

The launch of the Exmouth in Bloom 2018 Calendar was held at the World of Country Life in June. Calendars are now on sale at the following outlets:-

Exmouth Town Council Offices - Rolle Road, Porky Down Butchers - Magnolia Centre, King's Garden and Leisure, The Fountain Cafe - Beacon Hill, Brian Toye Opticians - Rolle Street, Just Cards - Exmouth Market, The Book Rest - The Parade, Birds and Bees - Exeter Road, World of Country Life - Sandy Bay.



Exmouth in Bloom

Newsletter No 2 - Summer 2017

Welcome to our second Friends Newsletter of 2017

The Committee would like to thank all of our Friends who have renewed their membership or joined us this year. The response and generosity of you all has been quite amazing. To date this year the Friends Group has raised over £1900 and in total has raised £10,892 since we started the group in March 2011.

A wonderful achievement. All the money has gone towards keeping "Exmouth in Bloom" and every single one of the Friends members has been a part of that. If you have not yet renewed your 2017 membership there is still plenty of time to join us.



We launched our annual Local Gardening Competitions in June at Kings Garden Centre. We are hoping for some new entrants this year as well as our regular competitors. The standard each year gets better and better. Kings Garden Centre sponsor many of our prizes and we are grateful for

their continued support. We award the prizes at our Presentation evening in the Autumn.

Exmouth in Bloom was chosen as one of the participants in the Tesco 'Bags of Help Community Grant Scheme'. This is an instore scheme where the public voted for one of three nominated local projects. Friends members, who were aware of the scheme, have kindly supported us. We are hoping to win money towards our summer watering costs.

Contact details as follows:- Chairman - Mrs Gerry Bassett, Tel 01395 488718; Friends Secretary - Mrs Linda Dennis, Tel 07879 654256; Secretary Sharon Darton, Tel 07729 398680 or email us via the web site:- www.exmouthinbloom.org.uk.

It has been a very busy year for Bloom, with weeding, planting and planning. The displays this spring have been outstanding and Exmouth has looked very colourful. The blue flower towers, now left in situ all year round, have been a real success story



and we thank our supplier Boyce's Nursery, for their excellent plants. The Nursery have been very helpful to us. We have reintroduced our monthly social work parties. This has proved to be a great success and many new voluntary helpers have joined us.

The South West in Bloom Judges, Jon Wheatley and Denise James will be visiting Exmouth on the morning of July 10th to judge us in the Champion of Champions category. Jon is Chairman of the South West in Bloom Committee and Denise is the Secretary. We look forward to welcoming them.

In preparation of the judge's visit we have been working alongside EDDC Streetscene, sprucing up the street furniture, benches, concrete and metal plant containers, stone troughs and anything looking a little bit tired or neglected. It has been a wonderful effort from our team of committee, volunteers and helpers. In the photo are Marion Drew, Jenny Willmott and Elaine Lewis our star painters. Wilsons Paints in Exeter Road kindly donated the paint and we are very grateful to them for their support and community spirit.



The 'Fish Bed' has been redesigned for the summer, by Graham Bell, and replanted. The winter pansies have been replaced by 144 Osteospermum in pastel shades of yellow and peach, plus 20 Salvia Fairy Queen. The creation and re-creation of this area has been a massive task for our



core band of volunteers. Plants delivered by Boyce's Nursery, when ranged out along the wall, went as far as the eye could see. A workforce of volunteers turned up at 06.30 in the morning and toiled for hours trundling up and down Marine Way with wheelbarrows of plants, and containers of water, to plant up all the boats as well as the big flower bed. When that planting was finished the group moved to the Strand and Magnolia Shopping area to continue planting the summer displays. A splendid effort from all involved.



The 2017 Exmouth in Bloom Committee. In June we had our annual photograph taken at the World of Country Life. We are only a small committee of 10 people but are fortunate to have the assistance of almost 40 helpers and volunteers all of whom contribute to keeping Exmouth in Bloom.



June 2017 - Bloom Secretary Sharon Darton has been very busy growing more than 600 plants in her greenhouse, to sell for Bloom funds, at our plant sales and in our outlets:- The Birds and Bees in Exeter Road and at the Repair Cafe, Tower Street, Methodist Church on the 1st Saturday of the month.

New Yellow Warning Signs - We have new signs 'Exmouth in Bloom at Work'. It can be quite hazardous at times working on roundabouts, beds, boats and planters that front on to paths or roads. We also wear yellow high viz waistcoats. Do please come and say hello to us, cups of coffee are always welcome.

