

St Just in Bloom



2011

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Introduction to St Just in Bloom

In 2003 Penwith District Council achieved seven awards for Britain in Bloom in towns and villages in Penwith and St Just was conspicuous in its absence. A St Just in Bloom committee was formed to push forward St Just's first ever entry into the competition. The committee was busy making plans to put England's most westerly town on the floral map.

The first St Just in Bloom meeting was held at Cape Cornwall School on 18 November 2003. Both St Just's Primary School and Secondary School joined the scheme and continue to play a key role in the town's involvement in the Britain in Bloom competition today as they grow and propagate plants and flowers.

The St Just in Bloom group work together throughout the year in order to make the town of St Just a beautiful place to live and visit. The group meet on a monthly basis, usually the first Tuesday of each month.



A Year in the life of St Just in Bloom

August 2010

The plot at the top of town was officially opened on 28th August by the mayor of St. Just, Councillor David Stevens.



September 2010

A prize presentation evening for the local garden competitions was held at the British Legion and was very well attended by competition winners of all ages. Certificates were designed by Jaspa Stritt, 14 years old (4th from left back row).

On 16th September representatives of the group went to the South-West in bloom awards ceremony in Bath, We achieved a silver-gilt, and were particularly pleased for Phoenix Wilson, aged 4, from St. Just Nursery school, who won South-West in bloom painting competition for her age group.



October 2010

On the 6th, Cornwall in Bloom awards were presented at an evening ceremony kindly hosted by the County Council at County Hall in Truro. St. Just received an overall award for taking part and our Chairman, Chris Goninan, was short listed for 'Local hero'.

Winchester Growers donated five large bags of Daffodil bulbs to the group which were planted in and around St Just. Their generosity is much appreciated. These produced a wonderful display at the entrances to the town and outside the library.



November 2010

A wreath was bought and laid for St. Just in Bloom at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Committee members also took part in the St. Just Feast parade.

December 2010

On 13th December, a very cold night, we went out carol singing to raise funds, with two local accordion players as well as staff and youngsters from the comprehensive school. Our thanks to the generosity of St. Just residents we made £140. Collection tins around the town also contributed to our funds.



January 2011

At the first meeting of the New Year Phil Howell kindly donated a petrol lawn-mower to the group for use at our new plot at the top of the town.

Plans for the closed “Closed Churchyard”, a new project, were brought to the meeting. Information and input from Cornwall’s Living Churchyards project and the Cornwall Wildlife Trust will be utilised – the Churchyard will have wildflowers, log piles to encourage invertebrates and nesting boxes which will be made by pupils at Cape Cornwall Senior School. Two benches in memory of the late Mr John Cooper were donated by his brother.



February 2011

The AGM took place on the 1st of the month. “Fun Vegetable” seeds, donated by Sutton Seeds, were given out to local schools and the local Community Farm project



High Visibility waistcoats were provided for all members to ensure safety while working.



March 2011

The late Mr John Cooper, a local resident, has left a parcel of land at Cot Valley in trust for the benefit of St Just people. Part of the land is to be used for tree planting and a community “Planting Day” took place on the 25th March. This was organised and coordinated by St Just in Bloom. The land was prepared by a local builder and a local farmer and 420 tree whips and rabbit guards, donated by the Woodland Trust, were put in place.

Lots of people turned up to help including the St Just in Bloom Group, pupils from the Primary School, Bosavern Community Farm and Cornwall County Council employees. The Youth Hostel lent their premises and use of their facilities, with tea and coffee provided by the Commercial Hotel and pasties for all the volunteers.



A very good day and a legacy for the future.

A local resident, Mr Gerald Gendall, helped the school children to finish making the bird boxes and these were put up in the closed Churchyard on the 18th.



The Comprehensive, Primary and Nursery schools have been asked to do their painting competitions for South West in Bloom, to be judged at the end of June.



April 2011

Two beds at the top of the town have been skimmed, Mypex membrane laid and 3 tons of edging and chippings put in place. Six large granite pieces, heathers and conifers have completed the beds.



Before



During



After



Drill Hall Community Garden



May 2011

Cape Cornwall School have a plant sale each year and we purchased £50 worth of plants for St. Just in bloom.

The trees planted in March were weeded around on 9th May. On the 13th the 3-tier planters were planted up at Cornwall Council nursery in Penzance.

The primary school has an Eco group and they have met with members of St. Just in bloom to assist with maintenance of the hedges around the sheltered housing by the car park.

All beds and tubs around the town were planted up.



June 2011

We stepped up our weeding, planting and upkeep of plots, hedges and containers. Grass cutting has taken place when necessary at the top plot and on-going water is being carried out by our members.



St Just Play Site & Skate Park

The park has been developed to provide for families living nearby, it has good playground facilities meeting full European regulations.

The playsite possesses wetpour surfacing made from recycled lorry tyres, grassed areas with seats, a football pitch, a skatepark and a basketball and football practice wall.

St Just Playsite is used all year round by both local children and those on holiday in the surrounding area. The play area provides great choice and amusement for children of all ages.



Outdoor Exercise Equipment

There are three pieces of exercise equipment at St Just Playsite. Outdoor Exercise Equipment is very similar to equipment that would be found in a fitness gym. However, the pieces of equipment are made to withstand the great outdoors. All of the equipment meets European Safety Standards and can be enjoyed by the whole family from children to grandparents.



St Just Schools in Bloom

Pupils at St Just Primary School have been growing their own vegetables and salad crops in the School grounds, these vegetables are then used in the School canteen. The pupils are encouraged to look after the plants themselves.



Cape Cornwall School students have been working with Alec Hogg and Richard Lawry to make St Just, the outside of the school and the school grounds more attractive.



Children at the Nurseries have also contributed towards St Just in Bloom by brightening up the areas outside their Nursery.

Businesses in the town

Businesses are encouraged to decorate the outside of their premises in a floral way. The large majority of the businesses throughout the town make a real effort each year which really helps to brighten up the town.

Local businesses can also enter into the gardening competition which is run each year by St Just in Bloom. There is an award for the best business; this can be for a business garden or floral display. Each year there are several businesses in St Just which enter this competition.



Sustainability

Sustainable Action within the Council covers the areas of managing and improving the Council's own environmental performance and integrating sustainable development aims into the Council's policies and activities.

Sustainable plants are used where possible; many easy care plants with a sub tropical theme thrive in Cornwall's climate. There are a variety of sustainable plants used throughout the town of St Just.



Recycling

In 2003 Penwith District Council introduced household recycling where glass, paper, cans and textiles were collected from the kerbside in a free recycled plastic 55 litre box with a lid.

Plastics, textiles, glass and paper can also be taken to the Recycling Centre situated in Lafrowda Car Park in St Just.

There are a combination of Recycling Banks throughout Cornwall, including mini recycling centres in predominantly rural areas, supermarket points and voluntary group collections alongside a multi-material kerbside recycling scheme and the green waste kerbside collection scheme. As well as this Cornwall Council also recycles beach waste.



Bulky Waste & Furniture Re-Use Projects

The Council operates a bulky waste collection service and for £15 will arrange to collect up to 3 items from the kerbside. For items that can be re-used for example, working electrical appliances (fridges, cookers), soft furnishings in good condition and less than 12 years old, hard items which are not too big and in good condition (wardrobes, chest of drawers) people can contact the GOFA project who will arrange to collect and donate to people on low incomes or benefits.

Green Waste

Over the past few years over 90% of Green Waste produced throughout the district has been recycled. Leaves collected from the roads during the autumn are taken to the recycling farm, Downs Farm at Splattenridden.

Green waste recycling has been boosted by the work of a giant shredding machine that munches its way through garden and woodland cuttings to produce useful compost. Kerb-side collections of green waste are taken to Downs Farm, where the waste is loaded into the high capacity shredder. The compost that emerges is formed into open rows which are turned regularly as part of the process. This scheme is contributing to the Council achieving its recycling targets and also benefits the environment.



Essential Support

Underpinning the attractiveness of St Just's streets and open spaces is the support of Cornwall Council's dedicated team of workers.

Street Cleaning

Litter is an important issue for local people and also for the large number of tourists who visit St Just each year. Much co-operation is given by the residents who report problems to ensure good cleanliness standards are maintained. The Street Cleansing team follow a programme of scheduled routes designed to keep the town and surrounding area free of litter and debris.



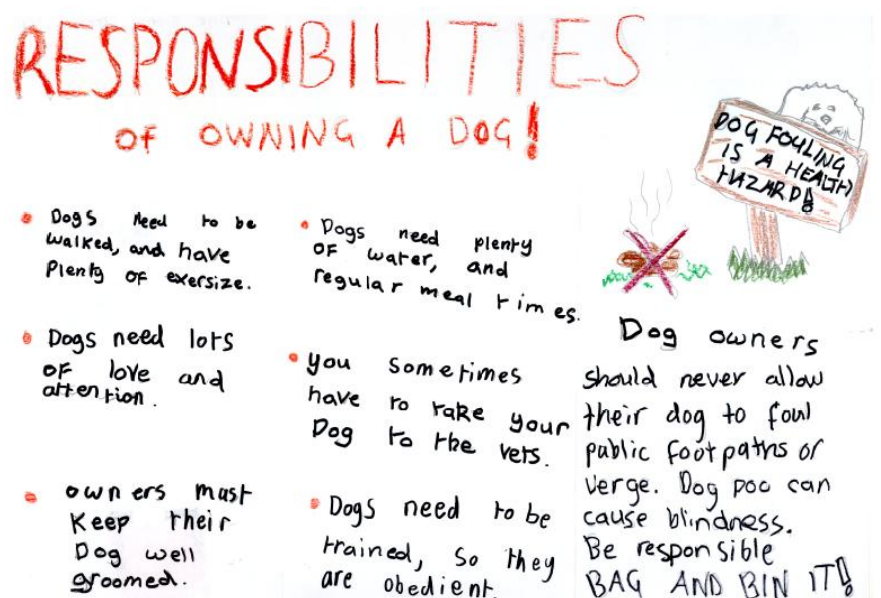
Fly Tipping

Although the Council runs a bulky waste collection service and provides a recycling centre in the town, fly tipping does sometimes occur. All cases of fly tipping are recorded and collated monthly to submit to the Environmental Agency who have set up a national database recording system know as 'Flycapture'. The Council aims to collect all fly tipping within one day of it being reported.

Dog & Litter Awareness

During winter and spring, St Just Primary School pupils and staff have been working with Cornwall Council officers to carry out a dog fouling survey in St Just. All school children were involved in reporting fouling which was recorded on a street map for a week. The "hotspots" were then identified and action was taken to identify the perpetrators. Two cautions were issued.

Key Stage 1 pupils designed posters and Key Stage 2 pupils designed leaflets to discourage dog fouling in the town. The winning designs are shown below.



St Just in Bloom Website

St Just in Bloom has its own website. To visit our website go to www.stjustinbloom.org.uk

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St. Just, West Cornwall is a handsome town of great Cornish character. Sturdy granite houses surround the busy Market Square, which is discreetly overlooked by the elegant tower of the parish church.

At the heart of the town and just behind the town clock and memorial, lies a grass-covered amphitheatre known as the 'Plen an Gwary'. The name in English means 'playing place' and the site was used for performing medieval plays until the early 17th Century.

There was a settlement at St. Just from the earliest times but the town expanded substantially during the heyday of Victorian mining when the great coastal mines of West Cornwall made St. Just's name famous, and when the town's population increased rapidly. The mining days of St. Just may be over, but the town survives today as the heart of a busy and welcoming community.



Website designed by [Webfooted Designs Ltd.](#)

Projects for 2012

1. Hedges around the car park. Removing rubble and presently there and replacing with fertilised top soil and re-planting.
2. Working with the Town Council and other Partners to enhance and improve the playing field for all.

Committee

Chris Goninan- Chairman
Nick Skerratt- Treasurer
Marlene Smith- Secretary
Phil Howell- Supervisor (Cornwall Council)
Tom Marks- Manager (Cornwall Council)

Committee Members

Maggie Chalmers
Pat Charlton
Sue Filden
Barbara Fox
Alec Hogg
Richard Lawry
Robert Matthews
Anita Rose
Margaret Sedgeman
Marlene Smith
Paul Woolcock

Voluntary Hours of Committee members over the year are estimates at roughly 1500.

Sponsorship

There are a number of sponsors who help the St Just in Bloom group each year. Below is a list of some of the individuals and groups who have offered their support this year.

St Just Town Council
Cornwall Council
P A Wilkins & Co Estate Agents
Star Inn, St Just
Winchester Growers

St Just in Bloom would also like to thank all of the local businesses who have supported the group and those that have kindly displayed St Just in Bloom collection boxes.

Thank you to all the individuals who have generously donated time, money and use of the equipment.



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Garden & Photographic Competition

Categories:

- Best Small Garden- approx size 100 square feet
 - Best Medium/Large Garden
- Best Sustainable Garden- planting to give all year interest
 - Best Patio/Container Garden
 - Best Business
- Best Kept Residential Area e.g. Street, Terrace, Close etc
 - Best Outdoor Colourful Floral Display
 - Best Contribution by a Primary School Pupil(s)
 - Best Contribution by a Comprehensive School Pupil(s)
- Best Contribution by a Playgroup/Nursery School Child(ren)
 - Best Community Garden e.g. Schools, Clubs etc
- Best Photograph based around the theme Dig it, Grow it, Cook it & Eat it

Entry forms are available from P A Wilkins & Co Estate Agents, St Just which provide full details of the competition.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 13th July 2011.

Help make a difference to your community this year.

HAPPINESS IS ST JUST IN BLOOM



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