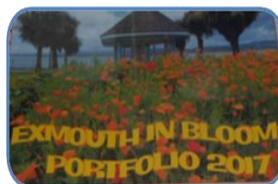


Our Exmouth in Bloom 2018 Calendars - are on sale at the following outlets:- Exmouth Town Council Offices - Rolle Road, Porky Down Butchers - Magnolia Centre, King's Garden and Leisure, The Fountain Cafe - Beacon Hill, Brian Toye Opticians - Rolle Street, Just Cards - Exmouth Market, The Book Rest - The Parade, Birds and Bees - Exeter Road, World of Country Life - Sandy Bay. **Perfect for Christmas presents.**

Exmouth in Bloom has been awarded £2000 from the Tesco 'Bags of Help Community Grant'. This was an in store scheme where the public voted for one of three nominated local projects. Thank you Friends members; many of you kindly supported us. The money is being used towards the cost of a new stand pipe.

Portfolio - Each year Exmouth in Bloom put together a portfolio of 30 pages for the South West in Bloom judges. It showcases our year round activities, projects and achievements. It also highlights the growth of our Friends Group, our involvement with community groups and how we raise finance. A link to the portfolio can be found on our Web site and Face Book.



It's not all work for Exmouth in Bloom, every August we have an annual trip instead of a monthly meeting. This year we enjoyed a Stuart Line cruise to Brixham where we met up with the Pride in Brixham group. We enjoyed a picnic lunch together followed by a tour of their wonderful gardening projects around Brixham harbour. A lovely day out.

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.



Newsletter No 3 - Autumn 2017

Welcome to our third and final newsletter of 2017. What a wonderful year it has been for Exmouth in Bloom. The Friends Group has steadily increased its numbers, with 229 members joining this year and raising the magnificent sum of £2261. Since our launch in March 2011 we have raised £11,205 in total. We are so grateful for your financial and practical support. The money raised has been used to pay for many of the beautiful floral displays in and around Exmouth.



October 2017 - At the South West in Bloom Presentation event, in the Imperial Hotel Torquay, Exmouth in Bloom were awarded RHS **Gold** in the Champion of Champions Group. We were also awarded the Michael McGahey trophy for 'Exceptional Community Effort'. A fantastic result for Exmouth.

The South West in Bloom judges said that we were "One of the finest examples of community participation, we have seen either at National or Regional level. The collective celebration at the end was evidence of community commitment, innovation and togetherness. Well done to all involved". Thank you Friends your involvement, encouragement and support helped us to win this award for the first time in the history of Exmouth in Bloom.

In July **The South West in Bloom Judges**, Jon Wheatley and Denise James, spent 3 hours touring Exmouth, looking at our floral displays, parks, wildlife and community areas, including Littleham School and various neighbourhood projects. They met members of local groups, including the Wildlife Trust, Men's Shed, Open Door, Allotments, Parks staff and Rangers. After judging lunch was enjoyed at the Masonic Lodge. It was an excellent day and the judges were complimentary about the community of Exmouth and the team efforts of Exmouth in Bloom.



Pictured above left, Exmouth in Bloom and guests, with the South West in Bloom judges, in Manor Gardens. **Above on the right** is Mike Vine, who retired from EDDC Parks department after 50 years of loyal service. After the Judges lunch, Mike was awarded a Lifetime Membership of the Friends of Exmouth in Bloom, presented by South West in Bloom Chairman Jon Wheatley. Exmouth in Bloom owe Mike a huge debt of thanks for all his encouragement, advice and support. We will all miss him.

Summer 2017 - Our fund raising efforts continued over the summer with a Street Collection, Coffee Morning, Calendar and Notelet sales, several Plant Sales and our newest venture into jam and marmalade making. Well done 'Team Bloom'.



Judging and Library Display -

We have to give the South West in Bloom judges a visual display, along with a power point presentation, of our all year round work and new projects. Committee members Marion Drew and Elaine Lewis put together a magnificent and colourful display of posters, photographs and information. After judging day some of the display was taken to the Library for the community to read. Well done ladies, stunning effort.

Garden Competition Judging -

This is one of our favourite jobs of the year. We have a wide range of entries, from front and back gardens, best container, hanging basket, re-cycled item, wildlife garden, vegetable plot, schools, community effort, public buildings businesses, hotels and sports clubs. We really enjoyed judging the best residential home. The residents and staff of the homes who entered find gardening therapeutic and very enjoyable. Pictured on the right are entrants from Sheridan House and Exmouth House. We thank everyone who has entered our local gardening competitions.

