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Learning about bug hotels at the Library Garden
Introduction

Welcome to the cathedral city of Truro for this year’s South West in Bloom judging.

The Truro in Bloom (TiB) group was planted in 1974 and has been growing successfully over the years. The committee meets monthly to discuss and plan our activities during the year.

This year TiB, Truro City Council Parks & Amenities department and all partners and volunteers have been working hard to enhance the beauty of our city with floral displays and green areas whilst promoting environmental initiative and encouraging community involvement.

This year we continue to build on our existing projects such as the Community Orchard and Aspire Gym but have also started new plantings. Our ambition is to make Truro one big garden for all the community to enjoy.

Our partners include Cory Environmental, Truro BID, Truro City Council, Helpful Holidays, Friends of Boscawen Park, Friends of Victoria Gardens, Friends of Furniss Island and many more.

We hold several fund raising events throughout the year and are also donated plants and given beneficial discounts by suppliers. This year Fentongollan, Allet Nursery, Cornish Garden Nursery, Helpful Holidays and Nova Construction have all been very generous. We are also lucky to be given private donations.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Truro today and take pleasure in what we are proud to call home.
South West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom Record of Achievements

2015  SWIB Gold Award & Portman Cup
      National Champion of Champions Gold Award
2014  Britain in Bloom Large Town Category Winner, Gold Award &
      RHS Britain in Bloom National Community Award, SWIB
      Champion of Champions Trophy Joint Award & Gold Award
2013  Portman Cup & Gold Award
2012  Britain in Bloom Finalist, Portman Cup & Gold Award &
      Sponsor’s Award
2011  Portman Cup & Gold Award
2010  Gold Award
2011  Portman Cup
2004  Bruford Cup
1999  St Bridget Cup
1998  Gordon Ford Cup
1995  Sergent Cup
1993  Monk Salver
1992  Gordon Ford Cup
1991  St Bridget Cup
1990  St Bridget Cup
1989  St Bridget Cup
1989  National Finalist
1988  Gordon Ford Cup
1977  Abiss Trophy
1975  St Bridget Cup
1974  Abiss Cup – National Finalist

Truro in Bloom Committee

Richard Argall  Chair, Tree Warden
Manti Tauren-Bent  Vice Chair
Amanda Newlyn-Jewell  Hon. Secretary
John Noble  Hon. Treasurer, Website & Facebook
Veronica Noble  School Competitions Organiser
Janine Newlyn  School Competitions Liaison
Godfrey Mortimore  Neighbourhood Projects, Allotmenteer
Peggy Mortimore  Shop Window Competitions Organiser, Allotmenteer
Lindsay Southcombe  Press Officer, Transition Truro, Friends of Furniss Island
Michele Cooper  Allotmenteer
Mary Whiteley  Local Resident
Katie Treseder  Business Co-ordinator, Chamber of Commerce
Sid Syder  Community Orchard, Allotmenteer
Richard Budge  Truro City Council Parks Manager
Liam Shoesmith  Truro City Council Deputy Parks Manager
Glimpses of Truro’s Local Heritage

- Truro is well known for its Gothic revival cathedral and Georgian architecture but here are a few less familiar gems.
- The friendly lions of Walsingham Place smile benevolently on the restrained perennial and shrub borders which provide a contrast to the exuberant and colourful bedding displays elsewhere in the city.
- Truro Cathedral incorporates part of the old St. Mary’s Parish Church. Part of the spire of St. Mary’s Parish Church has now been brought back to enhance the area of Cathedral Green and Chantry Garden. Look up to see the carving of the pelican on the south east end of St Mary’s Aisle.
- Truro is named after the 3 rivers, the Kenywn, Allen and Glastenian, that meet to form the Truro river. Although largely hidden, these rivers are very much part of the city and provide peaceful areas away from the bustle. Kingfishers, dippers and, very rarely, elephants, have been seen at the Millpool behind the Cathedral.
- The Leats system in Truro was built by the Victorians for street cleaning and watering horses. You can still see the metal eyes used to tie horses while their riders visited the shops. Today they provide impromptu paddling opportunities for small children!
- Often overlooked is Truro’s impressive granite paving. Compare the massive slab outside Lloyds Bank with the precision rays of granite at the bottom of Lemon St and the carefully contoured paving by the Cathedral.
Horticultural Achievement

More than 1200 hanging baskets, window boxes, hay racks and tubs are displayed in the city all year round. Pansies, polyanthus, ivy, cyclamen, daffodils, tulips and hyacinths brightened up the winter months.

Formal beds for summer are a riot of colour with begonias, snapdragons, and coleus, with cannas and maize for height. Bees like the salvias and cosmos too and Victoria Gardens has a bed of verbena bonariensis just for them.

This year Truro Parks are ringing the changes with wild flowers sown in some beds that have previously had more formal plantings.

TiB members continue to plant bulbs for spring colour, this year at the Aspire Gym and around the trees on Treyew Road. Daffodil bulbs were donated by Fentongollan Farm.

Truro Parks are proud of their feature displays and beds. Last year’s spitfires on Trafalgar roundabout were very popular and one was exhibited by Tregothnan gardens at Chelsea Flower Show. This year the roundabout will be buzzing with bees.

Victoria Gardens’ feature bed will commemorate the Battle of the Somme with a model echoing the War Memorial on Boscawen Street.
Horticultural Achievement

- **Crown Court exotic bed.** The mass of forms and textures of nearly 100 different succulents and exotic plants make this bed an exciting feature. Insect loving flowers such as the California fuschia and the unusual puya also give colour. The bed is regularly weeded and maintained by Martyn Tidball of the British Cactus & Succulent Society, Richard Argall and guests.

- **Fairmantle Street.** Inspired by the RHS Greening Grey Britain, TiB and local residents got together to refresh a tired planting of Spanish gorse and brighten up a busy street. Over 70 perennials, shrubs and grasses have been planted, in particular pollinator friendly plants such as foxgloves, echinops, lavender and sedums. Amelanchiers were chosen for their insect attracting flowers, autumn colour and edible berries for the birds.

- **Worths Quay** was a weed filled, overgrown and neglected area. Now the perennials and shrubs planted there by Truro Parks and Friends of Furniss Island, with sponsorship from Enterprise Boats have become established giving a lovely impression of Truro to those coming in by boat.
Horticultural Achievement

- Plants for containers and bedding are grown in Truro Parks Department own nursery enabling the production of well looked after, high quality plants.
- As much as possible of spent plant and potting material is composted. Well-rotted compost and/or leaf mould is added to beds before planting.
- Composted wood chippings and also gravel are used to provide mulch.
Truro’s Urban Forest

With continuity of commitment and always striving to plant the ‘right tree in the right place’ Truro’s urban forest is thriving and growing to a green and colourful future.

For a comprehensive list of trees planted since 1990 please visit our website http://www.truroinbloom.co.uk/Community/Treeplanting

Trees clockwise from left to right: hybrid maple in full autumn colour, Aspire Gym; sessile oak 2016, a tough tree for a tough environment; manna ash in flower; amelanchier planting, Fairmantle St 2016; Hubei crab in flower, St George’s church.
Truro has 4 allotment sites; Barrack Lane, Nancemere, Redannick and Treverbyn. All allotment holders are automatically entered in the annual garden and allotment competition.
Truro Gardens and Allotments Competition

There are 8 different classes to enter, from best kept gardens, patios, hanging baskets and window boxes, best business frontage, communal gardens, vegetable gardens and best kept garden attended by disabled.

As these photos show the standard of entry for 2015 was particularly high.
Environmental Responsibility

- Litter picks take place around the year with TiB members and Green Street Volunteers. The Community Development Officer organises litter picks at Malabar and Malpas.
- Bat and bird boxes have been put up in Victoria Gardens and on Daubuz Moor in partnership with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Cornwall Bat Group. We also plan to install bat boxes donated by the Group in the Community Orchard.
- The Community Orchard was originally planted in 2010 to preserve Cornish varieties of apple trees. The latest edition is a Collegget Pippin donated by Cornish Garden Nurseries who we will supply with grafting stock in return for fruit trees in the future.
- TiB sold bee bricks at the Mayor’s Charity Day in December.
- Insect loving perennial plants are increasingly being planted in the city e.g. Fairmantle St and the Crown Court exotic bed.
- Friends of Furniss Island took part in the Butterfly Conservation’s Big Butterfly Count in the summer.
- All allotment sites have their own compost bins to recycle green waste.
- The hanging baskets have reservoirs to reduce the frequency of watering needed.
Green Spaces

- Truro Beavers are taking on the Library Garden vegetable plot and TiB have provided fruit bushes.
- The Chantry Garden and Cathedral Green have suffered rather with building work at the Cathedral encroaching on them but TiB members have worked hard to protect these gardens and continued to maintain them.
- The increasing number of wild orchids flowering in the meadows at Daubuz Moor in June show that the management regime is working well.
Community Participation

- Our annual ‘Garden in a Seed Tray’ and painting competitions are very popular with the local schools. The themes this year are respectively ‘A Royal Garden’ and ‘The Queen in her Garden’.
- We continue to support activities at Truro Library Garden including a seed planting session there this year.
- This year’s Window Display competition has a red, white and blue theme and businesses are keen to take part with 60 entries so far this year.
- We have good partnerships with other community groups such as Friends of Boscawen Park, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Friends of Furniss Island, Green Street Volunteers and Friends of Victoria Gardens.
- The Friends of Victoria Gardens are anxiously awaiting the results of their Heritage Lottery Funding bid to restore the park to its former glory.
- TiB is glad to help and encourage tree sponsorship in areas of the public realm, as a vested interest is excellent news for the trees’ future well being. The picture on the right shows Helen and her family planting her crab apple in St Clement Truro Municipal Graveyard.
Fairmantle Street

Truro Parks staff and TiB members worked hard to clear out the old gorse and prepare the ground. TiB funds and private donations purchased some of the plants, and residents brought along plants also. The turnout of local residents and TiB members on planting day was our best yet. Everyone had a great time and the resulting transformation is stunning.
Aspire Gym

TiB member, Godfrey Mortimore, works like a Trojan all year round, with a lot of help, planting bulbs, sunflowers and a feature bed to make the Aspire Gym look a treat.
It’s Your Neighbourhood

- Community Orchard
- Redannick Allotment
- Fairmantle Street
- Friends of Redannick
- Aspire Gym
- Barrack Lane Allotment Group
- Library Garden
- Nancemere Allotment
- Friends of Furniss Island
- Green Street Volunteers
- Penair Community Garden
- Lowena Hostel Care Home
- Chantry Gardens
- Friends of Boscawen Park
- Friends of Victoria Gardens
- Treverbyn Allotment
- Sunny Corner Restoration
Community Orchard

TiB member Syd Syder has taken on the orchard and arranged for Truro Sea Scouts to plant a replacement tree. The Collegget Pippin may be small but is strong and healthy and in good company.

Sunny Corner

The Friends of Sunny Corner have lovingly renovated the 106 year old shelter with volunteers ranging from 13 to 86.
Furniss Island and Worths Quay

Friends of Furniss Island continue to work to make this a tidy, safe and relaxing environment. The summer garden fete showed the garden as a real community space with skittles, a band, the WI providing cakes, and craft and plant sales.
The Truro in Bloom Year

July 2015
- Finishing touches to the display at the Aspire Gym
- SWIB judging tour

August 2015
- Britain in Bloom judging
- Garden Truro event

September 2015
- Planting Furniss Island
- South West in Bloom presentation, Dartmouth

October 2015
- Bulb planting at Treyew Road
- Bulb planting at Aspire Gym
- TiB & Gardens and Allotments awards evening
- Library Garden tidy up

November 2015
- TiB committee AGM

December 2015
- Mayor’s Charity Day
- Christmas wreath making and selling
- TiB Christmas dinner

January 2016
- Planting Furniss Island
February 2016
- Fairmantle St tree planting
- Chantry Garden tidy up

March 2016
- Easter Egg hunt
- Lime trees planted in Lemon Quay

April 2016
- Fairmantle St planting
- Truro Garden Spring show
- Dig and Plant day, Truro Community Garden
- Queen’s birthday celebration, Victoria Gardens

May 2016
- Community Orchard Tree planting
- TiB plant sale
- Green Street Volunteers planting at Festival Gardens

June 2016
- Aspire Gym planting
- Big Lunch, Truro Community Garden
- Garden Fete, Furniss Island
- Big Fal litter pick
- Planning and promoting shop window display competition
- Planning and promoting school Garden in a seed tray and painting competitions

Richard Budge, Parks Manager and Roger Gazzard, Town Clerk ‘enjoying’ the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations in Victoria Gardens.
Fundraising and Support

- Truro Business Improvement Scheme (BIDS) provides funds towards hanging baskets and containers around the city.
- Fundraising events this year include our Christmas wreath stall and plant sale in May, our best year ever, and a raffle at our annual presentation event in September.
- Nova Construction (Cornwall) Ltd sponsor the children’s prizes for our garden in a seed tray and painting competitions and Caroline Atkinson from Nova Construction kindly gave the children their awards at our presentation evening.
- Helpful Holidays are supporting our bird and bat box project.
- We are grateful to all our members and volunteers who have grown and nurtured such a variety of vegetables, annuals and perennials for our plant sales.
Communication

**Facebook**: we now have 238 members and regular comments and photos posted by them. All our activities and events are publicised here.

**Twitter @TruroinBloom**: we regularly tweet our activities and have 211 followers. It’s great to see the positive tweets to our shop window competition this year.

**Truro guide**: This guide is produced by Truro City Council and available from the Tourist Office. It advertises our parks and open spaces and our achievements in the In Bloom competitions.

**Website www.truroinbloom.co.uk**: this is undergoing refurbishment but you can still find lots of useful information about our activities here.

Links to some of our news stories over the year.

- [Bird boxes for city in bloom bid](#)
- [Truro and Falmouth triumph in Britain in Bloom with the RHS UK Finals Awards](#)
- [Volunteers wanted to help Truro Library garden to bloom](#)
- [Tregothnan Spitfire stand at Chelsea Flower Show visited by Dame Judi Dench takes Gold award](#)
- [Truro’s gardening heroes pick up prizes](#)
- [Children celebrate unveiling of Truro park play equipment](#)
- [Volunteers' work gives bright future for Truro's Sunny Corner](#)
And finally a very big thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make Truro look so fantastic.