



Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow

LINLITHGOW

Judges' Portfolio for RHS Britain in Bloom
2018



Assembled members and volunteers of Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow at the Burgh Halls steps, May 2018.

Our aim: 'To make our town a cleaner, brighter, more welcoming place for residents and visitors, fostering community involvement, civic pride and tourism'.



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Linlithgow Loch and Palace. The silhouette of Linlithgow Palace and St Michael's Parish Church, with its modern spire, form an iconic silhouette, adopted as the logo for the Burgh Beautiful campaign.



Placard in flower bed explaining that the town's Council-maintained floral displays would disappear unless local people took responsibility for them.

INTRODUCTION

The Royal Burgh of Linlithgow – ‘Kinde to Strangers’

- Historic town, made a Royal Burgh in 1389; birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots in 1542 and the traditional county town of West Lothian
- The town's heraldic images of St Michael slaying the dragon and of a black hunting dog (which gave rise to the local legend of the 'Black Bitch') can be seen in many places around the town
- Linlithgow Palace ruins and the surrounding Peel (one of Scotland's two Royal Parks) are managed by Historic Environment Scotland
- The town has lost all its traditional leather, distilling and papermaking industries. Today, it is mainly a popular dormitory town but with a thriving industrial/business estate and large electronics factory at west and east ends respectively
- Tourism is of increasing importance and the activities of Burgh Beautiful seek to encourage more visitors
- Railway, M9 motorway and airport make Linlithgow highly accessible
- The town supports a notably wide variety of clubs, societies and voluntary organisations
- The town's population rose from 4,570 in 1951 to 13,370 in 2001, since when there has been a slight decline (13,260 in 2016).

Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow

- Established in 2004, with a Committee of 11 members but meetings are open to all volunteers who want to attend. Reporting to the Committee are eight working groups dealing with action on the ground, business liaison, our Clarendon base, competitions, environmental responsibility, planting, publicity/fund-raising and youth
- Since 2011, the campaign has operated from a base in the grounds of Clarendon House on ground leased from West Lothian Council
- Burgh Beautiful is represented, either formally or informally, on Linlithgow's Community Council, the Town Management Group, Linlithgow Planning Forum and Linlithgow Civic Trust
- With the support of West Lothian Council and other community organisations, we participated in Beautiful Scotland and Britain in Bloom over the period 2009-2014, the highlight of which was winning the coveted Rose Bowl, the Scottish Premier Award, in 2011
- However, West Lothian Council **completely ceased** involvement in floral displays and high-amenity grass cutting as from 2015-16
- Burgh Beautiful rose to the challenge with its 'Bye Bye' campaign (photo on left). This led to a doubling of both sponsorship money and the number of volunteers, allowing the continuation by Burgh Beautiful of nearly all the Council's displays within our town
- In 2017, after a break, we were very pleased to receive a 'Gold' award from Beautiful Scotland, winning the 'Medium Town' category and, in relation to the success of the 'Bye Bye' campaign, a special RHS Scotland Award for Overcoming Adversity
- Burgh Beautiful is currently supported by 102 registered volunteers, helpers from around 16 other groups and over 90 financial sponsors
- Since March 2017, Burgh Beautiful has formed part of Linlithgow Burgh Trust, a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO), and can draw on the support of its 189 individual trust members
- Estimate of volunteers' time in 2017-18 - approximately 16,000 hours. Even at minimum wage, this can be valued at no less than £125,000.

Discretionary Awards

Burgh Beautiful is applying for the following Discretionary Awards for 2018:

- RHS Britain in Bloom Growing Communities Award
- RHS Britain in Bloom Involving Children and Young People Award
- RHS Britain in Bloom Overcoming Adversity Award.

Main Recent/Current Special Projects

'Dudley' Cat Sculpture and Public Realm Improvement

This project at the Canal Basin focusses on a bronze sculpture of a cat, mounted on a granite pedestal, reflecting the interests and associations of the late Liz Burrows, a founding Burgh Beautiful member whose legacy has provided some of the funds. We hope that the project will encourage tourism by providing a photographic opportunity and landmark for walkers along the canal towpath. The scheme includes enhancements to the sculpture's setting. Funding details are as stated on page 25.



Redundant telegraph pole being removed by BT Openreach in December 2017 as a very substantial precursor to the cat sculpture project.

World War I Display and 'Colour in the High Street' Challenge

Planting of a themed display at the Vennel to mark the centenary of the end of World War I and to commemorate those who died or suffered as a result of the conflict. Fund-raising knitted poppies have been produced for the benefit of Poppy Scotland, a related display of dedications is planned and the bed is accompanied by barrels containing vegetables/edible plants of the time. In conjunction with this, Burgh Beautiful's Business Liaison Working Group is encouraging High Street businesses to enhance their frontages with a 'Colour in the High Street' floral challenge.



Volunteers after clearing the neglected land at Boghall, between the commuter car park and the rear fences of houses on Barons Hill Avenue, April 2018.

Boghall Landscape Project

This long-term project is intended to secure the management of the long strip of ground along the north side of the commuter car park, involving some tree planting, encouragement of wild flowers, pruning of shrubs, litter prevention and information boards/labelling of trees and plants.

Platform Three Permanent Planting

Unightly areas of ground by the steps from Court Square up to Strawberry Bank were upgraded in late 2017 on the initiative of the owner of the 'Platform Three' public house. Prompted by Burgh Beautiful, a nearby resident has taken on the maintenance of the permanent planting.



New permanent planting by Platform Three (a local hostelry) on the steps up to Strawberry Bank.

Shrub Bed Upgrading

A prominent bed at the Linlithgow Bridge traffic lights has been adopted by Burgh Beautiful in 2018, thanks to Binny Plants, at its own expense, very kindly refreshing it with a better selection of permanent plants.

Barrel Replacement Programme

The wooden floral barrels, installed when Burgh Beautiful was first established over ten years ago, are in deteriorating condition. In 2017, 12 barrels were replaced with new at the station, thanks to financial assistance from electrification contractors Morgan Sindall and 16 barrels at the town entrances were replaced with high-quality steel planters at the joint expense of Burgh Beautiful and the Town Management Group. Four barrels have been replaced in 2018 and the rest will be reviewed for possible replacement in 2019 or 2020.

Children's Gardening Competition

Following on from 2017's anti-litter poster competition, Burgh Beautiful launched a gardening competition for young people in Linlithgow in February 2018. It is open to all ages and covers gardening of any scale. Judging will be in September.



New town entrance planters at Edinburgh Road, May 2018.

Fund-raising Festive Greetings Cards

Another initiative to involve young people, this project will involve the commissioning of four seasonal card designs (based on local landmarks) from art pupils at Linlithgow Academy (our local secondary school). Generous funding for the project has come from local investment firm, Alan Steel Asset Management (already a Burgh Beautiful sponsor).

For Burgh Beautiful's future plans, see Page 19.



Town entrance barrels, Preston Road, September 2017 - the main town entrance signs were designed by a member of Linlithgow Civic Trust/Burgh Beautiful.



The Serpentine Bed between the High Street and Linlithgow Loch – a simple begonia display with a 'wow' factor, August 2017.



The contrasting colours of bright orange begonias and dark purple-leaved perilla provide impact at Blackness Road, August 2017.

SECTION A – HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Two sets of 120 hanging baskets for year-round display
- 16 planters at entrances to the town, all replaced or first provided in 2017. All planted during both summer and winter/spring
- 73 other tubs and barrels, nearly all planted throughout year; 27 were formerly maintained by West Lothian Council
- 35 beds (16 ex-Council) of mixed shrubs, perennials and annuals
- Most town centre beds include some annuals all year
- Colour themes in winter/spring are predominantly yellow, and, in summer, shades of red, pink, purple and blue
- Innovative approach to the design of bedding displays with more adventurous selections of summer and permanent plants
- Wildflower areas and orchards.

A1. Impact

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Mixed annual/permanent planting at Low Port, designed for impact and contrast, August 2017.



Impact at the Canal Basin, August 2017.



Contrasting colours of leaves and flowers at Low Port, August 2017.



Hanging Baskets at The Vennel, Aug 2017.



Barrels at Main Street, Linlithgow Bridge, September 2017.

WINTER/SPRING 2017-18



Daffodils at Blackness Road entrance to Linlithgow, April 2018.



A riot of spring colour at the heather bed on Blackness Road, April 2018.



Above and below: Polyanthus and tulips creating impact at town entrances, May 2018.



Crocuses at Friars Brae, March 2018.



Daffodils at Manse Road, April 2018.



Spring flowers at Canal Basin, April 2018.



Tulips and other planting, Low Port, May 2018



Cherry blossom at the Kirkgate (also showing 'public realm'), May 2018.



Right: Abundant cherry blossom at the Market Lane entrance to the Peel, May 2018.



Plant delivery by Pentland Plants.



Floral planters and hanging baskets at The Cross, August 2017.



Planters in shady spot at Brae Court, High Street. August 2017.



Mixed bed at West Port, enlivened by yellow begonias, August 2017.

Right: Colourful herbaceous planting providing the setting for the Katie Wearie sculpture/sundial at the West Port, August 2017.

A2. Horticultural Practice

- Nearly all planting & maintenance is undertaken by Burgh Beautiful volunteers, including planting of all hanging baskets
- With the convenience of the campaign's new workbase, winter/spring and summer baskets are now planted by Burgh Beautiful members in the polytunnel, saving a considerable amount of money and giving a good opportunity for social interaction
- Watering of hanging baskets/planters/key beds and contextual grass cutting done by contractor; other watering by volunteers from nearby taps
- Autumn/winter maintenance of most displays gives year-round colour
- Polyanthus plants are recycled for use elsewhere (see B2)
- Total number of plants purchased for winter 2016/17 - 7,008; and for summer 2017 - 18,456; total - 25,464
- The annual content of beds taken over from West Lothian Council has been reduced in order to be more sustainable
- Long-term plan is to reduce demand on labour and make beds even more environmentally friendly, consistent with the wishes of townspeople and sponsors for colourful displays
- Peat-free compost continues to be trialled for hanging baskets; peat-based composts are not used as a soil improver.

SUMMER 2017



Mixed, bee-friendly planting at Learmonth Gardens, showing grass expertly cut by Alan Agnew, our contractor, August 2017.



WINTER/SPRING 2017-18



Spring colour in mixed bed near the Spar shop in Springfield, April 2018.



Permanent bed at Kinloch View, giving a 'wow' factor all year, April 2018.



Wallflowers in Learmonth Gardens grown from seed by Burgh Beautiful, May 2018.



Bed of mixed permanent planting at the east end of Springfield, created and maintained by the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange.



Cherry trees at Braehead Road in flower, May 2018, saved from the Council's axe in 2017 after a public outcry.



Wallflower barrels at The Maltings, Moray Drive, May 2018.



Large, insect-friendly bed at St John's Avenue, planted and maintained by New Hopetoun Gardens, a local garden centre.



Spring flowers flourishing in the sun in front of the shops at The Vennel, May 2018.



Winter/spring plants in hanging baskets and planters at the Vennel, May 2018, looking under the flats to Linlithgow Loch.



Winter/spring hanging baskets at the east end of the High Street, May 2018.

A3. Residential and Community Gardening

- Linlithgow is notable for its communal garden activity, particularly around the town centre flats between Water Yett and St Ninian's Road
- Other examples can be found at Dovecot Park in Springfield and Riverside Court at Linlithgow Bridge
- Linlithgow & District Allotments, to the east of the town by the Union Canal, has 75 plots where children come to appreciate self-grown vegetables and older folk pass on their skills to another generation
- West Lothian Council runs an annual Gardens Competition
- Burgh Beautiful's 'Inviting Gardens' event lets people see, and learn from, the experience of other gardeners.

SUMMER 2017



Community garden, Water Yett, August 2017.



Small corner taken over by local volunteer at St Ninian's Way, August 2017.



Gardeners working together on the communal areas at Riverside Court.



Community garden at Dovecot Park (led by Kirsten Lamb and family), August 2017.



Audrey Simpson's community garden behind the flats at St Ninian's Road, August 2017.



Dianne Lamont's community garden, St Ninian's Way, August 2017.



Garden created from waste ground by the residents of Riverside Court, August 2017.



Right: Beautifully kept community gardening (led by Eileen Murray) at Water Yett, August 2017

WINTER/SPRING 2017-18



The Dovecot Park community garden, April 2018.



Audrey Simpson's community garden, May 2018.



Bountiful produce at the allotments, September 2017.



Planters at St Peter's Episcopal Church, due to return this summer after the completion of major alterations to the building.



Eileen Murray working at Water Yett, April 2018.



Dianne Lamont's community garden makes the most of the space, St Ninian's Way, May 2018.



Community garden recently taken over by new volunteer, Lyndsey Boiling, May 2018.



Colourful display of spring flowers at Rivaldsgreen Crescent, April 2018.



Two views of the spring display at the community garden of Eileen Murray, Water Yett, May 2018.





Tesco staff are keen to be involved in the planting at the Regent Centre.



Floral containers outside High Street shops with shadow of hanging baskets on the pavement, August 2017.



Burgh Beautiful floral barrels in front of the Star & Garter Hotel, Aug 2017.



Window boxes on High Street shopfront, August 2017.

Right: Summer window boxes on the West Port Hotel and Burgh Beautiful hanging baskets, August 2017.

A4. Business Areas and Premises

- High Street shops and some businesses have window boxes and tubs outside, and a range of plantings
- Shops and High Street businesses are encouraged to adopt a World War I colour theme in their displays for 2018, thanks to the joint Business Liaison Working Group
- Burgh Beautiful maintains numerous floral displays in the town centre, sponsored in many cases by local businesses
- At the Regent Centre, the High Street-facing frontage has been leased from the management company to make it available for Burgh Beautiful to maintain
- There continues to be direct planting involvement by New Hopetoun Gardens, Binny Plants and Platform Three
- The railway station has floral barrels, railing-mounted planters, banners, 200 ceramic floral tiles by local schoolchildren and a mural
- Extensive planting at Oracle on town outskirts, much wildlife friendly but alas not open to the public.

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Floral barrels and railing-mounted containers at Linlithgow Railway Station, August 2017.



Three banners by the Embroiderers' Guild, on display in the station stairwell.



Ceramic tiles made by local schoolchildren also on display in the station.



WINTER/SPRING 2017-18



Spring floral containers outside High Street shop, April 2018.



Brightly-coloured planting in railing-mounted containers at the station, May 2018.



Pansies and wallflowers in planter sponsored by the adjacent estate agent, May 2018.



Planters maintained by the Linlithgow Business Association, May 2018.



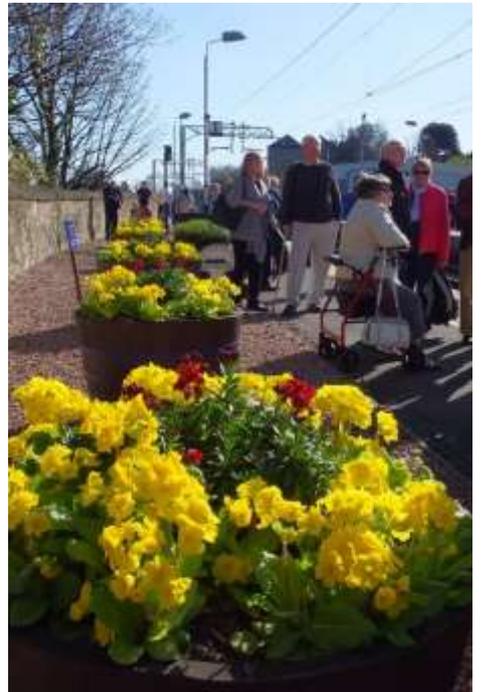
Spring hanging baskets and window boxes on the west Port Hotel, April 2018.



Spring shop window boxes, May 2018.



Mixed planting by Burgh Beautiful in front of the Regent Centre, May 2018.



Colourful blooms at the station being enjoyed by rail passengers, April 2018.

A5. Green Spaces

- Most town entrances are marked by floral displays contained in new planters installed in 2017
- The town entrance signs feature the historic burgh seal and include reference to Linlithgow's past success in Britain in Bloom
- Linlithgow's best-known park is The Peel which provides the setting for Linlithgow Palace and Loch. It is one of two royal parks in Scotland, maintained by Historic Scotland, preserving the loch's status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and aiming to strike the right balance between access, cultural heritage and nature conservation
- Rosemount Park to the south is a delightful informal oasis, with an old stone wellhead, slopes of mown grass and abundant mature trees
- Douglas Park to the south-west has recently been upgraded with new children's play facilities, tree planting and swathes of spring bulbs
- Learmonth Gardens (see photograph below)
- A small park in Friars Brae exhibits differential mowing/spring bulbs
- The Union Canal and the course of the River Avon form linear parks
- Masses of bulbs in bloom can be found throughout the town every spring, especially by the canal, on verges and at town entrances
- Falkirk Road residents maintain wide grass verge in front of their houses as Council grass cutting deemed to be of insufficient quality
- Three small orchards have been planted by Transition Linlithgow
- Wildflowers flourish at the cycle ramp by the Union Canal (**Appendix 2**).



Town entrance planters at St Ninian's Road, August 2017.



Hydrangea bed on a wide verge at the Preston Road entrance to the town, September 2017.



Mixed bed at the western approach to the town, one of five which adorn the Mill Road crossroads, September 2017.

SUMMER 2017



Linlithgow Peel.



Burgh Beautiful bed at Kinloch View.



Former Council flower beds in Learmonth Gardens, replanted to increase variety and reduce labour. As the Council's standard of grass cutting is unsatisfactory to provide a proper setting for these and other flower beds, Burgh Beautiful employs a contractor to do the work. The pocket park also includes the Ross Doocot with its new interpretation board (See Appendix 2).

WINTER/SPRING 2017-18



Daffodils planted by Burgh Beautiful on the eastern approach to Linlithgow from the M9 motorway, photographed in April 2018.



The spectacular avenue of flowering cherry trees in Rosemount Park, May 2018.



Avenue of birch trees at St Ninian's Way car park, March 2018.



Swathe of daffodils in Douglas Park, April 2018.



Daffodils in Rosemount Park by the Union Canal, April 2018.



Rose Garden, a peaceful spot recently tidied by students from nearby Oatridge College, April 2018.



Linlithgow Loch, showing edging/path works Completed by Historic Environment Scotland in May 2018.



Orchard trees in blossom, planted by Transition Linlithgow by the loch, May 2018.



Mixed permanent planting, with the Serpentine Bed about to be planted, May 2018.



Children's playground and daffodil planting by Linlithgow Loch.

SECTION B – ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

B1. Conservation and Biodiversity

- Nature conservation and wildlife projects with Burgh Beautiful involvement include upgrading neglected ground at Doomsdale, Union Canal Cycle Ramp, Boghall and in part of Learmonth Gardens
- Varied habitats around Linlithgow Loch (SSSI) are managed by Historic Environment Scotland with statutory and volunteer help
- The Canal, the River Avon and other watercourses, and their banks, provide corridors for wildlife
- Burgh Beautiful exerts continual pressure on West Lothian Council to emphasise the importance of urban tree planting and the need to replace any trees removed
- Publication of 'Trees at The Vennel' booklet by Burgh Beautiful to emphasise the importance of the trees at The Vennel and lochside
- Tree planting at Dark Entry/Riccarton Drive, Springfield and Kettilstoun Mains; Transition Linlithgow has planted three public orchards
- New Hopetoun Gardens (garden centre) maintains a wildlife-friendly bed that it planted some years ago (photo on page 7)
- New planting schemes by Burgh Beautiful such as at Learmonth Gardens make special provision for bee-friendly content
- Promotion of peat-free compost (see B2)
- Linlithgow Golf Club environmental policy being developed.



Pupils of Low Port Primary School planting wildflower plugs in the lower part of Learmonth Gardens, June 2018.



Early summer perennials at Deanburn Verge, June 2018.



Bug hotel at Burgh Beautiful's Clarendon base which gives a home to slaters, ladybirds, spiders, aphid-eating lacewings and solitary bees and wasps.



Bird box being installed at Doomsdale nature conservation area, June 2018.



Tidying the wildflower meadow at the canal cycle ramp, October 2017.



Spring work at the wildflower meadow – plug planting/seed scattering, April 2018.



Swans at Linlithgow Loch – visitors are encouraged to avoid feeding with bread.



Wallflowers being grown at Burgh Beautiful's Clarendon base, September 2017.



Polyanthus such as these at West Port are recycled rather than wasted.



Composting facility at Burgh Beautiful's Clarendon base.



Initiative by the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange to remind residents not to pour polluting substances into street drains.

B2. Resource Management

- We are establishing an appropriate balance between permanent and annual planting
- Burgh Beautiful grows what plants it can for winter bedding but most bedding plants are supplied by Pentland Plants which benefits from efficiencies of scale and the use of a wood-chip fuel plant
- Polyanthus from winter/spring planting are recycled to St Michael's Hospital (Sunshine Gardeners), Brae Court elderly persons housing, our Serpentine and Braehead Road beds and Bridgend Primary School
- Bulbs are dried and re-used; water is collected in butts from roofs
- All waste vegetative material is recycled at our Clarendon base, in compost bays themselves made from recycled pallets
- Re-erection of donated greenhouse was completed for 2018 season
- Promotion of peat-free compost using a prominent flower bed in the High Street during summer and winter 2017-18, through the local DIY shop and at various events
- The 'Protect our Precious Peatlands' display over 2017-18 was dismantled for relocation to Beecraigs Country Park in April 2018
- Burgh Beautiful played a prominent part in the successful campaign to save the town's Recycling Centre and supports local campaigns to cut down on the use of unnecessary plastic, eg straws.



During and after pictures of the erection of our 'recycled' greenhouse at Clarendon, May 2018.



'Protect our Precious Peatlands' bed at The Vennel, October 2017.



The 'Peatlands' display being loaded up for its transfer to Beecraigs Country Park, April 2018.



As part of the campaign to save Linlithgow's Recycling Centre which had been threatened with closure, Burgh Beautiful inserted placards into some of its displays. Council statistics suggest that Linlithgow has regularly recycled at almost double Scotland's average rate.



One of the Heritage Trail markers, designed by Tim Chalk.



Heritage Trail interpretation panel.



One of Linlithgow's new 'March Stones', installed by Linlithgow Civic Trust/Burgh Beautiful.



The original gate at Burgh Beautiful's Clarendon base, dating from the late 19th century.

B3. Local Heritage

- Heritage Trails fully described in Linlithgow Visitor Guide of which 20,000 copies are printed and distributed annually; the trails include specially commissioned markers at points of interest and several interpretation boards
- Organisation of Perambulation of the Marches event and accompanying leaflet to encourage exploration of local heritage, supplementing Linlithgow's traditional Riding of the Marches celebrations, and to increase residents' awareness of the town's built and landscape heritage
- Publication of Linlithgow Floral Trails booklet for the second time in 2018 (1,100 copies) to encourage appreciation of local environment and publicise the work of Burgh Beautiful and other voluntary organisations
- Heritage publications on the history of the Royal Burgh including *Linlithgow – Architecture and History of a Scottish Royal Burgh*, and booklets on street names and local walks (**Appendix 5**)
- Battle of Linlithgow Bridge commemorated with a garden designed and maintained by Burgh Beautiful members
- The Physic Garden at the Health Centre, designed and maintained by a BB member, with water colour paintings of the plants at the entrance
- Organisation of West Lothian Doors Open Days every September
- Important contribution of the Linlithgow Union Canal Society which maintains its own museum, canal heritage education centre and floral features and runs regular pleasure trips along the canal.



The annual Perambulation of the Marches in progress through Fiddlers Croft, June 2017.



Battle memorial garden showing interpretation board, April 2017.



Part of the Physic Garden of medicinal plants in front of the Health Centre, April 2017

B4. Local Environmental Quality



Winter litter pick at Doomsdale.



Volunteers involved in spring clearance of dead leaves all over the town centre, February 2018.



Anti-litter poster by primary school pupil prior to last year's anti-litter campaign.



Renovation of area of whinstone setts by volunteers, High Street, June 2018.

- Ongoing anti-litter/dog fouling campaign
- Annual spring cleans and other litter picks are supported by many organisations including the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange which regularly clears litter from the north bank of Linlithgow Loch
- 'Come Tidy with Us' family picnic with a twist, 10 June
- Mains Burn is cleaned annually by Linlithgow Angling Club
- High Street commercial premises rarely remain vacant for long
- Graffiti is not generally a problem in the town but is usually quickly dealt with by West Lothian Council; bus shelters deemed to suffer less from vandalism than the rest of the county
- The Community Payback scheme is utilised for smartening up the public realm, including painting street furniture and dealing with weeds.



Start of main spring litter pick, March 2018, organised by Burgh Beautiful and Transition Linlithgow. 41 volunteers collected 90 bags of waste, 55 for recycling, from south-west Linlithgow. Five more bags were collected from Bonnytoun Farm Road by Linlithgow Loch.



Litter pick at 100-yard path known as The Lie, March 2018 – 21 bags collected and lamppost sign publicising the results of the event; tangible result was a new litter/dog poo bin installed by West Lothian Council.



Clear-up at Boghall pathway, April 2018.



4th West Lothian Beaver Scouts litter pick, May 2018.

B5. Pride of Place

- Coordinated programme of townscape improvements including new planters, Caithness stone paving, litter bins, bollards, seats, finger posts and street nameplates
- Heritage lighting gradually replacing standard lampposts in several parts of the town centre, most recently near the Canal Basin; others being painted black to reflect Conservation Area status
- New hard landscaping and street furniture at Low Port; new benches provided at the Cross by the Rotary Club of Linlithgow & Bo'ness
- Old wooden barrels subject to replacement programme, some with new barrels and some with steel planters
- New steel planters at most town entrances
- New permanent planting at steps behind former County Buildings
- New cat sculpture (by David Annand) installed by Burgh Beautiful for 2018 at Canal Basin, together with removal of unsightly telegraph pole by BT Openreach, new paving and rationalisation of 'street furniture'
- Other notable examples of public art include the 'Katie Wearie' statue/sundial (Tim Chalk) at West Port, the Mary Queen of Scots statue at Linlithgow Palace and significant murals in the Low Port Centre and the railway station
- Also at the station are 200 colourful ceramic tiles with floral designs, produced by local primary schoolchildren, and three beautiful banners designed and sewn by the Linlithgow & District Embroiderers' Guild
- Numerous sculptural objects included in the areas of community planting, particularly at Water Yett.



Planters and Caithness stone paving, High Street, April 2018.



Katie Wearie's statue/sundial by Tim Chalk, West Port, August 2017.



The recently-restored Cross Well, one of four well structures in the town which have undergone refurbishment.



Notice board at The Vennel, newly-refurbished by the Town Management Group, May 2018.



The Canal Basin, before and after removal of the ugly telegraph pole in preparation for the installation of 'Dudley', the cat sculpture (August 2017 and March 2018).



Sculptor David Annand with the clay Pattern for the 'Dudley' cat sculpture, April 2018.



Statue of Mary, Queen of Scots, unveiled in 2015, with Linlithgow Palace, her birthplace, in the background. The sculptor was also David Annand.



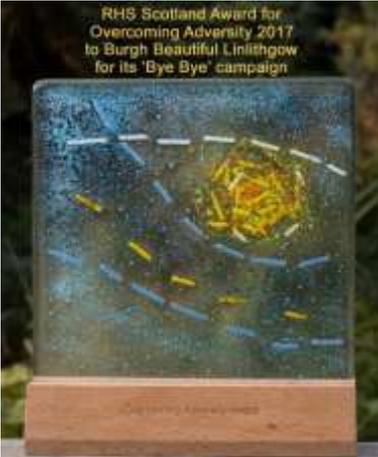
Three willow teddy bears awaiting their picnic down by the Water Yett, April 2018.

SECTION C – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C1. Development and Continuity



'Gold' and 'Best Medium Town' awards from Beautiful Scotland in 2017, together with previous involvement in Britain in Bloom, have given Burgh Beautiful a lot of good publicity in the community of Linlithgow.



Burgh Beautiful was very appreciative of the 'Overcoming Adversity' award received from Beautiful Scotland in 2017, in recognition of its achievement in taking over and improving floral displays and grass areas formerly maintained by West Lothian Council.



Martyn Day, our local MP, presenting us with a framed copy of his Early day motion to Parliament, congratulating Linlithgow on its success in the Beautiful Scotland awards.



Scraping between slabs, August 2017. Keeping the streets and paved areas tidy may be more of a challenge in the future.

- As well as continuing to maintain existing projects, Burgh Beautiful has expanded its activities to the extent that the town is fairly comprehensively provided with floral displays and other initiatives
- Works closely with all the main groups with an interest in the environment and economic well-being of the community
- Severe West Lothian Council cut-backs in 2016 presented challenges but were overcome through our award-winning 'Bye-Bye' campaign which attracted sufficient funding and volunteers to take over nearly all the Council's floral displays
- All our normal running costs are now funded by the local community (including businesses, local organisations, families and individuals)
- Income from sponsorships and other forms of fund-raising is buoyant and thus our activities are likely to be fully funded for the foreseeable future See C5
- We have around 100 volunteers regularly involved, more than doubled over the past three years
- Volunteers either work on their own displays or participate in communal activity such as on regular 'hit squad' days to tackle bigger tasks
- Our Clarendon base provides an excellent resource for the development of the group's activities (Appendix 3)
- New 'working group' structure has led to several new initiatives and much work behind the scenes
- Charitable status since March 2017 as part of Linlithgow Burgh Trust allows Gift Aid money to be claimed and widens access to grant aid
- Expenditure for normal activities (excluding special projects) is guided by an annual budget of around £22,000.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Promote new projects including the possibility of a new rockery, a new seating area and the upgrading part of Learmonth Gardens
- Maintain/increase volunteers numbers; continue with our events programme and collaboration with other groups of all ages
- Sustain the number of baskets, beds, barrels and tubs but where necessary/desirable, diversify plantings to reduce maintenance/costs
- Continue to consider new and innovative floral displays
- Develop a programme of workshops for volunteers and the wider public at our Clarendon base
- Build on our established links with local schools, including working with Linlithgow Academy pupils on a comprehensive Eco School plan
- Continue to develop areas of neglected urban land for wild life
- Maintain pressure to upgrade the Station Road area and improve/develop vacant premises and sites in the town
- Promote imaginative fund-/awareness-raising initiatives within the community, particularly a new Open Day initiative in September 2018
- Introduce a scheme of tree sponsorship as part of an initiative to replace trees cut down by West Lothian Council
- Using money received from Linlithgow Primary School, plant fruit trees along east boundary wall, Learmonth Gardens (espaliers or fans).
- Respond positively to any invitation to participate in the proposed Community Improvement District initiative.

C2. Communication and Education

Burgh Beautiful promotes its activities through a full range of media (see also page 22 for a list of printed articles and Appendix 5):

- News features and small notices in the Linlithgow Gazette, the town's own weekly commercial newspaper (around 30 in 2017-18)
- Articles in the six-weekly Black Bitch community magazine which is distributed free to all households in the town
- Occasional articles in Edinburgh Life, a high-quality magazine covering the Lothians
- Our pages on the Linlithgow Burgh Trust website – <http://lbt.scot/burgh-beautiful>
- Burgh Beautiful on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Burgh-Beautiful-Linlithgow-1414107768847882/>
- Publications, especially our free 'Linlithgow Floral Trails' and 'Trees at the Vennel' booklets which encourage exploration and are distributed to 16 public buildings and places of tourist interest
- Programme for Burgh Beautiful's 'Inviting Gardens' event
- Pull-up banners on show at events and in public buildings
- Occasional talks to community organisations, judging at the allotments and sharing our experiences with other Beautiful Scotland groups in relation to our successful 'Bye-Bye' campaign.

Engagement with schools and young people:

- Burgh Beautiful has strong links with all the local mainstream schools – a nominated Burgh Beautiful volunteer works with each primary school and the secondary school, Linlithgow Academy
- The local primary schools received Green Flags as early as 2004 and, more recently, all are actively creating wildlife friendly gardens
- Linlithgow Academy is participating in our fund-raising greetings card initiative which has been sponsored by local firm Alan Steel Asset Management to the tune of £500
- Children's Gardening Competition 2018 run by Burgh Beautiful (for individuals, groups and schools).
- Greater engagement this year due to 2018 being the Year of Young People in Scotland.



Burgh Beautiful pull-up banner on display in the public library, September 2017.



Burgh Beautiful stall at the 'Come Tidy with Us' family event, June 2018.



Presentations and interactive sessions have been held by Burgh Beautiful members in all the town's primary schools.



A winning anti-litter poster from Zara, Springfield Primary School.



Generous donation being presented to Burgh Beautiful by the pupils of Linlithgow Primary School.



Examples of Burgh Beautiful's success in working with schools include a £304 donation from Linlithgow Primary School and the unprompted inclusion of Burgh Beautiful references in this tapestry banner by pupils of Springfield Primary School. The references are the flowers, the train with flowers and the 'Gold' award!



A selection of letters from pupils of St Joseph's Primary School congratulating Burgh Beautiful on all it does for the town.



The news board of the Eco Group at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School, February 2018.



Pupils of Low Port Primary School after sowing seeds and planting plug plants at the Learmonth Gardens wildflower meadow, June 2018.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND AT LINLITHGOW BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Interested senior pupil at Linlithgow Academy 'Volunteering Road Show' event, June 2018.



Pupils at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School weeding vegetable plots for planting vegetables.



Pupils of Low Port Primary School identifying wild flowers, June 2018.



Harvesting the vegetables successfully grown at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School.



Making apple crumble from the apple trees in the school's wildlife garden.



Herb and flower garden at Linlithgow Primary School, June 2018.

Press Articles and Features, 2017-18



Date	Publication	Title of Article
June 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Fundraising events (various items)
June 2017	Black Bitch magazine	Thanks for helping us to make the Burgh Beautiful
23 June 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Campaign to save the Scottish peatlands
30 June 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Youngsters raise awareness of litter
July 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Butterfly and Bee – Garden for all to Enjoy (community garden)
July 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Help Protect our Peatlands
21 July 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Tapestry highlights town's history
28 July 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Town gears up for judges' inspection
4 August 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Bloom bid blossoms
15 Sept 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Blooming brilliant Burgh Beautiful
Oct 2017	Black Bitch Magazine	'Overcoming Adversity' to win Gold – National Recognition for Linlithgow Burgh Beautiful report
Oct 2017	LBT Newsletter	Burgh Beautiful report
20 Oct 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Finishing the season with a flourish
3 Nov 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Litter pickers clean up
17 Nov 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Banners will proudly tell tale of town
22 Dec 2017	Linlithgow Gazette	Canal art project will soon be underway
12 Jan 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Recycling Centre concerns (letter to editor)
19 Jan 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Confirm or deny it
19 Jan 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Group needs help to bloom in spring
2 Feb 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Big leaf sweep wants your help
9 Feb 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Proud day for Linlithgow (Britain in Bloom finals)
9 Feb 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Allotment Day (seed potatoes)
Feb 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Closure??? You cannot be serious!
Feb 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Tipping point
Feb 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Folk fae Linlithgow – Averil Stewart
Feb 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Lest we forget (World War I project)
23 Feb 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Allotments – An event that no Linlithgow gardener will want to miss
23 March 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Tribute to Tommy Peake
March 2018	LBT Newsletter	Burgh Beautiful Looks Ahead
23 March 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Artwork will honour canalside cat Dudley
March 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Burgh Beautiful Looks Ahead plus cat sculpture and competition
30 March 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	New rules at recycling centre
6 April 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Community cleans up
6 April 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Planting event planned
13 April 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Photo: Wild flower plugs planting
11 May 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Gardening contest is still open
25 May 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Bookshop and environmental group team up for family event
25 May 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Beavers Scouts litter pick
May 2018	Black Bitch magazine	What's on – plant sale/Inviting Gardens
May-June 2018	Edinburgh Life	Burgh Very Beautiful
June 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Working together for Britain in Bloom
June 2018	Black Bitch magazine	Linlithgow Poppies (World War I project)
8 June 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Thanks to plant sale customers
8 June 2018	Linlithgow Gazette	Wildflower planting at Learmonth Gardens photo



Blooming brilliant Burgh Beautiful

Three months of hard work by the Burgh Beautiful team has resulted in a stunning display of flowers in the town's public spaces.



Conservation Advisory Group
National Recognition for Linlithgow

Winning the award is a testament to the hard work of the Conservation Advisory Group and the community.

Bloom bid blossoms

The Burgh Beautiful team has achieved a significant milestone in their bid to create a more beautiful town.

Finishing the season with a flourish

Litter pickers clean up

A group of dedicated volunteers has spent the day cleaning up the town's public spaces.

Confirm or deny it

Groups demand clarity on what's next amid the council's war of wags with those who care.

Community cleans up

The whole town joins in to make a difference.

Folk Fae Lithgae
by Gill Stewart

EdinburghLife

12 September 2018

Linlithgow
Historic at Heart

Lauriston Castle
a fascinating tale

Canaletto
at Queen's Gallery

Private gardens
open to the public

Edinburgh's
Wax museums

Floral art
at the Dalmeida

Edinburgh Accies
return to international play

the BLACK bitch

Magazine from Edinburgh

CLOSURE???

...YOU CAN NOT BE SERIOUS!

BURGH BEAUTIFUL LOOKS AHEAD

What's next for the town's public spaces?

Burgh Beautiful and Linlithgow community were well featured in a four-page article in the May/June edition of Edinburgh Life magazine.

Canal art project will soon be underway

The removal of offending items paves the way for exciting initiative to beautify canal.

Artwork will honour canalside cat Dudley

Local artist's tribute to the feline will be unveiled in the town's public spaces.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Joining in on the day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1.

2018 - One Hundred Years from the end of World War 1

LEST WE FORGET

2018 is a year of reflection and remembrance as we mark the centenary of the end of World War 1.

LINLITHGOW POPPIES

A community project to plant and maintain a large field of poppies.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WORKING WITH BURGH BEAUTIFUL, 2017-18

Community gardeners including Eileen Murray, Audrey Simpson, Kirsten Lamb, Dianne Lamont, and Lyndsey Boiling

Beaver Scouts – 4th West Lothian (litter-picking and bulb planting)

Binny Plants (plant provision for two flower beds (one new in 2018))

Brownies – 3rd Linlithgow (garden at Longcroft Hall)

Councillors' disbursements (for grass cutting, Floral Trails booklet)

Embroiderers' Guild, Linlithgow & District (new banners at Station)

First Step (vegetables at Longcroft)

Guides – 1st Linlithgow (planting of tubs at The Vennel)

Guides – 3rd Linlithgow (planting of flower beds at Learmonth Gardens)

Knitters (various) – knitted bees etc (2017) and knitted poppies (2018)

Linlithgow & Community Council (floral display at High Port)

Linlithgow & Town Management Group (financial support, recently for second set of hanging baskets and 50% towards new planters)

Linlithgow Business Association (maintenance of planters)

Linlithgow Town Centre Business Improvement District (contribution towards watering)

Linlithgow Union Canal Society (floral displays at the Canal Basin)

Morgan Sindall and ScotRail (new floral barrels at Railway Station)

New Hopetoun Gardens (planting/maintenance of wildlife-friendly area, St John's Avenue)

Platform Three (planting at stairway behind Court Square)

River Avon Federation of Angling Clubs (help with Serpentine bed and maintenance of river banks)

Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange (displays at Springfield, St Michael's Well, West Port, litter picking, etc.)

Rotary Club of Linlithgow & Bo'ness (provision of new benches/seats)

ScotRail Foundation (contribution towards new banners at Station)

Scouts – 4th West Lothian (help at Burgh Beautiful's Clarendon base)

St Peter's Episcopal Church (planters at front of church)

Tesco, Linlithgow Branch (grants, help with fund raising; gardening)

Transition Linlithgow (edible planting, orchards and other environmental activities)

All business owners who adorn their premises with flowers

C3. Community Participation

- At least 16 local voluntary organisations and numerous businesses are directly involved with activities which augment those of Burgh Beautiful (for financial sponsors see C5)
- First Step is cultivating a vegetable patch at Longcroft Hall (St Ninians Craigmalen Church which is one of only three in Scotland to have received a Gold Eco Congregation award)
- Rotary Clubs of Linlithgow Grange and Linlithgow & Bo'ness either sponsor beds or maintain their own displays
- Two groups of Guides look after floral displays in different parts of the town
- Burgh Beautiful took part in the first Festival of Christmas Trees at St Michael's Parish Church, December 2017
- 118 Brownies have so far passed their Gardeners Badge through working in the their garden, and the girls have donated all the plants
- The Community Payback scheme is utilised to help tidy up and improve the local environment.



The Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange planting out annuals in Rotary colours around the edges of their mixed bed at West Port, June 2017.



Burgh Beautiful volunteers with their decorated Christmas tree at the Festival of Christmas trees in St Michael's Parish Church, December 2017.



The summer floral enhancement of the historic St Michael's Well is provided by the Rotary Club of Linlithgow Grange. Photo taken, August 2017.



Beaver Scouts after carrying out their litter pick, May 2018.



The 'Save our Precious Peatlands' bed, created and maintained by Transition Linlithgow, and sponsored by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, from June 2017 until April 2018.



Brownies, their leader and Beautiful Scotland judge at the 'Brownie Garden', Longcroft Hall, August 2017.



Planting out onions at First Step, March 2018.



Lyndsey Boiling sharpening up the edges of her community garden at High Street/St Ninian's Road, 'inherited' from a former resident, April 2018.



Guides planting over 1,000 begonias at Learmonth Gardens, June 2018.



Planting out wallflowers grown from seed at our Clarendon base, October 2017.



Assembling of holly balls at Clarendon, November 2017.



Victorian trio of Burgh Beautiful members taking a break from selling raffle tickets, mistletoe, hand-made wooden birds, etc at the Advent Fayre, November 2017.



Filling hanging baskets with compost, April 2018.



Volunteer 'hit squad' planting the Serpentine Bed, early June 2018.

C4. Year-round Involvement

- We plant and maintain most displays throughout the year, including hanging baskets, planters and beds
- The Burgh Beautiful Committee meets regularly, normally on the last Thursday of every month
- The nine Working Groups reporting to the Committee meet as and when required

Other activities and events over the past year included the following:

26 August 2017 – Bag-packing at Tesco supermarket.

7 September 2017 – Attendance at Beautiful Scotland Awards, Dunfermline.

9 September 2017 – Doors Open Day at Clarendon base.

30 September 2017 – Preparation of winter/spring hanging baskets at Clarendon base.

6 October 2018 – Family-friendly clearing of wildflower meadow at cycle ramp.

6 October 2018 – Celebratory event/supper at Low Port Centre.

9 October 2018 – Planting of wild flowers at Learmonth Gardens by pupils of Low Port Primary School (Buglife in association with Burgh Beautiful)

12 October 2018 – Delivery of winter/spring plants to Clarendon.

14 October 2013 - Planting of hanging baskets for winter/spring display.

22 October 2017 – Hit squad – planting of wallflowers at Learmonth Gardens.

25 October 2017 – Attendance at Beautiful Scotland event/seminar at Stirling.

9 November 2017 – Hit squad – flower beds at Mill Road crossroads, Linlithgow Bridge.

18 and 19 November 2017 – Making of festive holly balls/wreaths for fund raising.

25 November 2017 – Advent Fayre fund raising stall including raffle.

2 December 2017 – Hit squad – Emptying of remainder of summer hanging baskets.

7 December 2017 – Provost's civic reception in Burgh Halls.

8 and 9 December 2017 – Festival of Christmas Trees, St Michael's Parish Church.

February 2018 – Installation of hanging basket sponsorship plaques.

2 February 2018 - Can collection at Sainsbury's.

3 February 2018 – Hit squad – leaf sweeping at several locations.

24 February 2018 – Seed sales at Transition Linlithgow Seed Potato Day.

24 March 2018 – Litter pick in association with Transition Linlithgow.

20 April 2018 – Family-friendly plug planting and seed scattering at wildflower meadow at cycle ramp.

21 April 2018 – Hanging basket cleaning and filling with compost.

16 May 2018 – Beaver Scouts litter pick at Leisure Centre.

Around 1 May – Erection of 'recycled' greenhouse at Clarendon

3 May 2018 – Arrival of first delivery of summer plants (for hanging baskets and plant sale).

5 May 2018 – Planting of 120 hanging baskets at Clarendon base.

26 May 2018 – Group photograph on steps of Burgh Halls.

31 May 2013 – Arrival and distribution of second delivery of summer plants.

1 June 2018 – Removal of winter/spring hanging baskets and replacement with summer hanging baskets.

1 June 2018 – Evening planting by Guides of front three flower beds at Learmonth Gardens.

2 June 2018 – Plant sale at The Cross.

3 June 2018 – 'Hit Squad' planting of Serpentine Bed.

4 June 2018 – Low Port Primary School – follow-up visit to wildflower plantings in Learmonth Gardens.

7 June 2018 – Arrival and distribution of third delivery of summer plants.

Early June 2018 – Summer planting by Burgh Beautiful volunteers.

10 June 2018 – 'Come Tidy with Us' - Joint family event with local bookshop.

11 June 2018 – Participation in Volunteer Roadshow at Linlithgow Academy.

11 June 2018 – Representation at Volunteer Celebration Event in town marquee.

12 June 2014 – Beautiful Scotland visit to Linlithgow to determine route for 'mock judging' at Judges' Training Day on 5 July.

13 June 2018 – Perambulation of the Marches – heritage event.

30 June and 1 July 2018 – Inviting Gardens of Linlithgow event.

5 July 2018 – Beautiful Scotland Judges' Training Day at Cross House.

July 2018 – 'Hit Squad' weed clearances

9 August 2018 – Britain in Bloom judging.



Sponsorship plaques prior to fixing under hanging baskets.



Receipt of donation from the Linlithgow Town Centre BID, September 2017.



Burgh Beautiful Plant Sale, early June 2018.



Bag-packing at Tesco, August 2017.

BURGH BEAUTIFUL SPONSORSHIP, 2017-18

Thanks to all of the following:

Rotary Club of Linlithgow & Bo'ness
 Robert Bennie & Sons
 Robert Callander, Optician
 Fraternity of Dyers
 Linlithgow Floral Art Club
 Linlithgow Round Table
 Pride & Passion Linlithgow
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 Jeanette Black
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 Barbara & Graham Blackburn
 The Boyle Family
 Susan & Clifford Bundock
 Jan & John Burles
 Chris & Liz Collen
 Nancy & Tom Conn
 Brenda Cook
 Clark & Muriel Cross
 Eileen & Paul Curry

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C5. Funding and Support

- Sponsorships from over 90 individuals, businesses and organisations (2017-18 total - £12,450 plus Gift Aid proceeds of about £1,450)
 - £2,500 received from Linlithgow Town Centre BID to cover the cost of watering hanging baskets
 - ScotRail funds our planting at the Railway Station
 - Cat sculpture/environmental improvement project was funded from a past legacy, West Lothian Council (arts grant), Linlithgow & Town Management Group, Linlithgow Town Centre BID, Rotary Club of Linlithgow & Bo'ness and the proceeds of a 'crowdfunding' campaign.
 - Removal of telegraph pole as part of above project can be regarded as a contribution in kind from BT Openreach worth approximately £10,000.
 - Donations and legacies are encouraged, now Gift Aid eligible due to charitable status
 - Sizable donations received from Linlithgow Primary School and residents of Templars Court; councillors' disbursements totalling £750
 - New legacy/retiring collection of over £1,000 received in August 2017
- Regular fundraising events raised net proceeds during 2017-18 as follows:
- Advent Fayre (raffle, etc) - £744
 - Holly balls, wreaths, etc - £501
 - Sale of seeds - £73
 - Plant Sale - £946
 - Open garden event - £700 (estimate)
 - Bag packing (Tesco) - £572
 - Can collection (Sainsbury's) - £513.
 - Inviting Gardens - £1,421.26



Joining the Victorian spirit of the Advent Fayre at the Burgh Beautiful stall, November 2017.



Garden Open Day at Jock's Hill, June 2017.

BURGH BEAUTIFUL SPONSORSHIP, 2017-18

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Members of the Deacons Court
Gordon & Ruth Dixon
Peter & June Drylie
George & Hazel Duguid
Fire Protection Group
First Adventures Nursery
Karen Fleming & friends
Doris Flint
Folksters – Linlithgow Sports Club
Garden Cottage Self Catering
Sheila Gardner & family
The Golden Chip
Chris & Margaret Gunstone
Morag & Mike Harris
Highfield Neighbourhood Watch
JMK Business Supplies Ltd
Kinloch View Social Club
Kumon Linlithgow Study Centre
Alison Lamont & Family
Dianne Lamont
Jean Lennox
Linlithgow Folk Festival Association
Linlithgow Heritage Trust
Linlithgow Ladies Choir
Linlithgow Rugby Club Male Voice Choir
Jim & Nuala Lonie
Heather & Ian Lynch
Mvairi & Douglas Lynch & Family
Allan & Laura McCartney
Edith McDonagh
Bill & Mairi McFarlane
Duncan & Sheena MacFarlane
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Port/Linlithgow Bridge respectively,
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Appendices (Supplement and Separate Publications)

The following are submitted as back-up information for this portfolio:

APPENDIX 1

Burgh Beautiful Summer Annuals Table 2018 (Sections A1, A2)

Indicates quantities of all annuals planted for summer 2018 and where, and by whom, they have been planted.

APPENDIX 2

Factsheets on Floral Displays/Landscape Features

- Protect our Precious Peatlands Bed (Sections A1, A2, B2, C2, C3)
- Learmonth Gardens (Sections A1, A2, A5, B1, B3, B5, C2)
- The Physic Garden by the Health Centre (Sections A1, A2, C2)
- Wildflower Meadow at the Cycle Ramp (Section B1)
- Highfield Avenue Corner (Section B1).

APPENDIX 3

Burgh Beautiful Workbase at Clarendon (Sections A2 and B2)

Establishment, recycling, organic practice, recent developments, community involvement and future plans.

APPENDIX 4

Business/Financial Plans

- Cat sculpture project at the Canal Basin (Sections B3, B5, C5)
- Greetings card project involving Linlithgow Academy (Sections C2, C5).

APPENDIX 5

Local Heritage (Section B3) and Communication (Section C2)

The following booklets are included:

Linlithgow Floral Trails 2018 published in May 2018

Trees at the Vennel booklet, June 2018

Linlithgow Visitor Guide 2018-19 - the heritage trail and the section relating to the Perambulation of the Marches were prepared by members of Linlithgow Civic Trust/Burgh Beautiful and the whole was produced in conjunction with the Pride & Passion Linlithgow, the Linlithgow Central Area Business Improvement District, the Community Council and other local organisations.

Perambulation of the Marches

Linlithgow – Architecture and History of a Scottish Royal Burgh – a more comprehensive guide to Linlithgow's heritage produced by members of Linlithgow Civic Trust/Burgh Beautiful.