

Usk in Bloom

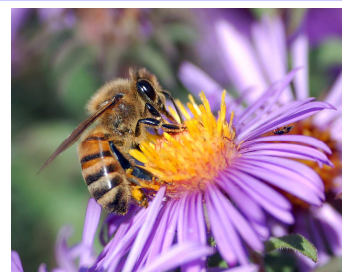


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The Town of Flowers

Volunteers Working Together for a Better Usk

NEWSLETTER



Issue 3

FLORAL DISPLAYS—COMMUNITY—ENVIRONMENT

Spring 2019

WINTER WORK

There seems to have been a very brief pause following the excitement and successes of 2019.

Alongside our traditional wonderful summer displays Bee and Environmentally Friendly Planting is at the forefront of current thinking. Consolidation of the permanent planting beds has been taking place throughout the winter and spring by work parties of our hardy volunteers to ensure Usk can continue to lead the way in sustainable gardening

- Upgrading the Plough Beds opposite the School has been a major undertaking as many shrubs were overgrown and past their “sell-by dates” and have now been cleared and replaced. The tree canopy has also been cut back allowing much more light.
- The wonderful Girl Guides Garden at the entrance to the Main Car Park has proved to be a sunny space used by so many visitors and residents alike, and has been mulched and cut back ready for a splendid show again in 2019
- Work on the Conigar Bed has also continued with pruning and other refinements.
- Ladyhill Beds have also had a tidy and mulch along with helping and advising at The Park Project.
- Wildflower Displays have become a real feature in Usk and will again be located in St Mary’s Church, Ladyhill and opposite the School. Work has already been completed on clearing, raking and sowing ready for the summer.

SUMMER PLANNING



Usk in Bloom’s Flower Committee have been meeting since October to choose the plants ready for the Summer Displays. Catalogues, Internet, Colour Charts and Boards have all been discussed and poured over and the

orders have now been placed.

The colour palette this year is HOT HOT HOT!

Planting at the Willows of the Twyn Square Planters will take place at 6.00pm on Thursday 9th May EVERYONE WELCOME

USK IN BLOOM NEW WEBSITE

Take a look at our newly relaunched web page - thank you volunteer Jon Prince for such a fabulous result after completing this mammoth task



<http://www.uskinbloom.org.uk>

You can also follow us on

FACEBOOK : USK IN BLOOM—TOWN OF FLOWERS

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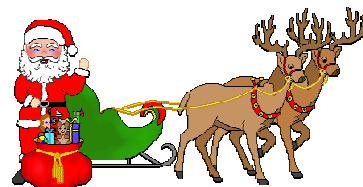
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USK IN BLOOM COMMUNITY

Over the Winter we have also had some fun!

In November we held our inaugural **GARDENERS’ QUESTION TIME** in the Centenary Hall. This new event proved very popular with gardeners from far and wide attending and, thanks to Kelly Weare, a panel of experts assembled to answer some tricky questions. There was a call to make this a regular event so we will have to see if it’s feasible.

Our second **CHRISTMAS BOTTLE STALL** outside the Co-op serenaded by the wonderful Buskuleles was a great foot-tapping start to the festive season and once again we were really lucky to have fine weather and very generous support from Usk Shoppers.



No winter would be complete without an **IAN WILLIAMS QUIZ WITH A DIFFERENCE!** Upmarket Flowers very kindly and efficiently sold tickets in advance for the quiz held at the Cricket Club in February this was a night of great entertainment, and not so great singing! Usk in Bloom are once again so grateful to Ian for his generous support, meticulous planning and colourful shirts!

TOWN COMPETITION 2019

Full details will be published in the next Diary

Judging Criteria for both Residential & Commercial:-

- Initial Impression
- Colour Scheme
- Use of Available Space
- Imaginative Use of Plants & Features
- Quality of Plants & Maintenance

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are made in the following categories for Residential properties:-

- Front Garden
- Hanging Baskets
- Tubs, Windows Boxes, Troughs & Hanging Baskets
- Pollinator Garden
- House without Front Garden
- Most Improved/New Garden

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are made in the following categories for Commercial:-

- Care
- Commercial/ Business
- Pub/Club/Hotel
- Public Building

There are also Overall Category Winner and Runner Up Awards for the highest scoring properties. In line with RHS guidelines Category Winners are not eligible to be entered for the overall award the following year, but can still be awarded a Gold Certificate.

Week Commencing 5th August – Judging

7th September - The results will be published on Usk in Bloom Website, Usk in Bloom Facebook and a Paper Copy will be available in the Hub.

28th September – Deadline for Claiming your Award Certificate – Gold, Silver or Bronze

By email: sarahlouisepowell188@gmail.com or phone 07523027853

You may choose at the time you request your Certificate whether to collect at Awards Evening on 11th October or collect from the Hub weeks commencing 14th October and 21st October during opening hours including until 7.00pm each Thursday and on Saturday mornings.



NB: Usk in Bloom is committed to supporting the environment and cutting down on waste therefore **IF YOU WIN AN AWARD YOUR CERTIFICATE WILL ONLY BE PRODUCED IF YOU MAKE A REQUEST.**

11th October – Awards Evening – venue TBC

28th October – No certificates available after this date

USK IN BLOOM AGM

The AGM is done! Many thanks to Phil Cooke and all at **57 Bridge Street** for hosting and for your generosity in the provision of refreshments.



Over 30 people attended and were interested to take part in our “Ideas Board” Survey. Involving local community in taking Usk in Bloom forward.

The Officers were re-elected :-

Chairman - Tony Kear

Secretary - Sarah Powell

Treasurer - Simon Eskell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday—1st June

Fundraising Coffee Morning—

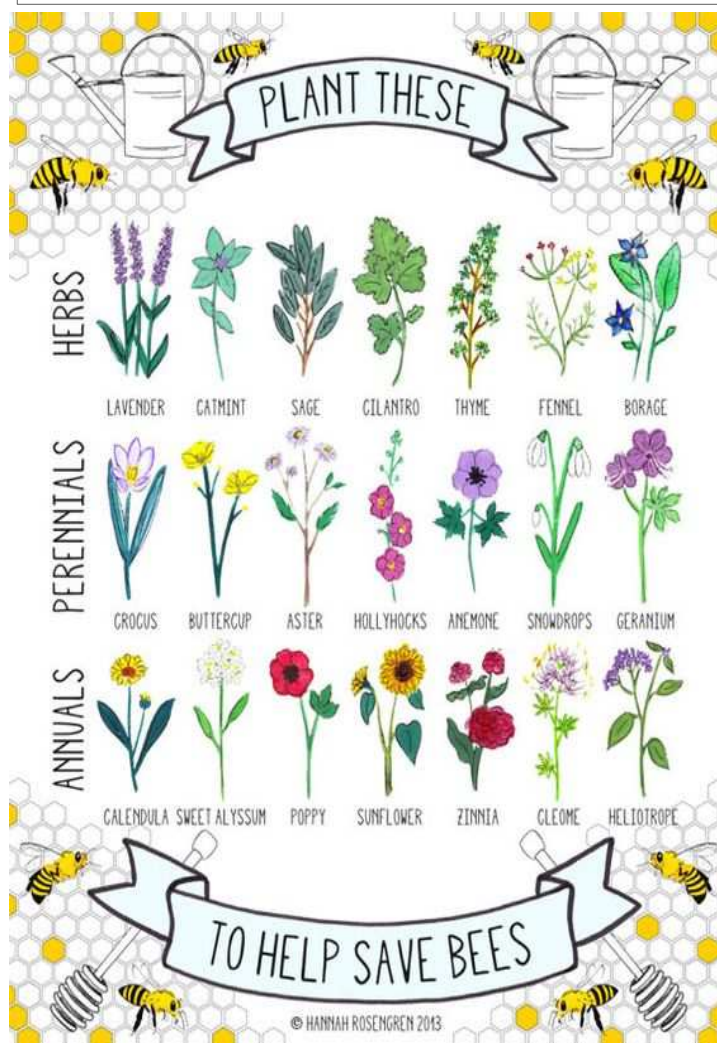
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More than Just Coffee!



Farmers Market Refreshments by Usk in Bloom

Saturday 18th May



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