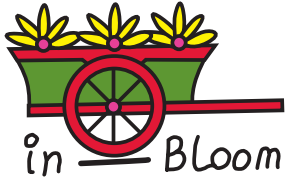


Falkland



Spring 2006

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The New Season

At long last, winter seems to be relaxing its grip, and another busy season lies ahead for Falkland in Bloom. There is already a little colour to welcome Spring, with pansies in the carts, tubs and containers brightening recent weeks and the daffodil bulbs planted at the entrances to the village have shown well.

Although our group's main aim remains to make our community even more attractive each year, participation in competitions at

both local and national level is difficult to avoid. Having seen our community's efforts smiled upon by Scotland in Bloom judges last year, Falkland will once more be part of the Britain in Bloom campaign in 2006. Our hopes are to maintain the high standards set in previous years and once again we seek the help of businesses, residents and community groups we were able to welcome in 2005.

Our recently updated website contains lots of details for those seeking information about our community. Several attractive additions to our postcards are now available from various local outlets. This idea, along with the availability of free brochures circulated throughout Fife and beyond last year, as well as our website, helped us win the Visit Scotland Tourism award last season.

Last Year's Achievements:

East Fife and Fife Wide

- Best Medium Village.

Scotland in Bloom

- Best Large Village.
- Best Village in Scotland.
- Visit Scotland Tourism Award.



...and a date for your diary!

Our annual sale of plants will take place in the Community Hall on **Saturday 20th May** from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm. with pre-sale orders delivered locally during the previous week. Once again there will be quality plants at competitive prices. Come early to avoid disappointment!



Sugar Acre

For some years now, the centre of our operations has been at Sugar Acre where we raise and develop our plants, make up our hanging baskets etc.. As the new lease holders of the site, we have access to two polytunnels there,

while a third has been used for projects with local school children over the last year, with over 100 enjoying instruction during the session. Plans are in place for this valuable work to continue in the months that lie ahead.



Community Awards

Falkland in Bloom's community awards made annually, try to recognise the efforts made by households and businesses to make gardens and frontages attractive in all kinds of ways. We are most appreciative of the efforts made and hope that in 2006 the community will continue to maintain the high standards set in gardens, baskets and containers etc in previous years.



FALKLAND STEWARDS

Our group is now pleased to be associated with the Falkland Stewards who are currently undertaking various projects including the planting of a Community Woodland above the Maspie Den.

Community Projects

There are now high expectations that Falkland in Bloom should be associated with sustainable planting and conservation as well as colourful floral displays. After much work and many problems, the shrubs and trees planted in the Clough are now well established and will help promote wildlife. The area is presently carpeted with bright yellow wildflowers. Further planting is almost complete on the green at West Loan just beyond the end of West Port and the recently-planted hedge running from the waterfall to the Estate gate is already showing well.

The Big Tent: 2006



Watch out for news about The Big Tent event to be held from 30th June till 2nd July featuring a huge variety of activities, exhibitions and stalls.

Its aim is to explore different ways of improving communities, the environment and the future of our children.

Volunteers are always welcome to provide fresh ideas and to help with the work, particularly in the summer with watering and feeding of plants - please ask any member for more information.