



Portishead  
in

**Bloom**

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# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

2617 Volunteer hours worked in 2020



South West in Bloom Gold Award Winners 2008-2019  
Champion of Champions Gold Award 2017  
One of the top 7 In Bloom places in the UK  
**PORTISHEAD**—a great place to live!



## Future Work Parties

Sadly, at present all of our work parties have been suspended for the duration of lockdown. If anyone feels like gardening to help their mental health and for some exercise, then there are always leaves to sweep and deadheading etc in Rodmoor Gardens. Please wear your yellow jacket to show you belong to Portishead in Bloom.

We hope to be back to our weekly work parties as soon as we are able to. Take care and stay safe.



## RECENT WORK

The weekly work parties have been well attended which has meant that areas have had a lot of attention.

### Rodmoor Gardens

We have had a couple of work parties with a very good attendance of volunteers. One of the main jobs has been to clear the many leaves that have blown on to the lawns and flower beds. The leaves make wonderful compost once rotted in our compost bins and provide goodness for the rose beds in the Spring.

There is still plenty of colour with roses, alstroemeria, achillea and even a foxglove flowering! The grasses look beautiful especially if there is a gentle breeze to make them sway. The central bed has been planted with white tulips and the mix of purple, blue and white should make a stunning display in April.

One of the work parties started in bright sunshine but the heavy rain every 20 minutes meant interesting gardening with people dashing for cover under the trees while maintaining social distancing! It was lovely seeing rainbows over the Channel though and glowing autumn trees.



## CHRISTMAS SALE



SATURDAY

DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

The POTAGER GARDEN

(Near the Library)

10.00- 11.00 am



We will be selling bunches of mistletoe, holly, table decorations

Please come and support  
**PORTISHEAD IN BLOOM**

### The Lido Flower Beds

On a very wet day 5 brave volunteers cut back the shrubs and generally tidied this area including removing a dead ceanothus. A new shrub will be planted in the Spring.

There is still plenty of colour in the flower beds with some unusual plants thriving in this sunny spot.



**Christmas Cards—SOLD OUT**



We are delighted to announce that all of our packs of cards have been sold. Thank you for your support and we will certainly make cards again in the future.




**PORTISHEAD IN BLOOM**  
**2021 CALENDAR**  
**£5**



We only have a few calendars left so if you would like to buy one please contact [Portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com](mailto:Portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com)

**THANK YOU**

It is always so important to say "Thank you" so we are very grateful to Portishead Painters for their generous donation of £167. It is lovely that so many people in the community appreciate our efforts.





Portishead in Bloom was also delighted to receive a donation of £500. All funds help to maintain the town's floral displays which so many people appreciate.

**Rotary Crocus Planting**

On Friday, October 28th some members of the committee joined members of the Portishead Rotary at the Lake Grounds and marked out metre high letters spelling END POLIO NOW. On the following day more members of both organisations planted 4,000 purple crocus bulbs which will emerge in the Spring. Purple is the symbol for the Rotary's worldwide eradication of polio campaign which has been a huge success. Do have a look at the area and see if you can see the first sign of the growing bulbs.



**Christmas Table Decorations**

The table decorations made by Portishead in Bloom have always been very popular at the Victorian Evening. This year the event has been cancelled but we are still making the arrangements to order. The table arrangements will be £7 and contain a candle, greenery, Christmas decoration and ribbon. These would certainly brighten any festive table. If you would like to order a table decoration, please contact - [Portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com](mailto:Portisheadinbloom@btinternet.com)




**Spring Planting** The bulbs have been planted, the pansies and primulas are in place and we now wait for them to bloom and fill the High Street with colour. Thank you to over 30 volunteers who helped to plant the tubs and the beds maintained by the cubs at the entrance to Portishead






The bridge planters have been planted with Spring flowers for the first time. Hopefully they will brighten the area as they flower.

**POPPIES**— The large wooden poppies have been planted on The Boat Roundabout, around The Bell and around Tommy Broom's memorial on Slade Road.



## FRONT GARDEN AWARDS

Due to the restrictions this year the garden awards were judged by the appearance of the garden viewed from the pavement!

What a spectacular job everyone had done during lockdown.

Congratulations to all of the entrants. Your gardens have certainly brightened so many peoples' lives.



### **Gold :**

Paula Moorse Valley Road  
Sally and Richard George Newport Close  
Peter Chaplin Newport Close  
Lin Visser Hillside Road  
Chris Power Nightingale Rise  
John and Lesley Cottrell Nore Road  
Rachel and Andrew Stiffall Bladen Close  
Richard and Inderjit Edyvean Beach Road West  
Jacky King Finisterre Parade **Overall Winner**

### **Silver Gilt:**

Janet Davey Denny View  
Carol and Chris Armitage Hillside Road  
Roy and Heather Studley Dunlin Drive  
Pam Ford Beach Road East  
Ann Hughes Beach Road East

### **Silver:**

Martyn Cruse Newport Close  
Rachel and Charles Bennett Seaview Road  
Tanya Anthony Elm Cottage High Street  
Lin and Malcolm Barry The Anchorage

**Best Pub** ; The Phoenix Bar

**Best Residential Home:** St Peter's Lodge

If you would like to enter any of these awards in 2021, please look out for information in late Spring



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## CONGRATULATIONS!



We were delighted to learn that two of the pictures we submitted to South West in Bloom art competition entitled "Climate change and me", were selected as prize winners. Both of the winners were from Highdown School.

Well done to **Holly Bjergfelt** who won first prize in the age 7—11 category with her amazing, thoughtful picture.



(Space rockets amongst flowers)

**Louis Jenkins** received a Highly Commended in the Under 6 years age group.

## UPDATE!

**WE STILL REALLY NEED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE!**

Would you like to join the Committee?

We are looking for extra people to join the committee as due to illness, family commitments and a change of circumstances we have lost a few long standing members.

The word committee can be quite daunting but we are a group of people who meet once a month (by Zoom at the moment) to organise the dates for the work parties, plan what needs doing around the town and any events we may be holding. There is no financial implication just a bit of time and a passion for maintaining the Portishead in Bloom ethos for the community.

If you would like more information or would like to join the committee please contact **Barry Gunter**

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Certainly this year has been an unusual one and all events and judging for In Bloom were suspended. However, Portishead has been awarded a certificate of "Recognition" as we have continued with our work parties, planting and newsletter informing everyone of any developments. It is still unclear whether judging of any sort will take place next year but we will still endeavour to maintain our Gold Standard whatever the situation.



The South West In Bloom website contains videos submitted by various In Bloom groups. Thank you to Committee member Barry Gunter and his son Robert for making our video with drone footage of Rodmoor gardens. It is interesting to see a different perspective of a beautiful area.

If you would like to see our video and others please visit the South West website at - [www.southwestinbloom.org.uk](http://www.southwestinbloom.org.uk)

We will be thinking about our Open Gardens event for 2021 in the new year and very much hope our main fundraising event can go ahead. There are so many beautiful gardens within Portishead especially as so much gardening took place during the first lockdown. If you would like to open your garden over the weekend of 12th/13th June, we would love to hear from you, so that plans can start being put in place. The event would obviously adhere to any restrictions but fingers crossed that some form of normality will be with us by then.