Word is spreading.



Peter Gilmour one of the keen gardeners of Barnhill Bowling Club.



The 'Overall Winner' for 2015 was Linda Young with her garden at 147 Balgillo Road.



Prize winners receive their awards at The Woodlands Hotel, main sponsor of the competition.

community engagement

New community space behind the YMCA



Gala in the Garden

Broughty Ferry in Bloom was asked to take a stall in the Barnhill Rock Garden's 60th Birthday Celebrations in late July last year.

At first we weren't sure if we should sell plants or just raise awareness of our group. In the end we did both, which helped with our funds. We had ready made-up window boxes which sold right away and also some old handbags stuffed with plants, We were amazed at just how well those sold! presumably because customers could carry them over their arms.



Grove Academy pupils are involved in all sorts of 'green' activities and this spring saw them helping out at the new community space and raised beds behind the YMCA. They painted a mural which brightens up the area.

The YMCA have always supported our group and now we are hoping to be involved with their gardening schemes in the future.



The Scarecrow

Challenge is on its first year. Organised by Grove Academy's Eco Group leader and Broughty Ferry in Bloom member, Mary Holligan, it will take place during Broughty Ferry Gala Week for the first time. Already there has been a huge response from schools nurseries and individuals to put a scarecrow in their grounds.



Since the cut-backs within Dundee City Council there is no longer a dedicated gardener in Duntrune Community Garden. The groups using are working together to keep the facility operational under the leadership of SAMH members who work in the garden. SAMH have access to funds from various sources and as well as assisting us from time-to-time they improved the polytunnel staging and watering system which frees up our time and makes it easier to work in.

Funding

As promised we received a cheque from the Friends of the Barnhill Rock Garden for £600 as part of their 60th Birthday celebrations last year and during the past 12 months our income has been boosted by our annual Snowdrop-in in February when we raised almost £340 as a result of our best turnout to date. Once again we were helped by pupils from The Grove Academy and the two Balgillo Nursery Schools. We are currently awaiting a payment from the railway company to help towards our planting costs at the Broughty Ferry station and hope to raise more money with a plant stall at the Duntrune Community Garden Gala in the Garden in July. The Council continue to provide us with compost as and when required and purchase plants on our behalf passing on the benefit they receive from bulk ordering. They also repaint and repair the various planters they have provided for us, as and when needed.

Under the umbrella of Broughty Ferry in Bloom the Grove Academy obtained funding totalling £1000 through "Grow Wild Youth" for two of their projects – Sheill Street and Queen Street Car Park.



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The Woodlands Hotel continue to provide a very generous gift for the overall winner of our Gardening Competition – this year Dinner for two and a Week's Pass to their Leisure Club.

There are other ways in which we get by - not necessary with money, eg we have an arrangement with Clementines the greengrocers in Gray Street. We run their advert in our newsletter and they distribute them through their veggie box deliveries and in their shop.

We have sufficient funds available to see us through another 12 months and will continue to look for new ways to fund our efforts



Mary Saunders, Vice Chairperson, Stan Nutt, Chairperson and Liz Taylor, Local Resident receive Broughty Ferry in Blooms Silver Gilt Award in Perth 2015



Scarecrow in the Tasty Space July 2016

Our plans for the future include:

- **Maintain and develop existing planters and hanging baskets**
- **Develop more contacts with younger people**
This year a new bunch of nursery nurses joined from The Balgillo Nurseries bringing with them not only their young charges but their own enthusiasm. We would like to keep them engaged in our projects.
- **Ensure that the Green Dog Campaign is a success**
- **Attract more volunteers**
We have been lucky to have found a new Minute Secretary in Joan Chalmers and Treasurer Heather Dailly this year. Local resident Sean Moore and Alison Scott have also joined.
- **Funding**
The annual question, fortunately something always turns up but we will have to make more definite plans to address this.
- **Continue to enhance the less appealing areas of Broughty Ferry**



The Nature Nutters after working at Queen Street on a bitter January day



Broughty Ferry in Bloom member. Sean admires the Dawson Park cherry blossom after a hard mornings work in the polytunnel.

Kids take pride in city

BY CONNOR MCCANN AND ROSS GARDINER

NURSERY children took part in the first of several planned spring events aimed at keeping Dundee looking bonnie.

Kids from Balgillo Nursery, joined by a number of volunteers, carried out a litter pick at Sandy Park, off Balgillo Road.

The event was the first of the Dundee City Council's Take Pride In Your City campaign for this year with more events scheduled throughout the rest of this month.

Following on from the nursery kids' efforts, the council has set up clean-ups, workshops and tree planting.

On Saturday, the Bonnie Dundee group will be cleaning up the planters at Union Street, the Science Centre and around the Westport area.

The voluntary group has asked as many volunteers as possible to meet at 10am to prepare the planters. Countryside rangers at the Broughty



Councillor Vari McDonald has urged people to get behind the campaign.

'I would urge all members of the public to get involved'

Ferry Nature Reserve will be hosting a practical workshop session on Sunday.

Those interested have been told to meet at the tunnel arch of the old railway line, just off the Esplanade at 1pm.

On the same day, Friends of

Riverside Nature Park has called for people to help them plant trees.

Those interested have been urged to meet at the nature park's car park at 1pm.

Then the following Sunday (March

27), between 1pm and 3pm, the Friends of Riverside Nature Park group is hosting a dog-friendly bird watching trek.

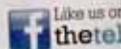
The group will then be hosting an event to raise awareness of the importance of keeping dogs on leads during the bird nesting season.

Dundee City Council deputy environment convener Vari McDonald said: "I am delighted at the number of litter picks and planting events being organised by community groups to support our Take Pride in Your City campaign."

"I would urge members of the public to get involved. New volunteers are always warmly welcomed."

The campaign, which was launched last year in partnership with the Tele, aims to encourage city residents to work together to improve the city as a cleaner and safer place to live, work and visit.

Individuals have been called to prevent litter, discarding, tipping, graffiti blighting the city.



Even Tek 25/5/16

Scooter shelter's a hit with Barnhill kids

A DUNDEE primary school is encouraging a healthier, fitter lifestyle by installing parking spots for pupils' scooters.

Barnhill Primary, as part of the Big Pedal event, has encouraged its staff and pupils to find greener ways to travel to school.

The focus at Barnhill has been the opening of a bike and scooter shelter, which saw 74% of the P4 to P7 classes make use of it on the day it opened.

The Big Pedal event is

a cycling and scooting competition by Sustrans, to inspire healthier travel options

Callum Hays, IBike officer for Sustrans, said: "It's all about encouraging exercise and being active."

"The schools compete to see who has the most staff, pupils and parents taking part."

"Barnhill was first in Scotland but just lost out to a school in England for the overall win. I'm pretty sure it's the first scooter park in the city as well."



Children at the litter pick at Sandy Park along with nursery and city council staff. The event was part of the Take Pride in Your City campaign.

Groups' awards for city work

Neighbourhood projects recognised



Members of Bonnie Dundee. BY ADAM HILL

A HOST of Dundee community schemes has been recognised at a national award ceremony.

Nine groups from around the city scooped honours at the It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) Awards in Striving.

The IYN campaign - run by Keep Scotland Beautiful - promotes and recognises volunteer-led groups that keep their neighbourhoods looking clean and beautiful.

Among the award winners was



newspaper cuttings



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BROUGHTY FERRY
Beach clean-up planned

Broughty Ferry in Bloom is organising a beach clean-up on Saturday.

Tools will be provided and anyone interested in helping out should meet at Bridge Street car park on the Esplanade at 10am.

Broughty Ferry in Bloom is a small group of volunteers that runs several gardening projects in the town.

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Broughty Ferry beach cleaned up

Members of Broughty Ferry in Bloom met to help clean up the beach at the weekend.

Locals spent Saturday morning cleaning rubbish

and waste from the area.

Broughty Ferry in Bloom meet every second Thursday in Broughty Ferry Library. The group partake in a number of community

events throughout the year including flower planting and street cleaning.

Our picture shows Rory Brownlee, 7, hard at work.

Picture: Ron Cathro.

EVERYTHING IN GROVE GARDEN IS LOVELY

TALENTED Grove Academy girls caught the eye of a Scottish Government minister thanks to their creative and inspiring "pocket picnic garden".

Natanya Lim of S3 designed the garden and was helped to build it by classmates Poppy Soutar and Hope Duguid along with teacher Mary Hollington.

The pocket picnic garden competition was run

by Keep Scotland Beautiful and was aimed at not only inspiring design but also making people think about biodiversity.

Winners were invited to display their pocket garden in the Living Garden area at Gardening Scotland 2016 which was visited by Roseanna Cunningham, minister for environment, climate change and land reform.

"I first found out about the pocket garden

competition through my school eco group," said Natanya.

"I would like a job involving design and I thought it would be a good opportunity to practise my skills.

"When I found out my design had been selected I was thrilled.

"I decided to create a design depicting our connections with other countries.

"Materials were a bit of an issue but Rowan

Richardson from One World Centre in Dundee came to our aid.

"We worked at the YMCA in Broughty Ferry to turn my design into reality.

"We added jute to represent Dundee's place in the world and travellers and plant collectors who have made foreign herbs available to us today.

"Overall it took around one month from design to completion."

Natanya said she was "nervous and excited" about meeting Ms Cunningham.

"We showed her our garden and asked her some questions including what she thinks about how people in Scotland would adapt to climate change.

"She said some people would certainly adapt well, but that we should all find out more about what we can actually do."

EVERYTHING IS LOVELY



GROVE Academy students have been helping the YMCA create a community space, letting their creative side out in force.

Nick Torner, youth development worker for the Broughty Ferry YMCA, asked the pupils to paint a mural as part of a project for a community garden at the site on Brook Street.

"Grove Wild is funding it, by

Grove pupils make their mark

awarding us £1,000 for materials and help from an artist as well," explained Nick.

"Neil Crutchley of The One World Centre provided the activity and we provided the space. We wanted the

students to learn about teamwork in different environments, not just at school.

"It's given them such confidence to see it completed. It's boosted their motivation levels and allowed some to explore unknown talents too."



BROUGHTY FERRY

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Broughty Ferry in Bloom's snowdrop fundraiser

Broughty Ferry in Bloom is holding its "Snowdrop-In" on Saturday morning at Burnhall Community Centre.

The event will run from 10am until noon.

Entry is £2 but children under 16 can get in for free.

Anyone who has snowdrops growing in their garden is asked to bring one in so the different varieties found in Broughty Ferry can be recorded.

It is the fourth year in a row the event has taken place.

This event is to raise funds for group projects in Broughty Ferry in Bloom.

Last year Broughty Ferry won a silver medal in the Scotland in Bloom competition.

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COMMUNITY

Ferry floral display joy

Broughty Ferry in Bloom held their annual Snowdrop-In at the Community Centre, Burnhall. A record turnout enabled the group to make a profit of £241 which they now hope will enable them to provide an impressive summer floral display.

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