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Direct your feet to the flowery side of Fairmantle Street.
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. Our ambition is to make Truro one big garden for all the community to enjoy.

This year TiB, Truro City Council Parks 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 initiatives and encouraging community involvement.

The BugLife Urban Buzz project has driven a move towards more pollinator friendly gardening in the city with wildflower areas, insect hotels and pollinator attracting flower beds.

We continue to build on our existing projects such as the Community Orchard and Fairmantle St.

Our partners include Biffa, Truro Business Improvement District (BID), Truro City Council, Friends of Daubuz Moor and other community groups such as Cornwall Wildlife Trust who work with Friends of Daubuz Moor.

We hold several fund raising events throughout the year and are also donated plants and given beneficial discounts by suppliers. This year Fentongollan Flower Farm, Allet Nursery, and Truro Boscawen Rotary have all been very generous. We are also lucky to receive private donations.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Truro today and take pleasure in what we are proud to call home.
Record of Achievement

2018  Champion of Champions Gold and Category Winner, SWIB Gold Award
2017  Britain in Bloom Large Town Gold and Category Winner, SWIB Gold Award, Sargent Trophy Joint Winner, Amberol Trophy
2016  South West in Bloom Gold
2015  SWIB Gold Award & Portman Cup National Champion of Champions Gold Award
2014  Britain in Bloom Large Town Category Winner, Gold Award & 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
2009  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 1977 Abiss Trophy
1989  National Finalist 1975 St Bridget Cup
1988  Gordon Ford Cup 1974 Abiss Cup – National Finalist

Truro in Bloom Committee

Lorrie Eathorne-Gibbon Chair, Vice Chair, Transition Truro, Hon. Secretary
Lindsay Southcombe Hon. Treasurer, Community Orchard, Allotmenteer
Carla Scrimgeour Twitter, Allotmenteer
Syd Syder Tree Warden
Leslie Lawson-Kinross Neighbourhood Projects.
Richard Argall Shop Window Competitions Organiser, Allotmenteer, School Competitions Organiser
Godfrey Mortimore Local Resident
Peggy Mortimore Truro City Council Parks Manager
Michele Cooper Truro City Council Deputy Parks Manager
Mary Whiteley Allotmenteer
Richard Budge
Liam Shoesmith School Competitions Organiser
Gary Lawson-Kinross Truro resident
Amanda Newlyn-Jewell
Deidre Neale
Horticulture

- More than 1200 hanging baskets, window boxes, hay racks and tubs are displayed in the city all year round. Truro BID funds approximately 50% of the hanging baskets located outside the businesses.
- Pansies, polyanthus, ivy, cyclamen, daffodils, tulips and hyacinths brightened up the winter months.
- Formal beds for summer are a riot of colourful begonias and cannas and maize for height. Bees like the salvias, cosmos and nicotiana too.
- The emphasis is to improve plantings by using pollinator friendly plants. Growing perennials which can be increased through cuttings is also more economical. Volunteer plants such as the marigolds, snapdragons and echiums in Fairmantle St are welcome members of TiB.
- The phormiums in the Shoppers carpark strip have been replaced with more diverse perennials including salvias and penstemons.
Horticulture

**Crown court exotic bed.** The mass of forms and textures of over 100 different succulents and exotic plants make this bed an exciting feature. The use of drought tolerant plants was commended by the Britain in Bloom judges.

The plants are also chosen for their pollinator attracting properties such as this hybrid echium Blue Dwarf, flowering for the first time this year.

The bed is regularly weeded and maintained by Martyn Tidball of the British Cactus & Succulent Society, Richard Argall and guests.

**Sunny Corner** has a very attractive drought tolerant bed also.
Plants for containers and bedding are grown in Truro Parks own nursery enabling the production of well-looked after, high quality plants.

Compost for mulching is produced from used bedding and garden waste using local landscape firm Glen Humphries’ mobile digester.

Small areas of grass are being left uncut at Boscawen Park. This is good habitat for wildlife both above and below ground and will also benefit trees’ rooting environments.

3000 cuttings taken from the Sherwin bed in Boscawen Park to plant other areas.
Truro’s Allotments

Truro has 4 allotment sites, Barrack Lane, Nancemere, Redannick and Treverbyn. All allotmenteers are entered in the annual garden and allotment competition.

BLAG is a shared allotment for those on the waiting list. Here they are celebrating a member’s birthday.
There are 12 different classes to enter, from best kept gardens, patios, hanging baskets and window boxes, best business frontage, communal gardens, vegetable gardens, best kept garden attended by disabled, best kept school garden, best water garden and best green initiative.

Truro Gardens Competition
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Truro’s Urban Forest

Welcome tea and biccies courtesy of one of the residents of St Clement St. Hugo Luck, centre, sponsored the 5 Sorbus ‘Olympic Flame’.

Let’s hope they put on as good a show in a few years as the Crab apple in St George’s church and the row of hawthorns below.

All great trees for attracting pollinators too.
Environment

- New pollinator beds have been planted at the cathedral and Shoppers carpark. Log piles have been added as habitat for beetles and other insects.
- Insect hotels are also being included in flower beds around the city. Godfrey has been making these and bird and bat boxes also.
- Street weeds are being removed using a Kersten sweeper and by hand weeding.
- Biffa collect household green waste for recycling.
- All allotment sites have their own compost bins to recycle green waste.
- The hanging baskets have reservoirs to reduce the frequency of watering needed.
- The City Clean Up week in April is now in its 3rd year. Timber collected from the river clean up has been used to create log piles in some of the flower beds.
Environment

TiB’s theme this year is hedgehogs and their habitat. Here you can see Trafalgar roundabout’s hedgehogs under construction.

Insect hotels are providing welcome accommodation.

Marsh orchids on Daubuz-moor
Over 130 community and business representatives volunteered their time by litter-picking and cleaning.

Organised by Truro BID and Newham BID the 3rd Truro Clean-Up week saw over 130 bags of litter including old umbrellas, plates, yoga mats, a Zimmer frame, a computer, bottles and tins.

A large number of community organisations joined in including: Truro in Bloom, Truro Lions, Cornwall Fire & Rescue, Green Street Volunteers, St. Petroc’s, Café Chaos, along with members from resident groups Rosedale, NBCA Malpas Road, Malabar, Pen An Dre Community Associations, and Hendra Carrick Sports and Recreation Centre. Cornwall Council’s Adult Care and Support Team based in the Leats, who support adults with learning and physical disabilities also took part, along with some of their clients.

The Truro and Newham Businesses involved included Tesco, Lemon Street Lettings, Kartha Commercial Cleaning, BLS, Acorn Recruitment, Anytime Fitness, Wilko, City Road Vets, Truro and Penwith College ESOL students, Café Chaos, Pennyworths, Biffa, Hooked Media and Costa for providing volunteer hours or donating in some way. Paul Caruana and Damien Richards, the Community Development Officer for Truro City Council mobilised volunteers.
Truro Urban Buzz is a collaboration between the invertebrate charity, Buglife, and Truro City Council. It aims to increase habitat for bees and other wildlife at the same time as creating a beautiful environment for people.

Wildflower meadow areas have been created at Treyew Rd, Kenwyn, Rosedale, Redannick and Tremorvah Playing Fields with mixed seed including yellow rattle provided by Urban Buzz.

Bird and bat boxes and insect hotels made by Godfrey Mortimore have been installed around Truro.

Wild Truro is a collaboration of the City Council, Truro in Bloom, residents’ and Friends’ groups. It’s aim is to improve our urban spaces for wildlife by increasing sustainable, wildlife friendly planting and opportunities for shelter.
The bug hunt was a great success with a few interesting finds including this striking wasp spider (left).
Daubuz Moor is an 18 acre wildlife area managed.

The riverside walk tends to get a bit muddy so Friends of Daubuz Moor have worked with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Parks Dept. to create paths through Daubuz Moor.

Coppicing allows light through to the understorey and encourage biodiversity. The coppice hazel is used to make brash piles for wildlife. And the poles used for stakes and side retainers for the paths which are filled with woodchip.

Willow shelter making on a rather wet day. The shelter will enclose a bench so it can be used as a bird hide.

Sign made from fallen oak.
Community Participation

The annual Window Display competition is keenly anticipated by Truro businesses and last year Celtic Flowers and Rosewood Florist offered a 10% discount to those taking part. The proud winners were Malletts Home Hardware.

Let’s hope they don’t find this year’s theme “Hedgehogs and Wildlife” too prickly a task!

Amazing paintings by children in response to Friends of Victoria Garden’s appeal for a logo

2018 show our first produce show at Garden Truro. Let’s hope this years Green Truro show gives an even better crop.

Our annual garden in a seed tray and painting competition are very popular with the local schools. This year’s painting theme is ‘Where hedgehogs live’. Instead of a garden the children are being asked to make a model of a hedgehog.
It’s Your Neighbourhood

- Archbishop Benson Primary School
- Aspire Gymnastic Academy
- Barrack Lane Allotment
- BLAG Barrick Lane Allotment Group
- Fairmantle Street
- Friends of Furniss Island
- KISS St Mary’s School
- Leaps and Bounds Nursery School

Sam with Penair Community Garden’s homemade compost.

Cider making at BLAG

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It’s Your Neighbourhood

- Nancemere Allotment
- Penair Community Garden Project
- Redannick Allotments Group
- Sunny Corner Restoration
- Tregolls Lodge
- Treverbyn Allotment Group
- Truro Community Orchard
- Truro Community Library Garden

Grow Truro and Food for Change hold sessions every fortnight in Truro’s Community Library Garden where you can plant, care for and harvest tasty fruit, herbs and vegetables.

Godfrey Mortimore and Truro’s town cryer helping out at a storyline seed planting session in the library.
The Community Orchard at County Hall is maturing well with many varieties of Cornish apples, plums, greengages and quince.

TiB has an arrangement with Cornish Garden Nurseries to take cuttings for grafting in return for different maiden Cornish apple trees.
TiB member, Godfrey Mortimore, with some great helpers, has created year round colour at the Aspire gym.

He’s made some wildlife areas so bugs and pollinators can help out ...

Looks like the insect hotel is attracting lots of little bugs too.
The Truro in Bloom Year

July 2018
- Shop Window display competition

August 2018
- Britain in Bloom and SWiB judging tour
- Garden Truro and Heritage Trail booklet launch

October 2018
- Truro awards evening
- SWiB and National awards

November 2018
- TiB committee AGM
- Bulb planting Trafalgar roundabout and Waterloo bank
- Wreath laying
- Wildflower seed sowing at Kenwyn Sports Field, Treyew Rd
- Champion of Champions celebration evening

December 2018
- Christmas wreath making and stall
- TiB committee Xmas dinner
- Rosedale playing field wildflower planting
February 2019
• SWiB seminar Chippenham

March 2019
• Wild flower sowing at County Hall.

April 2019
• Easter Egg Hunt in Victoria Gardens
• City Clean up week
• Apple tree planting Redannick playing field with Bosvigo School Year 1
• Children’s Day on Lemon Quay
• Pydar Orchard planting

May 2019
• Aspire Gym bed preparation
• Wild flower planting along A390

June 2019
• Daubuz moor willow sculpture
• Sunny Corner cream tea

...and all the myriad other things the people of Truro do to make their little city great.

Apple Pendragon is the first tree for the ‘Pydar Orchard’, with Godfrey Mortimore, and members of Truro Place-Shaping team.
The Mayor’s charity day is an opportunity to raise awareness.

Allet nursery kindly donated 5 trays of geraniums (below) which sold out in no time.

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.

Truro Boscawen Rotary provided 5000 crocus bulbs for the planting on Trafalgar roundabout.

Truro Business Improvement Scheme (BIDS) play a big role in contributing to the city’s floral displays.

Fund raising events this year include our Christmas wreath stall, May plant sale and a raffle at our annual presentation event in September.
Communication

**Facebook**: we now have 370 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 440 followers. It’s great to see some of the positive comments about the pollinator beds and bug hotels here.

**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

- The Truro in Bloom Heritage City Trail booklet was funded by the Royal British Legion Property Trust.
- Godfrey Mortimore, painted the picture on the front cover and took the photos. Carla Scrimgeour helped with the text and Tony Maddocks was the graphic designer.
- Money from the sales of the booklet and additional funds from the Royal British Legion Property Trust are being put towards interpretive signs around the city.
**Syd Syder**

This portfolio is dedicated to Syd Syder our treasurer, IYN organiser, Community Orchardist, and allotmenteer. Syd provided help and support whenever and wherever needed.

He worked so hard for TiB, was such a joyful personality and always had a smile on his face.

We'll all miss him.
And finally a very big thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make Truro look so fantastic.