

Kinnesswood in Bloom August 2017

Kinnesswood in Bloom are hopeful that the lease arrangements for the area between Mrs Clydesdale's bench and Lavender Walk will be resolved soon. In the meantime Lavender Walk is beginning to live up to its name with many more lavenders planted. The geraniums have been recycled elsewhere in the village.

We have had extra work involving the Michael Bruce Garden recently with the 250th anniversary of his death in early July. There was also a dig in the garden in June with an archaeologist in attendance and many enthusiastic diggers and sifters. Small finds were made of tiles and small pieces of pottery. Neighbours also brought along their own finds, collected over the years. New plants were put in, courtesy of Dobbies, a bench bought with extra funding available from Perth and Kinross Council and an interpretation board installed. Bunting was hung, a gazebo put up and some of the art work and poetry recently displayed at the festival was on show. It was a lovely afternoon of celebration with music, food and chat among neighbours, supporters of the Michael Bruce Trust and visitors from the village and further afield. More information about this event features elsewhere in this newsletter.

Local sponsorship letters have been sent out as well as the Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom letters. These have already brought in generous funding for the group. If the letter is still lurking in a drawer or you have been on holiday, we are delighted to receive donations at any time.

John and Rory were tasked with finishing the school greenhouse which replaced the one which was badly damaged in gales last year. Many thanks to Rory for making the frame for the interpretation board and making up the posts which contain the lovely poetry.

We hope you are enjoying finding the little birds and bees around the village. Not all are native species. A quiz has been devised so look in the shop for the Kinnesswood Trail and take the bairns round to find the answers. There are no big prizes but all returned to Norma will receive a small gift.

We now have all our judging dates which are 20th July for the Best Kept Village and Friday 11th August for Beautiful Scotland. We expect the judges from "Take a Pride in Perthshire" will be here the same week. Look out for notices and at our website for up to date information.