



Exmouth in Bloom Fund Raising Events 2025 Dates for your Diary



Sat 1st Mar 25 - Repair Café

On the 1st Saturday of every month (except Dec), there is a Repair Cafe at Exmouth Methodist Church, Roundhouse Lane. We have some Exmouth in Bloom stalls in the Church Hall. Refreshments are also available. **The Repair Cafe** is open from 10.00 - 1.00pm, and everyone is welcome, even if you just want to pop in for a drink or to say hello. We usually pack up our stalls by 12.30pm.

Fri 21st Mar - EiB Mad March Quiz Night at the GWRSA. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm start.

Sat 5th April - Repair Cafe

Sat 3rd May - Repair Cafe

Wed 7th May - Coffee Morning & Sale at Exmouth Methodist Church, Roundhouse Lane, 10.00 - 12.00.

Sat 7th Jun - Repair Cafe

Sat 5th Jul - Repair Cafe

Sat 2nd Aug - Repair Cafe

Wed 3rd Sep - Coffee Morning & Sale at Exmouth Methodist Church, Roundhouse Lane, 10.00 - 12.00.

Sat 6th Sep - Repair Cafe

Sat 4th Oct - Repair Cafe

Sat 1st Nov - Repair Cafe

Sat 6th Dec - Christmas Fayre at Exmouth Methodist Church, Roundhouse Lane, 10.00 - 12.00.

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All funds raised help to keep Exmouth in Bloom



Exmouth in Bloom Spring Newsletter 2025

Exmouth in Bloom had a wonderful year in 2024, being awarded another **South West in Bloom RHS Gold, Best in Group and Best in the South West.** This could not have been achieved without the continued support of our local community, the Friends Group and business sponsors. We are looking forward to Spring, warmer weather, longer days of daylight and new planting plans.

Friends Group - We are hoping you will once again renew your **Friends Group Membership** or if you are not yet a member then please join and support us. All monies raised goes towards the cost of our floral displays and helping to keep Exmouth a colourful and welcoming town. **It is £5 a year for a personal membership and £10 a year for a Business, Group or Organisation.**



The Exmouth in Bloom, multi talented volunteers, work all year round, weeding, litter picking, planting, replanting, cleaning, painting, organising fund raising events, selecting new plants for the approaching seasons, organising regular work parties, along with all the numerous administration tasks that volunteers do unseen whilst working from home.
Great effort Team 'Exmouth always in Bloom'.

A short history of the Friends of Exmouth in Bloom Group and how it all began:-

Back in early 2011, Exmouth in Bloom needed to raise additional funds to help pay for their flowers and plants. It was a much smaller group of volunteers at that time.

Committee member Linda Dennis came up with an idea, and a plan, to start a new Friends Group by asking members of the community for £5 a year to join and £10 for a Business, Group or Organisation. It was decided to produce a regular newsletter to keep members updated.

The Exmouth Journal ran some publicity for us and the Friends Group was launched at Kings Garden Centre in March 2011, with a photo shoot promotion.

Linda ran the group until 2018, when she moved to Torbay. The group was then run by committee members Sandie Cox and Sharon Darton, with help from Carol Rowe and Marion Drew, each taking on a share of the workload, along with other volunteers helping with hand deliveries.

The Friends Group, to date, has raised almost £27,000. This is quite a remarkable sum of money raised by a local voluntary South West in Bloom group.

We have never increased the £5/£10 fee to join, as we aim to keep it affordable. We are fortunate that we receive some very generous donations. Every pound given is spent wisely to enhance the town of Exmouth.

Now living back in Exmouth, Linda is once again helping with Exmouth in Bloom, assisting Sandie, Carol and Marion, with the Friends Group. We must thank all the volunteers involved with running the Group, for their many years of dedication. They have ensured this valuable fund-raising initiative has continued to be such a great success.

Contact details as follows:- via our web site
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CALENDAR SPONSORS



We have thirty two Local Businesses that have placed adverts in our annual Exmouth in Bloom Calendar and have many outlets across the town that kindly sell the calendars on our behalf.

Exmouth in Bloom also receive generous donations in memory of loved ones. In 2024 a flower-filled trough was dedicated to a lady called Violet, who loved the flower displays in Exmouth, especially the purple flowers. We arranged for a bit of a purple theme. Thank you to all of them for thinking of us.

Dec 24 - Roswell Court residents host an EiB Christmas stall. A lovely sunny December morning, Christmas event held in the Community lounge, at Roswell Court in Douglas Avenue. We had a small fundraising stall along with plenty of marmalade and other preserves, which the residents love for their breakfasts. Thank you for inviting us along and for your support. It was lovely seeing faces old and new. Many of our Friends Group members live at Roswell Court



Dec 24 - Exmouth in Bloom Volunteers and Guests gathered for a wonderful Christmas lunch at the Imperial Hotel, to celebrate Christmas together. A delicious meal was followed by our hilarious Secret Santa.

Thanks must go to Steve, the Deputy Mayor, Roger the Town Crier and the staff at the Imperial Hotel for looking after us all so well and to the especially talented volunteer Wendy, for her wonderful Exmouth in Bloom adapted Christmas Carol Entertainment. A memorable day.



Remembrance Service on the Strand



**Winter Planting, Clearing and Tidying
Huge effort from Exmouth in Bloom Volunteers**



Fund Raising Efforts have continued over the autumn and winter months, with more coffee morning tabletop sales and our regular Repair Café mornings. We also held a very successful and fun Quiz evening at the GWRSA in Nov 24.



Oct 24 - We emptied and moved our **Spirit of the Exe Boat**, from its home of 8 years on the Strand. Members of the Exmouth Gateway Club's 'Tigers Disability Football Team' came along to help carry the boat to its new position, by the dinosaur bed, where it was planted up with winter and spring bedding. The boat is dedicated to 35 years of The Gateway Club.



Oct 24 - A Bloom Team spent an afternoon harvesting plants from the tiered towers in the town centre, adding plants to the Water Butt planter at the LED Leisure centre, with the rest of the plants going into the Sensory Garden for the rockery area. We love our water butt 'flower' planters. Having a ready supply of rain water close to our flower beds is very convenient for us.



Oct 24 - A 'Pop Up' work party cutting and strimming the Marine Way bank. Ten volunteers raking, bagging up the debris and sweeping the pathway, great job team.



Dec 24 - Members of the Exmouth in Bloom Committee were joined by Steve Gazzard Deputy Mayor, Town Crier Roger Bourgein and Rick Newcombe at the GWRSA club, to present the club with their RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood' Level 5, Outstanding certificate, along with a very special presentation of two paintings by Graham Bell.

Graham, together with the late Gillie Newcombe, have painted murals enhancing and complementing Exmouth in Bloom's work, with their last mural together being painted on the walls of the GWRSA club in July. The mural became part of the IYN entry, just weeks before Gillie's passing.



Whilst Gillie was in Exeter Hospice, she sketched out a painting of dolphins in the sunset. Graham completed it, along with a Cezanne inspired painting of two Card Players. The paintings are in the outside shelter in the GWRSA courtyard. The GWRSA club, kindly laid on refreshments for us all. The afternoon was a lovely way to celebrate the talent of Gillie and Graham, who have both done so much to enhance Exmouth with their amazing murals and paintings.

