



Newsletter - spring 2020

Telephone Kiosk



Last year Milngavie in Bloom saved and bought the iconic red telephone kiosk in the heart of the precinct.

This year Evelyn, Tim and Helen gave it a spring clean and Diane, Alice and Barbara helped with artwork for the BID February Window Wanderland Weekend Event. It certainly looked lovely lit up even though outside the weather was wild.

We will be renovating the paintwork and have plans to plant it up this summer.

Snowdrop Appeal

Please lift and divide your snowdrops after flowering and donate to the Gardening Group for planting around the village. Donations can be left at Jenny's house (127 Clober Road) or Barbara's house (2 South Glassford Street). The snowdrops have been most welcome during the worst February on record for rainfall.



Milngavie in Bloom



www.milngavieinbloom.org

Keep in touch by regularly checking our website and Facebook pages. News and events are being updated by Fiona Lawrie. Our committee minutes and a new donations page are now available to view.

We also have a file of information in Milngavie Library and look out for our work calendar on the

town's noticeboards.

A busy summer ahead.....

After winning a Gold medal certificate in last year's Beautiful Scotland awards we have been nominated to enter the RHS Britain in Bloom competition this summer. We are entering in the town category.

Evelyn and Rona attended the RHS seminar in Birmingham and the Stirling to learn more.

We are also hosting the Beautiful Scotland Judges Training event on the 25th June.

The judging for the RHS Britain in Bloom competition will take place in the first two weeks in August so we are planning for impressive colour, encouraging wildlife, and using peat free compost in some areas for the first time.

Milngavie in Bloom has purchased 5 new Amberol barrels and will be putting a more permanent metal planter on the roundabout on Mugdock Road. Our old barrels have served us well but now need replaced. When we did a recent count we found that Milngavie in Bloom volunteers look after an impressive 55 beds and 100 containers of varying sorts.

The Rotary Club will be planting up the Community Bed for their 50th anniversary.

On Saturday 6th May we will be having a Plant Stall in the village to kick-start Milngavie Week and we will be growing lots of sunflowers again.



West Highland Way 40th Anniversary

We are taking part in the celebrations since Milngavie in Bloom originally started planting at the station and then improving planting beside the steps from the underpass through the village. The beds along the Way have been beautifully planted up with the help of the Ramblers in recent years and Milngavie is being promoted soon as the Walkers' Town so this gives our visitors a warm welcome as they start the 96 miles to Fort William. The Station team of volunteers are also hoping to welcome another train to brighten the platform. We also have our own special Southgate Bed with our walker striding into to the village too.



'Before and after' Photography Exhibition

We will be holding a small exhibition of the work of Milngavie in Bloom in the Tesco foyer during Milngavie Week. We will be displaying 'before and after' photographs of the locations restored by Milngavie in Bloom. We hope some of our volunteers will help us chat to the public about our improvements to the village since 2009, raise awareness of our work and social activities, and help us with donations and volunteer recruitment.

Clean Sweep



Thanks to all our Clean Sweepers who have been working in the village in the cold weather and reporting fly-tipping. The two February storms, Ciara and Dennis caused havoc, knocking down bins and causing litter to be blown everywhere.

Our **Big Clean Sweep** takes place on Saturday 18th April from 10am – 12 noon. Meet at the Gavin's Mill end of Tesco car park. Put the date in your diary. Wear gardening gloves and stout shoes. Litter pickers and bags will be provided.

Fundraising Update

Thanks to your support we made just under £2,000 profit from our calendar sales and £225 profit from card sales. At the well-attended Winter Warmer we raised £143 from the tombola.

Happy gardening and litter picking from your committee.