

# *10th Anniversary 2013*





A **BIG** thank you must go to all those people who have been involved in the St. Just in bloom over the last ten years - officers, committee members, helpers in the community and the many sponsors past and present.

Below is a list of some of the individuals and groups who have offered their support this year.

- St Just Town Council
- Cornwall Council
- Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School
- P A Wilkins & Co Estate Agents
- Cornwall Wildlife Trust
- The Commercial Hotel
- Star Inn, St Just
- Christine Olds, Webfooted Designs
- Mrs Pat Hosken
- Mr Richard Guy
- Mr Howard Eddy
- St. Just RBL Club
- Mr T. Sturgeon

## Introduction to St. Just In Bloom 2013

St. Just In Bloom has now been going since 2003, with this July being the tenth judging of our effort. We are only a small town and the involvement of the community, schools, businesses and other organisations has been outstanding. They all continue to play a key role in the town's participation in the Britain in bloom completion.

The St. Just In Bloom group work throughout the year to make this most westerly town on the floral map a beautiful place to live and visit.





## A Year In The Life Of St. Just In Bloom:

### August 2012:

General maintenance of beds and tubs around the town took place. August is our 'summer break' month after all the intensive work in the previous months.

### September 2012:

Group members attended the South-West In Bloom Awards ceremony in Western-Super-Mare on the 20th. We achieved a Silver Gilt award again, bearing in mind the awful summer weather, was a good result.

On the 28th we held our local Garden and Photographic Competition Awards Evening at St. Jus British Legion. This was well-attended by both adults and children, and our thanks are due to our Town Mayor, Sue James, Reverend Peter Horder and the Head Teachers of the local schools who were all present to give out cups and certificates to the many participants. We were also pleased to welcome Susan Heritage-Tilley from Cape Cornwall School who had kindly judged the gardens for us. She has given much time and enthusiasm to St. Just In Bloom over the years, encouraging school pupils to take an interest and among other things organizing the printing of our booklet, for which we are all very grateful.



### October 2012:

Because of the closure of the old District Council nursery in Penzance a free polytunnel frame and fixings were on offer and it was agreed that this would benefit St. Just for growing and storing plants and cuttings. Further action was planned for this project with regard to placement and funding.

On the 18th October Cornwall In Bloom held their presentation Evening at the Eden Project, a lovely venue for such an event. It was attended by 9 committee members and two staff members from our local Brambles Nursery (for pre-school children). We were pleased to receive various awards (see list of winners at the end of this portfolio) but especially with the one presented to the group as a whole.





In order to maintain Mike May's "Welcome to St. Just" bed at the top of town it was agreed that he helped by Richard Lawry, will be replace the current turf with black painted gravel, and raise the lettering. This will make it easier to look after and it will be more conspicuous for visitors and locals alike.



General tidying and preparing for winter was started. Robert Matthew's flower bed by the school has have particular attention because of the removal of a telegraph pole in part of the plot. Robert has done a lot of work moving plants and bushes to prepare for this and completion is planned for the beginning of November.

The local Feast Parade on the 28h October, an annual event commemorating of the Parish Church (parts of which date back to 1336) was attended by several members of the Bloom Group.

## **November 2012**

On Sunday the 11th representatives from the group took part in he Remembrance Day Parade. And laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the square. This was followed by a service in the parish church.

Negotiations were started to put the prospective polytunnel in the grounds of the Comprehensive school; this would allow some use by the pupils in the future if so wished.

Dougal Guthrie from Cape Cornwall School won the South West In Bloom Senior Painting Competition, and a special presentation of his prize by Richard Budge took place at the school on Monday the 12th.







The telegraph pole in the flower bed looked after by Robert, as mentioned in “October” above, was successfully removed, along with contaminated soil. Fresh top soil was provided by BT, so benefits accrued all round.



## December 2012

Polytunnel plans: a really positive meeting was held at cape school with Chris Goninan and Marlene smith meeting Mrs Nash (head teacher) and Ms Wilkinson (business manager)

A good sized plot of land has been offered and further discussions on the details of the project are to take place. A Co-op community fund form was received and completed by pat and Barbara to request funding for the Polytunnel covering, water butts, wheel barrows, etc and the mayor of St Just, sue James, signed it as our referee. We have asked for £695.

We went carol singing on Monday, 17th, and the people of St Just were again very generous, enabling us to raise £167.77. roger and Mary king accompanied us playing their accordions, and Paul at the commercial hotel arranged hot drinks after the singing, which were very welcome.

Chris reported that signs are to be placed at the main entrances to the town to acknowledge St Just's status as a world mining heritage site.

The group decorated a tree for the Christmas tree festival at the Wesleyan Methodist chapel.

## January 2013

The Polytunnel framework was collected from Cornwall council and brought to cape school's grounds in preparation for erecting it when and where appropriate.

Keeping the weeds down in the town was discussed as council work on this cannot be as much as in the past. The costs and details of courses on weed killing in public places are to be obtained to ensure we are able to do it correctly.

On the 23rd January there was a closing down open day at the council nursery in Penzance and several numbers of the group attended to pick up free plants, bushes, pots, etc.

Planting was discussed with both local and catalogue possibilities considered. We hope to cut our costs by using the Polytunnel and various members' homes to bring on a variety of plug plants. These, together with the bushes picked up at the council nursery, should be a more sustainable way of brightening up and caring for St Just. The wild flower planting last year was a success and will be repeated and extended this year.







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### **February 2013**

The AGM took place on the 6th February and the current Officers and Committee Members were re-elected.

### **March 2013**

Margaret has ordered plug plants to bring on for our containers and the plants for the lamp post amberols.

We received the great news that the Co-operative Community Fund has awarded us a grant of £735 for our polytunnel project, which will be of enormous help in setting up this facility and for the future sustainability of our planting.

The signs confirming St. Just's Cornish Mining World Heritage site status and our twinning with Huelgoat in France and Bendigo in Australia have been set up at the top entrance to the town, by our Miner's mucker bucket, and also at the lower entrance to St. Just at the top of Nancherrow Hill.



## April 2013

Richard Lawry and Mike May were thanked for all the work they have done on the setting up and organising of the polytunnel, Chris had employed a professional to fix the poly theme covering and it is hoped tis will last for about eight years. Plants has arrived and are being brought out for planting out in May and June.



It was agreed to extend the wild flower planting, enlarging existing beds and putting more wild flowers in the closed churchyard and the Parish Church yard.

On the 25th Sylvia Smith, a Co-Operative Society Committee Member, attended a small presentation ceremony at the polytunnel site to formally hand over the Community Fund check.





## **May 2013:**

This has been a very busy month, with cleaning and painting of all our containers and lots of planting and weeding.

We had a successful fund-raising stall the St. Just May Day Fair in the Plen-an-Gwary, selling plants and bri-a-brac, and fortunately the weather was kind to us after a damp and misty start.



Mr. John Bridges, a local resident, has kindly donated a second-hand shredder and a flat trolley to us, both of which will be very useful.

The Schools Painting Competition for this year will be 'Bloomin' Fun' and the Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools will be involved.

Chris had sent for various seeds for growing herbs in the Edible Britain initiative, which the Primary Schools children will be asked to look after. Tubs will be situated on the grassed area in front of our local library. Passers-by will then be able to pick a few herbs from the tubs if they want them.

## **June/July:**

St. Just Town Council have allocated the Group a grant of £800 for which we are very grateful - a big help to our efforts to keep the town looking bright and cheerful.

For our local Gardens Competition we have been lucky in obtaining the judging skills of the Head Gardener at Trewidden Gardens; this will take place on July 25th.

Robert Moore from Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Stuart Coleman from Wild Penwith and volunteers worked to clear, tidy and plant some areas in the closed churchyard.

On 26th June, Tom Henderson-Smith, a local artist, will judge the schools painting competition for us: many thanks to him for agreeing to do this.

Our judging date this year is on the 15th July with the Awards Ceremony in Truro Cathedral in September.

A team from Community Payback has been involved this month in cutting back and tidying the closed churchyard, so that the pathways and wildflowers can be clearly seen. With the on-going assistance of Stuart Coleman from Wild Penwith, the churchyard will be an even more important feature of our environmental awareness and care in the future.







## **Schools Painting Competition:**

Children from the Nursery and Playgroup, the Primary school and the Secondary School, were given the opportunity to enter the South-West in Bloom Painting Competition. The theme 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 skate park 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 brambles nursery have also contributed towards St. Just in Bloom by brightening up the area outside their area—the photo shows a good example of recycling for this garden.



## 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 place.

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 and 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 1st 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 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 record.



## Lafrowda Festival

The Lafrowda Committee works hard to fund raise during the year to help with the costs of this very popular festival which takes place in July, culminating in Lafrowda Saturday parades and street entertainment.







### St. Just In Bloom Fundraising:

Cake Stall: £100.74

Co-Operative Community Fund: £735

Collection Boxes: £125

Carol Singing: £167.77

Plen-an-Gwary May Day Plant/Bric-a-Brac stall £72

### St. Just In Bloom Press Cuttings:

“Well done to the flower team”

Congratulations to St. Just in Bloom for attaining yet another silver gilt award.

The plants and flowers displays have again looked wonderful. As visitors for 40 years we know that they are so close, and efforts will be made to achieve the exclusive gold next year. May we suggest that perhaps labels on some displays detracted from the final pinnacle being reached, the flowers and plants speak for themselves. Anyway, good luck for 2013.

- P and E Lock, Bath

“Co-op cash will help grow plants for village”

ST. Just In Bloom has received a huge boost to this year’s floral project following kind donation from residents.

The group has been handed a £735 grant from the Co-operative’s Community Fund, a collection accumulated by member of the group who opt to give all or part of their annual dividend to good causes in the area.

## St. Just In Bloom Awards:

South West In Bloom: Silver Gilt

Cornwall In Bloom: Full Bloom Award

It's Your Neighbourhood:

Back Of Carrallack Terrace

Closed Churchyard

Cape Cornwall School

Garage Plots

Recreation Centre

Bosorne Road

Nancherrow

## St. Just In Bloom Website:

St. Just In Bloom has its own website. The address is [www.stjustinbloom.org.uk](http://www.stjustinbloom.org.uk)



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



## Committee:

Chris Goninan: Chairman

Nick Skerratt: Treasurer

Marlene Smith: Secretary

Jackie Mace: Community Partnership Officer (Cormac Solutions Ltd.)

## Committee Members:

Pat Charlton

Sue Filden

Barabara Fox

Alec Hogg

Richard Lawry

Robert Matthews

Michael May

Anita Rose

Margaret Sedgeman

Paul Woolcock

Lynn Pike



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:

Head Teacher Mrs. Nash, Emily Hill, and to the patience and ingenuity of Emily Chamberlain, Rebecca Pearson, and Poppy Taylor.



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