



Welcome to Summer 2020

Friends of Exmouth in Bloom Newsletter



Thank you for supporting Exmouth in Bloom. We hope you will enjoy this latest Newsletter updating you on our work. For those of you who have a paper copy please find enclosed a 2020 Friends Application form for your use or to give to a friend or neighbour. We could not provide all the amazing floral displays without your help and we look forward to seeing you at our future events soon.

For any enquiries please tel. Chairman Gerry Bassett 01395 488716 or Secretary Sharon Darton 07387582228.

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FEBRUARY was a really busy month as we continued our planned projects for our Britain in Bloom Regional and National competition entries. The Flag workshops were completed with 9 wonderful banners destined for The Strand. We sincerely thank Sue Atkinson who co-ordinated the flag making and our EiB volunteers who were joined by expert sewing machinists, Marion Fishlock and Andrea MacAdam from the Repair Café, for this project.



MARCH EiBs Graham Bell has drawn up plans and we have gained Planning Permission for our latest venture which is to revamp a town centre roundabout with a seaside theme. This will include three 8 feet high metal structures. A Blacksmith/Artist has been commissioned.

We purchased a pull along trolley which has proved invaluable for holding our tools, watering cans and bags whilst we work. Our pop-up work parties were kept busy weeding and tidying in the inclement weather.



We also got the go ahead to re-design the planting in the Dinosaur Paddocks in The Strand. This will give a more natural look with the dinosaurs appearing out of the undergrowth!



Volunteers scarified areas on Marine Way bank in preparation for sowing some 'Restore and Enrich' wild flower seed. We are hoping that in time the effort will be worth it and there will be more colour and variety of flowers establishing there.



EDDC gave us hundreds of sprouting daffodils which we put in the Waterwheel area and Liz cleaned the pond ready for the frogs to spawn.



MARCH We held a Coffee Morning at Roswell Court to launch our FRIENDS 2020 scheme. Residents, including centenarian Joan Moore, joined us for a cuppa, cake and some lively conversation. The residents also supported us by buying notecards, Preserves notes and our exclusive shopping bags.



Due to Government guidelines regarding Covid 19, we were banned from gardening in town and the RHS postponed all Britain in Bloom competitions until 2021. Following this lead and with much regret we decided to cancel our own 2020 Annual Gardening Competition.



If however you would like to share pictures of your garden at its summer best we would love you to send us your photos to our website, using the 'Contact us' tab.

APRIL The Exmouth in Bloom Calendar 2021 has been compiled and sent to be printed. We sincerely hope the calendar will be on sale soon at Best Book, Porky Down, Birds and bees, Just Cards, Exmouth Town Council and of course the Repair café. £5 each.



Lockdown has been hard for us all. Manor Gardens was closed to the public. The EiB flowers have flourished with continued attention from our waterer.

While usual Fundraising activities have had to stop, Sharon has organised the selling of over 200 Tomato plants, 180 Geraniums and Cosmos plants via email and has arranged for contactless pick up at her home. She also has jars of jams, marmalade and chutney available.

Please call Sharon on 07387582228 if you would like to order :- Orange Marmalade. Jams:- Apple and Blackberry, Damson, and Apple and Damson, or Chutney: Apple and Celery, Spicy Marrow, Apple and Courgette, Apple and Ginger.

Prices £1—£1.50—£2



After 61 days of Lock-down, EDDC gave us permission to resume our work keeping to Social Distancing rules. An assessment of the effect of three months of neglect revealed roadside grasses had taken over the boats and planters needed weeding and dead-heading urgently.

Our volunteers contributed over 200 triangles to help smash the World Record for the longest knitted bunting. This included a unique set of flags spelling out EXMOUTH IN BLOOM in blue and gold made by our Chairman Gerry. In total over 9 kms of bunting was made.



Special thanks to our Waterer, Simon Firth, of Clean Reach Window Cleaning who has worked hard to keep our troughs, boats and planters alive.



Please take a look at all our news and stories during Lockdown on our Website or Facebook page. We are sure you will enjoy browsing the work EiB has done over the past few years. You will also find out more about our current and future projects

JUNE

Planting Day went like clockwork with volunteers allocated specific times to arrive and areas to plant. Copper Frog Gin Distillery provided Hand sanitiser for our use and the town looks Blooming Marvellous once again.

ENJOY THE SUMMER MONTHS AND WE HOPE YOU LOVE THE VIBRANT COLOURS THAT EXMOUTH IN BLOOM HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT, THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.





FRIENDS of EXMOUTH in BLOOM 2020 Application Form

Exmouth in Bloom invite you to join our **Friends Group** and help support our aim of keeping Exmouth looking its floral best for local residents and visitors. Monies received will be used towards funding our Bloom projects. We will keep you up to date about projects by Newsletter. We also have a Facebook page, 'Exmouth in Bloom' and a website www.exmouthinbloom.org.uk where you can contact us.

We suggest £5 a year for a personal membership and £10 a year for a Business, Group or Organisation. On joining we will send you our latest newsletter.

We hope that you will become a Friend of Exmouth in Bloom

If this is the first time you have joined us please return this form for our records

*Please return the form to Exmouth In Bloom, c/o Exmouth Town Council,
Town Hall, St Andrews Road, Exmouth, EX8 1AW*

Application form to join Friends of Exmouth in Bloom Group 2020

Please tick preference to be contacted by email [] or by post []

Name, Business or Group:-

Email address:-

Postal Address:-

Tel.No:-

Fee/Donation.....Date.....

Please make cheques payable to **Exmouth in Bloom**

Or pay online to :- Exmouth Britain In Bloom
Sort code 30-93-15 Account number 00998201

Please add reference: Your SURNAME and INITIAL

Membership for 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021

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