

St Just in Bloom



2012

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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 Wednesday of each month.



A Year in the life of St Just in Bloom



August 2011

The August Committee meeting discussed the judging which had taken place in July and the arrangements for the local garden competition. Watering of tubs and sites around the town was on-going; it is not easy to keep our plants watered sufficiently but the rainy weather helped!

September 2011

Group members attended the South-West in Bloom Award Ceremony in Newquay on the 15th. We achieved a Silver-Gilt award overall.



On Friday, 16th September we held our local garden competitions awards evening at the British Legion. As usual this was very well attended by both adults and children. Our gratitude is due to the Reverend Peter Horder, who judged all the entries and also made time to give out the cups and certificates at the awards evening. His experience as the ex-Head Gardener at the National Trust garden at Trenwainton in Penzance was invaluable.



Approximately 3,000 daffodil bulbs were donated to St Just in Bloom via John Thomas and his son's farm, and these were duly planted ready for a colourful Spring display.



October 2011

On the 15th Cornwall in Bloom held their Presentation Evening at the Eden Project, lovely venue, lovely food, and the Group were also very pleased to win various awards (see list of winners at the end of this portfolio).



Our major 2-year project to remove all the old soil and much of the planting in our town Car Park hedges started this month. We are aiming to replace with sustainable plants that have proved themselves over the years, give colour and are able to survive the wind and salt.

On the 30th some members of the group represented St Just in Bloom at the local Feast Parade, an annual event commemorating the dedication of the Parish Church (1336).

November 2011

On Sunday, 13th, representatives from the group took part in the Remembrance Day Parade and laid a wreath at the Memorial in the Square.

On the 14th there was a "Walk About" around the town, with Jackie and André from Cornwall Council, to look at next year's judging route and plan the work needing to be done.

December 2011

Preparation work to replace old soil and plants in the Car Park hedges was done by Richard, Robert, Margaret, Chris, Sue, Howard and Paul.



We have been very lucky in getting new and unexpected support this year from Mike May, who has worked hard in clearing up the Town Cemetary and in making and donating six troughs to brighten the entrance.



Marlene has been in contact with a specialist nursery for advice on plants for our floral displays.

We were unable to go carol singing to fund-raise this Christmas because of really bad weather, but some windows in the town brightened the gloom with Christmas displays.



January 2012

Cape Cornwall Secondary School representatives met with Robert Moore from Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Chris Goninan to discuss continuing improvements to the closed Churchyard. These are to include more bird boxes and improving the habitat for birds, bats and owls.



More donated narcissus bulbs were planted around the town.

February 2012

Our AGM took place on the 8th February and the current Officers and Committee members were re-elected.

Marlene, Sue and Margaret met with Mr Elliott of Allet Nurseries to discuss suitable plants for our containers and get a costing for these. He subsequently provided a list which was agreed.

A new sub-committee was set up (Alec, Richard, Sue, Paul and Margaret) to organise the new planting for the Car Park hedges. Fundraising ideas were requested to be brought to the March meeting.

March 2012

Della Oliver from St Just Community ABC Ltd (the management body for the old Town Hall) attended our committee meeting to give information on a Horticulture and Produce show planned for later in the year, and it was agreed that St Just in Bloom would like to be involved; suggested date 15th September.

The small mine-stack model is available to be planted and put at the top entrance (Carn Bosavern) to the town. Geevor Mine have agreed to let us have a mine-truck, also to go at the entrance to St Just, and André is organising this with Farmer Morris delivering it for us.

Trees have been trimmed in the closed Churchyard and ground prepared for wild-flower seeds, which have been planted by the school children.



The Primary School now have a new willow-structure playhouse in their playground, which adds to their flower and vegetable planting.

April 2012

Richard Guy, a local artist, brought a computer image as a possible mural for a wall on Fore Street to our April meeting. This was approved and he hopes to start work on it in April. We have been given permission from Western Power Distribution to use their wall for the mural.



Wild flower seeds were planted around the town, in new beds in Lafrowda Close, by the library and opposite the old-style telephone box by the Car Park. The old wire mesh mine-stack has been re-vamped by Michael May and will be placed at the top of Nancherrow Hill.

May 2012

Following on a request from the Lafrowda Committee Fun Day organisers, we had a stall at the Fun Day on Saturday, 5th May, where we ran a tombola and sold a few plants. The event was held in St Just's ancient Plen-an-Gwarry where there was Morris dancing and races for the children, a Maypole and stalls of various kinds; everyone had a good time.

June 2012

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 watering is being carried out by our members. Some members of the Royal British Legion have cleaned up the War Memorial.



Painting Competition

Children from the Nursery and Playgroup, the Secondary School and the Primary School were given the opportunity to enter the South West in Bloom Painting Competition.

The theme for the competition this year was "Your Environment."



St Just Playsite & 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.



Recycling, rubbish and waste



Cory selected for Cornwall Waste & Recycling collection

Cory Environmental is one of the UK's leading recycling, waste management and energy recovery companies operating across the country providing expert services in the collection, recycling and disposal of waste as well as municipal cleansing.

The company was appointed to manage Cornwall Council's contract for its waste collection and cleansing services. It also covers Waste and Recycling collection, street and beach cleansing and associated services. This service commenced 1 April 2012 and now every resident will receive the same service and recycle the same materials at the kerbside, regardless of where they live in Cornwall.



In Cornwall, Cory currently provides waste collection, recycling and transfer services from the depot at Newham, Truro.

Garden waste makes up over 20% of the waste taken to the household waste and recycling centres. Cornwall Council have sold over 50,000 compost bins and have a garden waste collection service right across Cornwall. All of this waste is composted.

Cornwall Council has teamed up with **getcomposting.com** to provide an exclusive offer of home compost bins and other great green products to promote and encourage everyone to compost.

Cornwall Recycling Facility, Scorrier Materials Recycling Facility, Waste Treatment and Waste Transfer Station

Cory Environmental has submitted a planning application to Cornwall Council for a recycling and residual waste transfer facility at the planned Bio Park site near Scorrier, Redruth, Cornwall. The proposal would allow the development of an integrated waste management facility helping businesses in Cornwall to recycle more. The development will create a bespoke waste management facility for Cory in a central location in the county.

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 known as 'Flycapture'. The Council aims to collect all fly tipping within one day of it being reported.

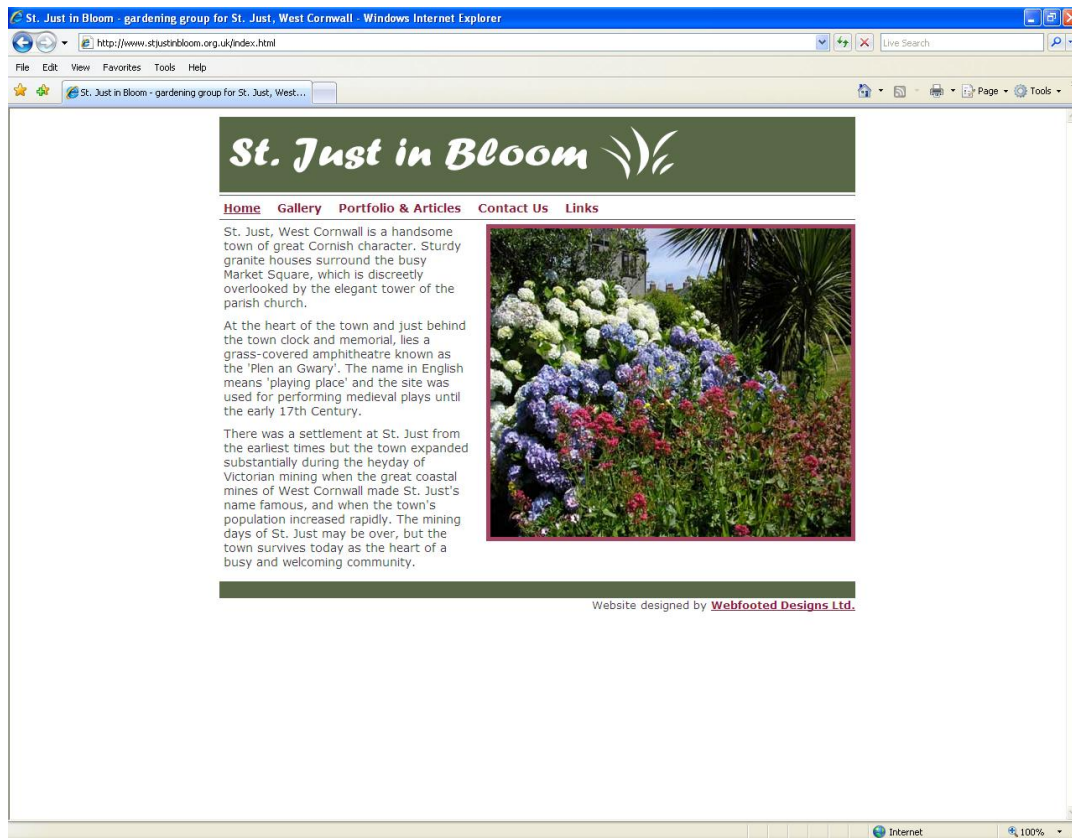


The community of St. Just comes together each July to celebrate the increasingly popular Lafrowda Festival, enjoyed by both local residents and visitors alike.

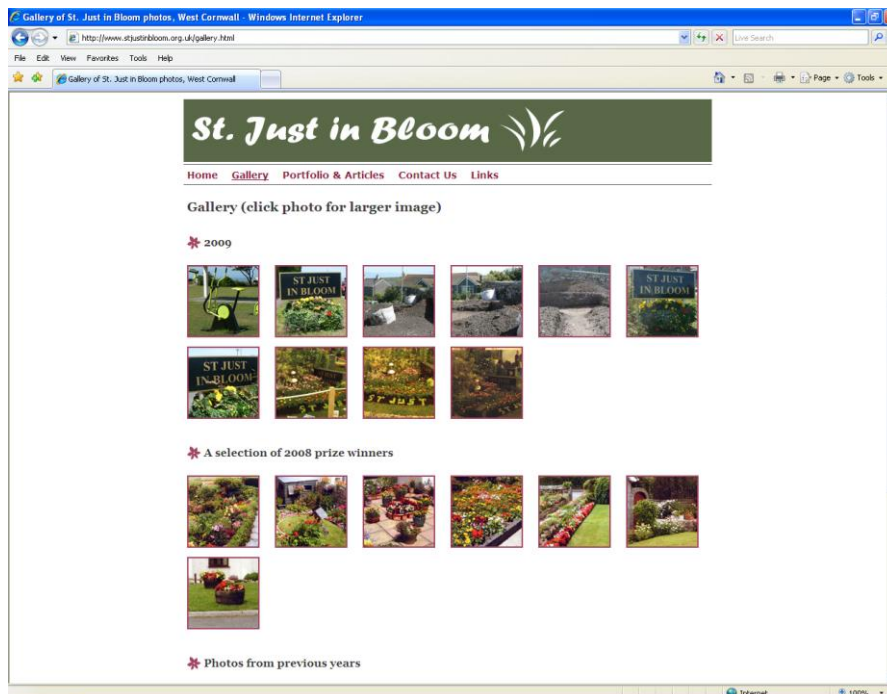


St Just in Bloom Website

St Just in Bloom has its own website, the address is www.stjustinbloom.org.uk



The website includes a gallery of photos, portfolios from previous years, information about the town of St Just and the St Just in Bloom Group and contact information.



St Just in Bloom Awards

Cornwall In Bloom 2011

Sprouting Award

St. Just Parish Churchyard

Full Bloom Award

Carn Bosavern Community Garden
Commercial Hotel, St. Just
St. Just In Bloom
St. Just Primary School

Group Winners

Local Hero – Robert Matthews

South West In Bloom 2011

St Just Ayre Cup Silver Gilt
RHS Discretionary Award
St. Just Primary School

It's Your Neighbourhood

St. Just Primary School
St. Just Age Concern
Back of Carrallack Terrace
The Turnpike
Cape Cornwall Comprehensive
Garage Plots
Recreation Centre
Bosorne Road Plot
Nancherrow

Committee

Chris Goninan: Chairman
Nick Skerratt: Treasurer
Marlene Smith: Secretary
Jackie Mace: Community partnership Officer (Cormac Solutions Ltd).

Committee Members

Pat Charlton
Sue Filden
Barbara Fox
Alec Hogg
Richard Lawry
Robert Matthews
Anita Rose
Margaret Sedgeman
Paul Woolcock
Michael May

Voluntary hours of Committee members over the year are estimated at roughly 2000.

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
Shelley's Hair & Beauty
P A Wilkins & Co Estate Agents
Chris Thomas
The Commercial Hotel
Star Inn, St Just
Christine Olds
Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School
Mrs Pat Hosken
Mr John Stedman
Mr Richard Guy
Mr Howard Eddy
Recreation Centre
St. Just RBL Club
Mr T. Sturgeon

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



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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 *Our Environment*

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

The closing date for entries is by July 20th 2012.

Help make a difference to your community this year.

This Portfolio would not have been possible without the co-operation and expertise of Pupils and Staff at Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School.

Our particular thanks go to:

Head Teacher Mrs Nash, Mrs Susan Heritage-Tilley, and to the patience and ingenuity of Gabriel Lucas-Green and Lewie Chandler.



Cape Cornwall School



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