

# Broughty Ferry



## IN BLOOM Portfolio 2017



## Introduction

**Broughty Ferry**, situated at the mouth of the Tay is classified as 'Coastal Town' with a population of 20,421. It was once a burgh in its own right and still retains its individual character. At one time it was an important crossing point to Fife. It had a small but strong fishing community. Gradually Dundee began to expand with the 'Jute Barons' moving out of the city building their mansion houses. More recently, farm land has been built on to satisfy a growing demand for homes. Once a holiday resort it is still a lovely place for a 'good day out' with its shops, bars and restaurants.

**Broughty Ferry in Bloom** began over ten years ago and have been fairly successful in the In Bloom competitions winning several Silver Gilt Awards. The group is made up of approximately fifteen members. Both our Chairperson and Vice Chairperson have had to retire due to ill health this year, leaving quite a gap. We are actively seeking new members. We meet once a month in Broughty Ferry

Library. Starting this spring, we have also been meeting up on a Tuesday morning at Duntrune Community Garden in Dawson Park. This means we can work while discussing things which we don't have time for at our regular monthly meetings. During June, however we have been meeting on the various sites to plant up, which, of course, means no coffee breaks!

A newsletter is produced twice a year and the summer edition includes the Annual Garden Competition application form on the back page. The competition is organised by Dundee City Council and the prizes donated by local businesses.

Each year during Gala Week we organise **The Secret Garden Trail**. This is a very popular event with a lot of interest from the public. It is a chance to visit the lovely private gardens throughout Broughty Ferry which aren't normally on view.

# Horticultural Achievement

Autumn



November 2016

Winter



January 2017



February 2017



Just planted up outside Marks & Spencer. June 2017



Library steps  
Spring 2017



A barrel at the station  
Spring 2017

Broughty Ferry in Bloom are responsible for six areas of planting: Brook Street, including the end of Douglas Terrace, The Station, Campfield Square, Windmill Car Park, the Memorial flower bed at Windmill Gardens. the old boat on Fisher Street and lastly, the hanging baskets in Brook Street and Gray Street. These areas we plant for summer/autumn and winter/spring. The sustainable planting at the library and Campfield Square is refreshed each spring to entice pollinators and wildlife.

When other people are thinking about Christmas we are planning the summer planting schemes ready to order plants in January.

The plug plants are ordered through the council from Pentland Plants, and we benefit from their discount. They arrive in March, and from then on we are in the polytunnel at Duntrune Community Garden, potting on, planting up, and keeping an eye on the watering.

We share a polytunnel with **SAMH** (the Scottish Association for Mental Health) who look after Duntrune Community Garden.

Fortunately our plants are hardening off outside by the time theirs take over.

We also benefit from the delivery of compost to the community garden which the council organises.

Bonnie Dundee also have a polytunnel nearby which means we can help each other out with watering, wheel barrows etc.

By July we are about to order up the winter plants and spring bulbs. The yearly circle continues. The arrival of these in October will keep us busy planting up in the autumn.



Spring

Production line in the polytunnel  
March 2017

# Horticultural Achievement ctd

Each time we empty a tub we consider if any plants are worth keepmig for the following year. Last year's osteospernums from Barnhill are being used at the station this year for example. Geraniums are also rescued. The skimmas, grasses and hebes from the winter planting have been farmed out over the summer to various members gardens. Hoping to replant in the autumn.

Similary with the bulbs. We always try to reuse or find homes for the old ones. Crocus and daffodils have proven to be reasonably successful but tulips so far have not flourished second time round.

Meeting every Tuesday means we are able to work in the polytunnel. This spring we grew several different kinds of nasturtiums, the RHS bumble bee mix, potted on home grown marigolds, amaranthus and other wild flower mixes.

There has been a changing style of planting for our seaside sites over last year. Due to the exposed locations previous attempts with bedding plants and even spring bulbs have killed off the plants. We are now planting up both the boat and the containers at Windmill Car Park with sustainable coastal loving plants. Colour will come from thrift, daisies, artemesia, arctic poppies and grasses. This year we've planted some low growing white campion from seeds from The May Island, on the Firth of Forth, surely that will survive!

**The Rotary Club** is responsible for the planters and also for the hundreds of crocuses which give cheer to commuters in early spring at the junction of Claypotts Road and the Arbroath Road. They also maitain the wooden train at the station.



June 2017

The phormium, (Jester), in the background here, was part of an overgrown, unwanted plant has been divided up and is reappearing in different locations this year.



June 2017



July 2017



June 2017



The planter at Barnhill Autumn 2016

Autumn

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**March**, and extreme weather conditions at Windmill Car Park, as usual, which is why we have changed the planting scheme to a more seaside style this summer.



Winter

Spring

**November** and Ann and Neil Taylor have a laugh while planting up in time for the 'Ferry Xmas Light Switch On'.



Summer



**May** Alan Leith adds some plant food to the hanging basket compost. No advert intended.



**Gold** Certificate at The Dundee Flower & Food Festival in September 2016 for the Wheelbarrow Competition.

Autumn

September 2017

**May** Alison Scott checks out 'Trixie' the three-in-one plug plant for the hanging baskets. She made new wicks for the baskets to help with the watering.



Many of the Broughty Ferry in Bloom group are also 'friends' of the award winning Barnhill Rock Garden. The In Bloom group greatly benefits from this overlap in numerous ways, plants, loan of equipment, and advice.

This outstanding garden runs alongside the Esplanade and the railway. There is one full-time gardener and two assistants. Each Monday they meet together in the Geddes Greenhouse to plan out their work for that week. They have talks during the winter and children's activities throughout the year. Broughty Ferry in Bloom will once again have a stall at their **Gala in the Garden** on 8 July during Broughty Ferry Gala week.

**Late June** and Anne Hesketh is busy at work dividing polyanthus for use in the winter/spring displays.

# Environmental Responsibility

Spring



Since start of July 2016 there have been five litter picks registered and several others not registered. There have been at least four on Broughty Ferry beach so far in 2017.

**Our annual Beach Clean** was held on Sat 29 April. We had advertised it on Facebook, as well as the usual places, which brought along other members of the public. Happily, we didn't find a lot of rubbish and what we did was small and made up of mainly leisure-related items (plastic cups, takeaway containers). Other stuff not so pleasant is considered 'historic' and could come from anywhere within the Tay catchment area. The tangled fishing net, pictured, was rescued and will re-appear in the Queen Street Garden. The beach is one of the cleanest in Scotland and has gained another **Beach Award**. We like to think that we contributed to that in some way.



*Scotland's Beach Awards celebrate clean, well managed and sustainable beaches. In 2017, Broughty Ferry beach achieved this accolade for the 14th year running.*

April 2017

Environmental initiatives are displayed on information boards at the main car park. Visitors are also encouraged to keep to designated paths to avoid disturbance of the dunes and encouraged to respect wildlife.



The VIOLA team ready for the Scottish Water Beach Clean. May 2017

In May we lent Scottish Water some of our litter picking kit and joined them for their Beach Clean.

Clip board in hand, they noted down every item they picked up to quantify how much and what kind of 'litter' was there. Once again it was good to note that the beach was relatively clear. They concentrated purely on the beach for obvious reasons, whilst we take in the dunes as well.

A Beach Management Group made up of Dundee City Council and appropriate conservation organisations meet on a regular basis. At the moment the priorities are retaining the sand dunes and considering how they clear up the seaweed on the foreshore. There is also an ongoing programme of preventing coastal erosion with 'armour' in place along the esplanade. Several paths have been created between the rocks and dunes to allow people access to the beach without disturbing the wildlife or dune system. Wild flowers can be seen scattered along the esplanade, a legacy of a wild flower meadow planted a few years ago.

Dundee City Council, which Broughty Ferry comes under, is strong on recycling waste. There are collection points in many locations throughout the Ferry. The main ones being at the Queen Street and Barnhill car parks.

*The beach at the other side of the castle, 'Monifieth Bay, is a SSSI site, selected on account of its importance as a feeding ground for wintering waders. The SSSI is also a constituent part of the Firth of Tay and Eden Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC).' and of course we have dolphins....*



# Community Engagement



February 2017

**The Snowdrop-In** in late February is an excuse to have a coffee morning and show off Broughty Ferry's snowdrops. It's held in the cosy environment of Barnhill Community Centre. Running for quite a few years now it has become part of our calendar of events. We ask the public to bring along a snowdrop which is added to a display for everyone to enjoy. We made £319.35 this year and was a good way towards paying for this summer's plants. As usual the two hours went very quickly and our customers seem to have enjoyed themselves.

Winter



28 June 2017



28 June 2017



We were very lucky with the weather for the **Window Box Workshop** in King Street on Saturday 3 June. The sun shone all morning helping with our attempt to 'Green the Grey'. We targeted King Street in Broughty Ferry in particular, as it is almost the poor relation of Brook Street, having few hanging baskets or planters. The residents were more than happy to take up the offer of a free window box to brighten their windowsill. There was a choice of plants to pick from, almost all of which will encourage bees and other pollinators. We didn't advertise this event but instead had flyers delivered through the doors of both traders and residents by Grove Academy pupils. This resulted in quite a overwhelming response and in fact, orders were taken when we ran out of window boxes by noon. This is something we might do again, having gained from the experience.

The event was sponsored by The Community Council and Broughty Ferry Traders Association who responded with a donation of £100 each after our appeal.



3 June 2017



Bee in the bidens  
3 June 2017

There are 3 groups registered with It's Your Neighbourhood 2017 (Friends of Barnhill Rock Garden, Green Growers, and Queen Street Community Garden).

Summer

# Community Engagement

March 2017



**The Balgillo Nurseries** form part of Broughty in Bloom. Two have gained their own Green Flags. They have litter picks and do gardening as part of their entry. They are very conscious of taking care of the environment. Other group members contribute helping with planting bulbs etc. There is so much fun and enthusiasm to be had working with the children and it is always rewarding to see them enjoying gardening.

The **YMCA** celebrated it's Centenary last year and the staff started to attend our meetings in

order to discuss grants and future plans which might benefit everyone. We admired their window boxes and discovered that they were transforming an unused backyard. They now have a Mens Shed up and running.

There is an area with raised beds and are working with Balgillo Nurseries to allow the children experience growing vegetables themselves. The courtyard garden pictured is proving very popular and will be part of the Secret Garden Trail this year.



Spring

Summer

June 2017



June 2017



June 2017

Summer



June 2017

## **The Holocaust Memorial Garden in Windmill Gardens.**

This June we finally got together with the Anne Frank Ambassadors Group from Grove Academy and helped them with their garden. The memorial plaque had previously been dedicated but this year a fresh new group of pupils wanted a service to go with the replanting. Joan Chalmers, our secretary, took particular interest in this event having Jewish friends and many stories to interest the pupils. She got in touch with Ellen McCance who came over from Fife to read a Kaddish, which is a Jewish prayer for the dead. It all had a particular resonance considering that was the same week as the terrorist attacks. Our local Minister Rev Catherine Collins not only helped officate but mucked in with the planting. We intend to maintain this and keep it fresh for every faith to enjoy.

# Finance

It's a case of cutting our coat according to our cloth. Every year we cover our costs. Despite being unsuccessful in our bid to the RHS fund for 'Greening the Grey' we took the same plan to the Community Council and the Traders Association of Broughty Ferry and both donated £100 each towards **The Windowbox Workshop**.

**Network Rail** has promised £300 this year and £400 for 2018 to enhance the station. We hope to use this on installing a water butt and replacing the oak barrels.

After successfully applying to **Tesco Bags of Help** at least £1000 will be coming our way. We intend to use this on refurbishing the polytunnels at Duntrune Community Garden. The annual Snowdrop-In is another fundraiser and we have plant stalls at Gala in the Garden every year. Our new yellow donation bucket will help. *(Having already collected £46 at the Windowbox Workshop, despite being a free event)*



Last year's plant stall at Gala in the Garden, Duntrune, July 2016



The Snowdrop-In, so much more than just a fundraiser. February 2017



New tree planting by Dundee City Council at Orchar Park one of the many open green spaces in Broughty Ferry.

Other funding is 'in kind'.

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 supply planters as and when needed.

Clementines, a Broughty Ferry greengrocers shop, advertise for free in our newsletter but deliver it to their veggie box customers.

The Woodlands Hotel supply gift tokens for their facilities and a meal for two as Garden Competition prizes.

We are not complacent in any way. In order to fulfil our ambitions realise we will have to be more proactive, fund raise and apply for more grants in the future.

**Clementine**  
OF BROUGHTY FERRY

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# Plans for the Future



Making plans for the future in the conservatory at Duntrune Community Garden. June 2017.



**Tulips for the Station.**

New tubs will have to be bought as the present ones are on their last legs.

Trees - plant some.

Custom made planter for Gray Street as suggested by the Traders.

New 'Broughty in Bloom' signs for the planters.

New polytunnel skin before the old one blows away. Paid for by the Tesco 'Bags of Help' fund.

Grow more plants from seeds.

Apply for more funding.

Have more working with other groups such as the YMCA, The Rotary Club.

Litter pick at new locations.

Attract more members.



There is an overlap of members who belong to both Broughty Ferry in Bloom and are Friends of the Barnhill Rock Garden. Here 'Friends' are busy at work on the Autumn clean-up, 2016.



**PET owners are collaborating in a bid to combat dog fouling and help each other clean up as part of Take Pride in Your City.**

**DOG OWNERS help 'Take Pride'**

*EVE TELLS 6 DECEMBER 2016*

Those who pledge will be easy to recognise as they will sport arm bands and their dogs will wear bandanas. Neighbourhood Services convenor John Alexander said: "By becoming a Green Dog Walker, you will be an ambassador for good practice and encourage others to leave only paw prints behind them."

*(second from right) with other campaigners.*



**Snowdrop morning**

*EVE TELLS 22 FEB 2017*

Broughty Ferry in Bloom is holding its annual Snowdrop coffee morning to raise vital funds. The gardening group will meet at the Barnhill Community Centre on Saturday between 10am and noon. The Green Dog Walkers will also be there to explain the new scheme to dog walkers. The Snowdrop, which receives no council funding, hopes to raise enough to buy a year's supply of bulbs and plants to be planted in the area. Organizers say they are looking forward to welcoming people on Saturday.

**Are your snowdrops up?**

Bring one along if you like, and add it to the display, have a cup of coffee (or tea), a scone, cake or biscuits and buy something from our cake and candy stall. Meet The Green Dog Walkers.

**SNOWDROP-IN**

Barnhill Community Centre  
Campfield Square  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
Saturday 25 February 10am - 12noon  
£2, children free

**Broughty Ferry IN BLOOM**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Clean up after your pet message**

Councillor John Alexander with Mirren at the launch.

Pet owners are collaborating in a bid to combat dog fouling. The Green Dog Walkers initiative asks volunteers to clean up after their pet and to give out spare waste bags for those without - along with a friendly reminder to others to clean up.

Neighbourhood services convenor John Alexander said: "By becoming a Green Dog Walker, you will encourage others to leave only paw prints behind them."

*COURIER DEER 2016*



**Broughty Ferry in Bloom has held its annual fundraising Snowdrop coffee morning.**

Now a fixture in the organisation's calendar, the event at Barnhill Community Centre was attended by around 70 people.

There was a cake and candy stall, aaffle and a plant stall.

Joan Chalmers, minute secretary

**Event helps to grow funds**

for Broughty Ferry in Bloom, said: "It was a very successful morning. "I'm not sure yet exactly how much we have raised but it's at least as much as last year."

Last year's Snowdrop coffee morning raised £300 for the gardening group's funds.

Pictured enjoying a scone and a cuppa are (from left): Joan Chalmers, Liz Taylor, Ann Taylor, Jessica MacKay and Jean Melville.

**Planting helpers needed**

BONNIE Dundee and its partner groups in Ardler and Broughty Ferry are seeking volunteers to help them plant thousands of flowers across the city at the peak of the planting season.

Group chairman Graham Cross said there were about 4,000 plants to be planted in the city centre, Ardler and the Ferry.

He said: "We've got about 1,000 plants for Ardler, 1,500 in the city centre and about the same in the Ferry, and we really need people to help with the planting.

"You don't need to do any digging and a lot of the planting is at waist height so there's not a lot of bending over needed either.

"If people get in touch they can find out exactly when we'll be working - we do a lot of it on Sundays - but we need a lot more people in the group.

"It looks great when it's done."

Anyone interested in volunteering with the group should contact Graham on 07985 462262 or email scotfreenwild@yahoo.com.

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**Broughty Ferry in Bloom**

Broughty Ferry in Bloom was awarded silver gilt in the coastal town category at the 2016 Beautiful Scotland Awards. A silver gilt award means that a high standard has been achieved which meets the judging criteria and objectives of Beautiful Scotland, including sections of exceptionally high standards.

Derek said: "The Broughty Ferry in Bloom volunteers and the partner organisations they work with deserve great credit for the wonderful job they do in creating the colourful displays in the town each year."

## Lottery funding for three Dundee groups

THREE Dundee groups have received funding grants ranging from £1,500 to £9,050.

Awards for All is the National Lottery's small grants programme making a big difference in communities.

The funding has been shared between 103 community, arts and sports groups across Scotland.

The Dundee organisations to receive cash are Broughty Ferry YMCA, £9,050, the Douglas Photography Group, £1,500, and West Law Allotments Association, which received £5,950.

John Kenny, a YMCA director, said: "It's absolutely fantastic news. We have been working very hard over the last 18 months or so and that's the biggest grant we've been awarded - it will help enormously.

"Things are progressing very well down at the YMCA after our year focused on rejuvenating the building.

"And our profile has grown as well, which helps when applying for funds like this.

"It's a great start to the year and a sign of all of the work still to come at the YMCA."

An Awards for All spokesman said: "All of these grants are a great way to show the variety of projects that can be funded through the scheme.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time of year.

## Entries invited for Beautiful Scotland

COMMUNITIES are being encouraged to take part in this year's Beautiful Scotland awards.

The competition, run by charity Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), aims to bring communities together to improve their local environments and recognise the volunteers responsible.

Smaller-scale projects such as community allotments, friends of parks groups and community gardens can also become involved by entering the non-competitive It's Your Neighbourhood campaign.

In 2016 Bonnie Dundee and Broughty Ferry in Bloom both received Beautiful Scotland silver gilt awards.

A further 12 groups entered the It's Your Neighbourhood campaign, with five being awarded outstanding status.

Keep Scotland Beautiful chief executive Derek Robertson said: "Communities are doing their bit to keep local spaces in Dundee clean, green and beautiful and all too often these efforts are overlooked."

Community groups can register for the Beautiful Scotland awards and It's Your Neighbourhood by visiting the Keep Scotland Beautiful website at keepscotlandbeautiful.org.



Derek Robertson