



**Nov 15** - Helping Rotary and local school children plant hundreds of crocus 'Red Giant' bulbs to read 'Rotary end polio now' in Phear Park.



**Oct 15** - Richard King of Kings Garden & Leisure Centre presenting Mr Mervyn Jackson with a prize for being the 'Overall Winner' of the local Gardening Competitions.



The Town Council has arranged for the blue flower towers to be left in situ this year so we can have all year round flower displays. We hope you like them; they certainly brighten up the town.

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# Exmouth in Bloom

**Winter/Spring 2016 - Newsletter No 1**

**Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2016.** The Friends Group membership numbers increased significantly in 2015. We now have 206 Members and have raised £1788 from fees and donations. The committee is so grateful for your continued support and also support from the local Community, Businesses, Groups and Organisations. Our thanks go to our Friends members who have been busy recruiting family, friends and neighbours on our behalf.

**We do hope that you will join us again in 2016 and renew your membership.**



Last year we had some of the best floral displays ever seen in Exmouth. We could not achieve this without money raised from the Friends Group, our plant sales, calendar, notelet sales, sponsorship, donations and council grants.

Our efforts have been recognised by the South West in Bloom judges who awarded us another RHS Gold and have invited us to enter the National Britain in Bloom Competition in 2016, in the Large Coastal Town category. The Exmouth in Bloom Friends Group received a special mention from the judges as being unique and a model for other Bloom groups.



**Thank you all for being a part of Exmouth in Bloom.**

## New schemes to look forward to in 2016:

- ★ Crocus in Phear Park flowering to spell out 'Rotary end polio now'.
- ★ Manor Gardens and Phear Park entering the 'Pride in Parks' section of the South West in Bloom competition – results on Feb 25.
- ★ Observing what is growing at the end of the bank in Marine Way.
- ★ Working with the Town Council on a green space scheme to access Tesco Local Community funding administered by environmental charity Groundwork.
- ★ Helping the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership Co-ordinator with planting at the railway station which is due to have a new entrance this year.
- ★ Seeing the results of the Brownie & Rainbows painting competition on the theme "Flowers for the Queen" as Her Majesty celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- ★ Establishing a link for gardening with staff and students at the Community College.
- ★ Showing the national judges round Exmouth in August. Our category is Large Coastal Town and we are competing against Great Yarmouth, St Peter Port, Southport, Deal and Bournemouth.



**Oct 2015** - A lovely day spent at Withycombe Church Hall, selling plants and gardening items, raising over £90 for our funds.

**Oct 2015** - Selling plants on the Strand at the Carnival Fun day, raising £133. Thank you to all our Friends who donated or bought plants from us.



**Oct 2015** - 'Keeping Exmouth Ship Shape' - The theme of our entry in the Carnival. We won £50 for second place.

**Nov 2015** - Bowls of cyclamen, planted up by the Scouts, ready for us to sell at the Christmas Cracker event on the strand.

