



A message from the Exmouth in Bloom Chairman, Mrs Gerry Bassett:-

Thank you to all our Friends and Sponsors for your continued support.

This year has been a challenging one weatherwise for Exmouth in Bloom. Cold days, some very hot days, and persistent rain at times, have all played havoc with the plants. However, I'm sure you will agree with me, that despite the inconsistent weather, the numerous flower displays around Exmouth have never looked better.

Without the generosity of our wonderful group of Friends and many Sponsors, we would be unable to purchase the quality plants that help to make up our beautiful displays.

On behalf of not only the committee and volunteers, but also the residents of Exmouth, and the many thousands of visitors to our town, I would personally like to thank you all most sincerely for your continued support. We could not do it without yourselves and our volunteers.

Dates for your Diary - Please support our Events

Wednesday 30th October, 10.00-12.00 Coffee Morning at Littlemead Church. Selling preserves, cakes, plants etc.

Saturday 2nd November, 10.00-13.00 Table Top Sale at the 'Repair Cafe' in the Littlemead Church Hall. We will be selling plants and various Bloom items. Refreshments are available.

Friday 22nd November, Quiz Night at the GWR, contact us for full details or see our Facebook pages.

Saturday 7th December, 10.00-12.00pm Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre to be held in Littlemead Church. You will be able to purchase some of our Christmas preserves and handmade gifts. Funds raised help to buy our EiB plants.

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Exmouth in Bloom Autumn Newsletter 2024

Exmouth in Bloom, the Town of Flowers, has just enjoyed another very successful and rewarding year.

In early October, at a **South West in Bloom ceremony, held in Bath**, we were awarded another **RHS Gold, Best in Group and Best in the South West**. **Many congratulations to all of our Exmouth in Bloom Volunteers.**

The Bloom Volunteers don't just work hard to gain awards, but to keep Exmouth a welcoming and pleasant town to live, work or visit. We have received many wonderful messages of thanks, some in person when we are out and about on our 'working' sessions, as well as on our Facebook pages. Thank you very much for your appreciation and continued support.



Our volunteers are very talented, with a range of skills, from gardening, watering, taking photos, preserve making, knitting, designing calendars, painting murals, cleaning graffiti and litter bins, fundraising, admin, liaising with local businesses, councils, sponsors and much more. **An all year round 'Team' effort.**

It's been a very busy year especially over the summer months we have been working hard with our regular work sessions preparing for the Summer Planting displays. Re-planting containers, boats, troughs, deadheading, tidying sustainable plants, lots of general TLC along with some fresh planting in the Wavy, Triangle beds and the Sensory Garden.

A huge Team effort in and around Exmouth and with Graham and Gillie also completing their new art work. We are grateful to the local Schools and Groups who helped us with planting the summer flower displays and huge thanks to our wonderful watering team and support from our Town Council and EDDC.



Fund Raising efforts have also been ongoing during recent months, with coffee morning tabletop sales, 2025 calendars and our regular Repair Café mornings. We also find time to relax with coffee gatherings and had our annual team outing in August with a Stuart Line Cruise and cream tea, a perfect day.



A memorial gathering in our Sensory Garden in memory of our President and Special Friend Sharon.



Thank you Gillie for all of your inspiring artwork, your beautiful talent will never be forgotten. RIP Dear Friend.



**EXMOUTH always in Bloom
Summer 2024**



South West in Bloom

'It's Your Neighbourhood Awards' 2024

Exmouth in Bloom



RHS It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) is a unique scheme for volunteer led community gardening projects/groups who are focused on improving their local environment through community gardening. The RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' is an inclusive, non-competitive scheme, and groups can be made up of any number of community volunteers

Thank you and congratulations to all who entered their group. It's a truly wonderful 'Exmouth Community' effort.

OUTSTANDING Awards - Level 5

Bicton Inn and Surrounding area
Bystock Ponds and Mindfulness Trail
Gardening for Friends in Need
Great Western Railway Club
Littleham C of E Primary School
Littleham Community Garden
Manor Lodge Rest Home
No-Dig Allotment Vegetable Course
Over the Garden Fence Isolation Creation
RNLI Celebrating 200 Years
The Adapted Beds Project
The Rope Walk
The Swan Project
The Waterwheel
Tiny Forest Project
Wavy Bed Mural

THRIVING Awards - Level 4

Climate Change Project
Lambeth Walk Local Community Project
Plastic Free Exmouth
Scott Drive Church Community Space
The Dinosaur Trail
Will Carder Boat (Exmouth Garden Club)

ADVANCING Awards - Level 3

Phear Park Shelter Art Project



Two of our beautiful Exmouth murals

EXMOUTH in BLOOM AWARDS October 2024

St Bridget's Cup for large towns, we were awarded a GOLD and also won the CUP for best in Group.

Next, we were awarded the London & Manchester Trophy for outstanding contribution to the environment, specifically for the Tiny Forest Project.

We then won the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England Environmental Award for Best Environmental Project, again for the Tiny Forest (*this forest is in the Carter Avenue Playing Fields, if you would like to visit*).

The Bicton Inn was awarded 2nd place in the Sean Cregan Trophy for the Best Pub display.

Phoebe Ireland from 4th Withycombe Brownies was Highly Commended in the Children's Picture Competition.

In addition, we were nominated in the following categories - Art in the Landscape for the Murals in Exmouth and the Youth award for Isolation Creation, Over the Garden Fence.

Lastly and most importantly, we were awarded, for the second time in 3 years, 'The Sponsors Trophy' for the Most Meritorious entry in the South West. The very Best Bloom Group in the West.

Congratulations go to the Team of Volunteers who make up the wonderful Exmouth in Bloom, all of whom are local Community Stars. Thank you everyone and a huge thank you to our very supportive local Community, Exmouth Town Council and East Devon District Council.



Oct 2024 - Celebrating our South West in Bloom Awards at a Presentation event, held at the Pavilion in Bath.



Oct 2024 - Our Special Presentation Evening event - for the recipients of the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Group entries and for the winners of the Bloom Sunflower Competition. Thank you to all our guests, attendees and volunteers.

What a wonderful way to celebrate our Exmouth Community.

