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INTRODUCTION

Dalston is a large, working rural village on the southern fringes of the city of Carlisle, situated on the banks of the river Caldew. The parish of Dalston comprises some 2000 people, the vast majority of whom live in the village itself. In the past year the parishioners have completed their Neighbourhood Plan and we now have a clear view of the direction in which we hope to see the village and its environs go over the next years.



The Square is the historic heart of the village and is surrounded by the old Manor House, the church, one of our venerable pubs and a number of dwellings of varying ages: this eclectic mix adds to the appeal of the area and we are pleased that it remains the central hub of activity with different shops to provide for our needs, two attractive cafès and a chip shop.

Dalston has a rich industrial heritage. Cumberland, as it then was, was in the vanguard of the industrial revolution and the banks of the Caldew contain the remnants of many mills built to utilise the force of the water to power looms etc. Only one factory within the heart of the village is still home to industry, albeit light industries renting units. But we have a large factory, part of the Nestlé group and this continues to provide employment for many. On the fringes we have a small thriving industrial estate, with many businesses which are important to the In Bloom work of the community.



Farming remains another important part of the economy with a farm still active within the centre of the village. The annual Dalston show remains a very important part of the agricultural community's year attracting visitors from throughout the county. It is a fitting culmination to what has become the annual event of Festival Week when Dalstonians have a chance to demonstrate the pride that we have in our village showing our visitors just how active the village is with the Art group putting on an exhibition, the flower club decorating our church so beautifully and many residents opening their garden or decorating wheelbarrows and gates or doorsteps for people to visit.



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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

October 2017 Our year began with the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards in Llandudno when Dalston was awarded a Gold and Elizabeth Auld a Community Award. Back in Dalston, these awards (including the long list of Cumbria in Bloom certificates, including Gold for the Best Large Village, were celebrated with an American Supper attended by Rae Beckwith from the RHS.



In December there were many community activities, including the annual Church Fayre, the Christmas Market and Christmas Trees in the Church accompanied by the Border Band.



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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR (cont)

March 2018 The opening of the new Summerfields play area funded by a Section 106 grant from the new Grange Estate



Also in **March 2018** a major consultation was held about the proposed Carlisle southern relief road and Garden Village for 10,000 houses, which would impact on Dalston



April 2018 saw, a little later than usual, our annual Dalston in Bloom seminar held in St Michael's Church

As winter moved into spring Dalston burst into flower starting with the snowdrops followed by daffodils, for which Dalston is rightly famous. Our winter tubs came into their own in the mild weather at the same time as the blossom bloomed. It was soon time for the Gardening Club Plant Sale in May.



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REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR (cont)



Dalston
Gardening
Club
Annual
Plant Sale
on
19th May 2018



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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A. Horticultural Achievement

Dalston residents pride themselves in their horticultural achievement, which is shown by the interest in Cumbria in Bloom competitions, a thriving Gardening Club of 27 years, Dalston Flower and Crafts and many entries in the floral and vegetable displays at the Dalston Show. Gardening around the village is of a very high standard, illustrated by the many private gardens and the of excellent small estate gardens on view in the Grange Estate.



A1. Horticultural Achievement—Impact

Dalston is a working village with a huge volume of traffic passing through due to the lack of a southern bypass for Carlisle. A proportion of this traffic is agricultural during the summer months, which results in grass and straw blowing in the wind. Nevertheless, the impact is of a cared for village with a high level of tidiness. Volunteers work tirelessly alongside contractors paid for by the Parish Council.

Volunteers work in many area around the village. There is no better example than the work carried out at the Dalston Medical Centre.



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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A2. Horticultural Achievement—Horticultural Practice

Perhaps the two outstanding examples of a high standard of horticultural practice are on view in the Forge Green fruit and vegetable gardens and the Grange Estate gardens. However, the fact that the Gardening Club has a waiting list illustrates how keen Dalston residents are to improve their techniques.

Members of the Gardening Club continue to be involved in the development, care and maintenance of the Jubilee Garden in the centre of the village.



A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community

There are a number of areas in Dalston where residents work together to achieve a very high standard.

The Forge, built in the 1970s on the site of a 1756 smelter, the area provides space between quality houses in the Bridge End part of Dalston.



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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community (cont.)

The Kingsway is an important recreational and amenity asset for Dalston village. Owing to overspill from The Square, the Parish Council had to build a new car park at the top of the old road through Dalston, which leads to the White Bridge. While the grass is cut by our contractor, Wigton Town Council, the garden area was laid out by Westwood Nurseries and is kept tidy and weeded by volunteers, helped by a contractor when heavy jobs need to be done.

The Kingsway leads to the White Bridge, an iconic Dalston feature. The previous bridge used to be one of the main routes across the Caldew for all traffic. The present bridge built in 1999 is now a bridleway and much used by walkers.

Dalston Station is another area in Dalston which is maintained by volunteers. The station gardeners and Friends of Dalston Station work tirelessly to improve the flower beds and keep them free of weeds.

The panel murals were designed and created by Caldew School pupils.



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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community (cont.)

DALSTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB REFURBISHING

THE DALSTON JUBILEE GARDEN

This is the third year of the Dalston Garden Club refurbishment of the Jubilee Garden. The planting is now starting to feel established, and the garden beginning to show its potential.

Dalston Gardening Club took on this project in the spring of 2016 as one of our ways of marking the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Club which



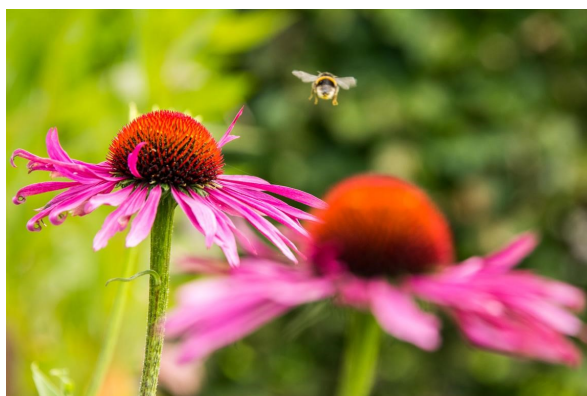
we hoped would improve the village environment and increase our members' gardening skills. Our plans were to open up the centre of the garden for the community by removing the two tired rose beds, establish new beds around the perimeter to provide year round interest with minimum maintenance, reposition the litter bin and the stone troughs, improve entrance signage, and to pave the three muddy entrances.



We have achieved these aims with funding from various sources and generous donations of time and materials from local companies. In addition we have made the garden self-sufficient in water and compost with the addition of a rainwater catching system and a compost bin. The woodchip mulch on the beds is local from within the Parish. All the plants have been supplied by local nurseries or grown by our members.

Although the spring bed is stunning with the rhododendrons, azaleas, foxgloves and poppies, the bee and butterfly bed creates interest for a longer season. The greatest wow factor are the two beds of wild flowers which are much admired by young and old alike. This year one of the wild flower beds has been sown with a Flanders Poppy rich mix in acknowledgment of the ending of the First World War.

Our future planning includes another seat facing outwards across The Green, information boards, and perhaps a shady woodland bed.



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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community (cont.)

GREENING THE MEDICAL CENTRE

In March 2017 a group of people from the new Grange estate decided to show their appreciation of the village in which they had come to live by tackling the much neglected environs of the Medical Centre. We financed this partly by opening a number of gardens in the estate during one of the warmest and sunniest weekends of the summer: a lovely chance for the village to meet the newcomers. In addition to this we received donations in kind from the parish council, a local plantsman, B&Q, and Homebase



Since the beginning of 2018 the Grange Group have embarked upon the ambitious scheme of taming a very much neglected rockery which people have to walk past in order to reach the Medical Centre's reception area. Although a few brave snowdrops and bluebells continued to show their heads the

As with the start of last year we went for some early planting for impact and were able to obtain a large tiered planter which is positioned beside the door of reception. In view of the fact that we are celebrating 70 years of the NHS and we were in NHS grounds we took the decision to plant the planter with herbs and other plants known in the past, and currently, for their medicinal value.



Rosemary, lavender and Calendula all have medicinal properties and can be found in the planter.

In the main garden we have made a virtue of necessity and chosen to leave some areas with ground elder (famed for its use against gout), nettles (relief of rheumatics), and the occasional dandelion (an enuretic) to integrate the border and the planter. The vinca minor is there too and will gradually spread from the remaining wild area into the larger planted area.

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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A4. Horticultural Achievement—Business Areas and Premises (cont.)

Barras Lane Industrial Estate has a unique entrance display provided by David Allen Accountants, depicting the rural character of the area and doubling up as the entrance sign for Dalston. The other 3 entrance planters have been made by Ian Rousell, a resident, with materials supplied by Rosebank Sawmills in the Parish.



A5. Horticultural Achievement—Green Spaces

Green spaces are much cherished in Dalston, with views to the river, fells and tree areas appreciated on a daily basis. There is a network of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish and a 'Map Pack' was produced in 2000 and has since been available for purchase.

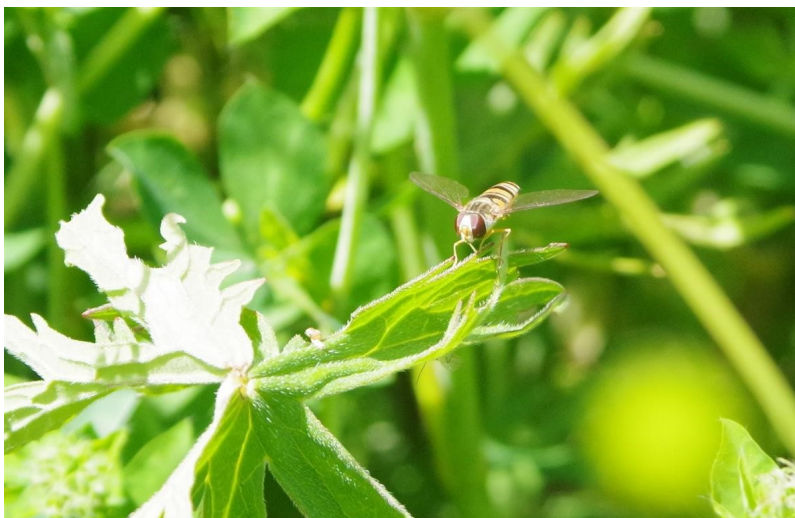
The Green was gifted to the Parish Council by Mrs Stead with the proviso that it was not to be built on and it was subsequently placed on the Commons Register as a Village Green. It is let to Church Farm in the Square for grazing and is open to the public for recreational purposes. In 1890 Carlisle Golf Club had a 9 hole course on the Green - features such as bunkers can still be seen from the air. During the foot and mouth epidemic of 2001 the handful of cows and calves were looked for every day as a symbol of hope, so there was much grief in the village when they succumbed. Community activities such as bonfires, beacons and the Festival cricket match take place on the Green and a commemorative oak tree was planted for the Diamond Jubilee.

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HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A5. Horticultural Achievement—Green Spaces (cont.)

Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife For a number of years the Dalston community has been developing open spaces with an emphasis on wildlife through biodiversity. Around the village are a number of areas which are reserved for wildlife, among them Blackdish (open to community groups at least once a year), Kelsey's Wildflower Meadow, Nook Lane Foot Wildflower Meadow and common land, The Green, Forge Green Wood and Ike's Wood as well as wildflowers in the Jubilee Garden, around the verges and in other areas too.



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Forge Green Woods

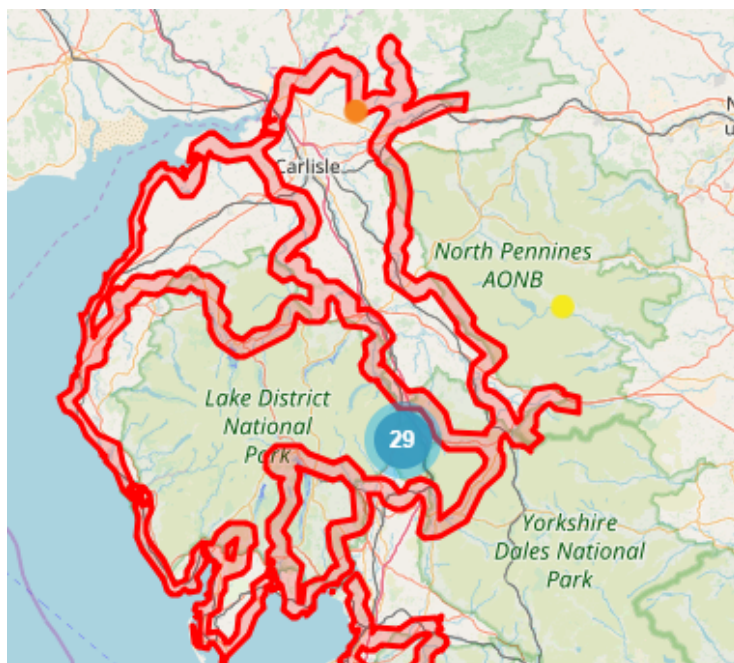
HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

A5. Horticultural Achievement—Green Spaces (cont.)

BEE LINES (B-lines) THROUGH DALSTON

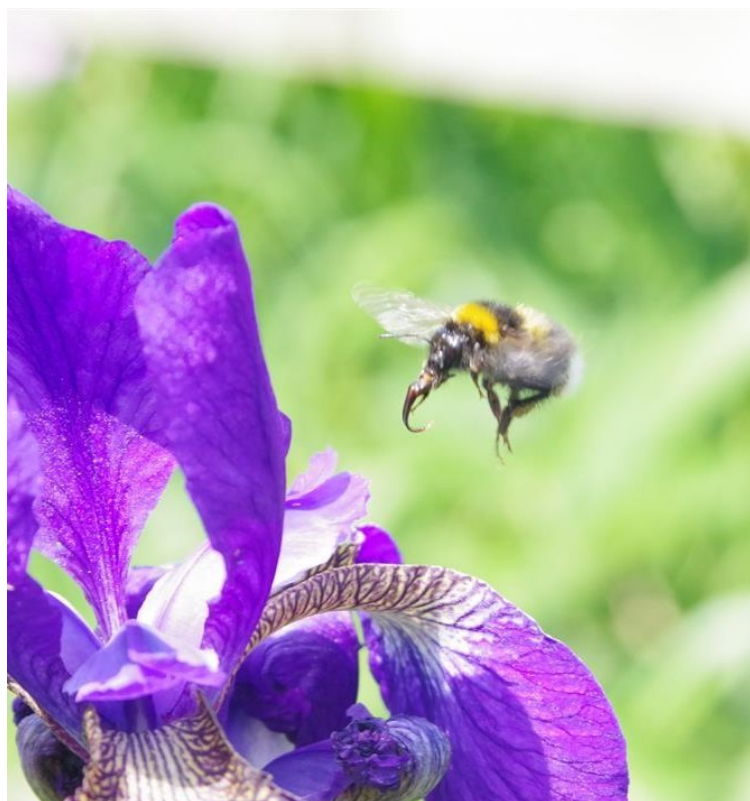
According to the b-lines hub promoted by buglife.org.uk, a key bee line for the north west of England passes through Dalston.

The north west of England has seen significant losses of wildflower-rich habitat, particularly in the more lowland areas around the fringes of the Lake District National Park and Pennines, which mirror the 97% decline estimated for England since the 1930s. Much of the wildflower-rich pollinator habitat in the north west is now fragmented and local conservation strategies highlight the need to improve connectivity of the remaining areas of habitat. By promoting green space, wild flower meadows and caring for God's Acre, Dalston is very much at the vanguard of this national campaign.



Community Groups in Dalston are actively working to support the national work on preserving bee lines as the pathways for pollinators to move across the country through:

- Wildflower meadows
- Habitat restoration
- Wildflower plug planting
- School activities
- Bee hotels
- B-lines



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

B. Environmental Responsibilities

Keeping Dalston tidy and free of litter and dog dirt is a high priority. We have volunteers who spend time nearly every day picking-up litter. Dalston is attractive to dog walkers, so ensuring that they pick-up the mess left by their dogs is a high priority. Dalston has plenty of bins around all the open spaces, and these are well used by residents and visitors alike.



Recycling. Dalston has a very busy recycling centre in the Glave Hill car park. With litter picking being undertaken on a daily basis by Stephanie Diver, 1,009 bags of litter were collected in 2016 by her and 694 so far this year. Since 1997 Stephanie has collected 18,297 bags and walks over 1,000 miles a year on this task.

Dalston Public Toilets. The public toilets are maintained by Carlisle City Council and are an important asset for walkers and cyclists visiting Dalston. Recently the opening and closing of the toilets has been taken on by local businesses.



Grass Cutting The Dalston grass cutting contract is large and complex. The contract is re-tendered every three years. The current contractor is Wigton Town Council who cut grass throughout Dalston Parish. New areas are often added to the contract. Currently the Parish Council is negotiating with Carlisle City Council to take over some of the areas that they maintain.

B1. Environmental Responsibilities—Conservation and Biodiversity

The River Caldew is a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The river flows through the centre of the village and, as well as being highly valued for its flora and fauna, provides an area of recreation for walkers and fishermen.

The Caldew is one of the wildest rivers in Cumbria. It meets the Eden and the Petteril in Carlisle and, unfortunately, has contributed to the devastating flooding in Carlisle three times since 2005.



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

B. Environmental Responsibilities (cont.)

Dalston Cemetery is owned by Dalston Parish Council and supported by a Cemetery Working Group. This group is responsible for proposing the programme of



management and obtaining quotations for agreement by the Parish Council, whilst implementing some of the minor tasks on a volunteer basis. The plan is continually updated.

Two members of the Cemetery Working Group attended a 'Caring for God's Acre' seminar in 2015. A great deal of the

Cemetery Maintenance Schedule relating to grassland management and treatment of flora was substantiated at the event in terms of the creation of wildlife corridors. This also applied to the care of other areas in Dalston such as the Kingsway. Wildflower plug planting has also been undertaken by volunteers in the Cemetery and in Kelsey's Meadow.

The Hearse House is an old Victorian building in Dalston Cemetery, once used by the Parish Council to store grass-cutting and burial equipment. In recent years it started to fall into disrepair, so it was renovated by Alan Dinning, Brian Hetherington and Ian Newton. It is hoped to use the building for wildlife related activities as an outreach centre for local schools. An owl box has been installed in the roof (inset) and we are waiting on a barn owl taking up residence. If that happens, a camera will be installed



with connection to St Michael's primary school. Prior to building works a bat survey was carried out.

A number of bird boxes, have been erected and maintained by Dalston Scouts, in the cemetery, Jubilee Garden and the Kingsway, and these are used from time to time. Bat and hedgehog boxes have also been installed.

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

B. Environmental Responsibilities (cont.)

Dalston cemetery is famous for its population of **Slow worms**. This is one of the few colonies in the north of England. Slow worms are legless burrowing lizards and are very shy. They spend a lot of time in dense vegetation and underground. A population has been known to occur in the churchyard for many years, but sightings have been few and far between. There are no other recorded populations within a 20 mile radius. The slow worm is a protected species. It is only found in long grass between the



church and The Square. Frequent mowing and strimming destroys the slow worm habitat and causes death or injury. For this reason, part of the area is left unmown during the summer months. The Parish Council commissioned a slow worm survey in 2013.



A new slow worm study is currently being undertaken by the University of Cumbria. The study will, using special pattern recognition software, attempt to track individuals over a period of time.



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

B2. Environmental Responsibilities—Resource Management

Carlisle City Council operates an alternating fortnightly kerbside collection of household waste and recyclable materials. The Recycling Centre bins in Glave Hill car park (owned by the Victory Hall) are emptied regularly - glass, plastics, drink cans & tins, paper and cardboard. The litter bins are also emptied three times per week. Garden waste collection goes to Carlisle City Council to be composted, then comes back to Dalston via sales at Dalston Aggregates.

Individual households have water butts to collect rainwater. One has also been installed on the Hearse House in the Cemetery and the water can be used for floral tributes on graves.



Parishioners have the right to small scale extraction of gravel from Silent Quarry (the river bank near Forge Green) subject to a license from the Environment Agency. These river stones have been used in gardens and properties over the years and a wall, recognised as part of Dalston heritage has been re-built by Story Homes adjacent to the

Townhead Road entrance to the new housing estate.

B3. Environmental Responsibilities—Local Heritage

Mill Race. Dalston in Bloom has been running a project with the Parish Council, Environment Agency and the local mill owner to clean and restore the Mill Race to its original state. This is a long term project. Work in the water can only be done at certain times of the year and with the explicit permission of the Environment Agency.

Gun Emplacement. Adjacent to the Victory Hall this was reputed to have had an excellent range of fire up and down the Green (A Parish Remembers The War Years 1939 -1945).

Other Local Heritage features are evident in The Square, The Lamp, St Michael's Church, The Green and at Forge Green. There are many Listed Buildings in Dalston village, especially in the Square.

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C1. Community Participation—Development and Continuity

One of our flagship projects this year is the community renovation of the waste area in front of Dalston Co-op. While the work was carried out by Westwood Landscapes, it was funded by community donation. The 'before' and 'after' pictures speak for themselves. This is phase 1 of a 2 phase project. It is hoped to complete the 2nd phase in 2019.



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education

There are two schools in Dalston. St Michael's C of E primary school enters the Cumbria in Bloom School Gardening Competition. This year they have made a special visit to Blackdish Wildflower meadow. Caldew School regularly works in the community. As well as helping the Pre-School children with growing plants, this year they are doing a wildlife project at Kelsey's Meadow.

After the success of his Hedgehog Boxes last year, Adam Couling has made 4 Bat Boxes for Dalston at Denton Woodcraft, which is part of Cumbria County Council.

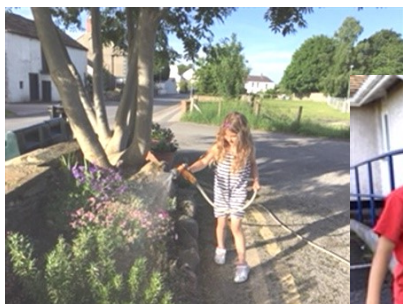
Dalston resident, Alan Clark's Propagation Workshop is being held in August.

Abacus Day Nursery on the of the adjacent woodland as

industrial estate make full use a play area.



This year the Grange Group, working at Dalston Surgery. Have been able to teach some younger residents about the principles of gardening, pollination and plant management. Ronnie, Elenor, William and Laurens' Dad have given permission for the following pictures to feature in this year's portfolio.



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education

RECYCLING AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

Last term our Year 5 class embarked on a very ambitious project, attempting to “make the World a better place”. I was thrilled and quite overwhelmed with the range of ideas that they came up with from original songs which promoted caring for wildlife to encouraging people to use refillable plastic water bottles rather than buying bottled water and from creating sculptures from waste plastic items to donating to food banks and charity shops. The notices can be see in shop windows in the village. Children wrote letters to various people including the Dalston Parish Council to request more litter bins. The whole class immersed themselves in the project and from it they gained such a good understanding of what it means to be a responsible global citizen.

One of the highlights of the project was a school wide collection of plastic products that were destined for recycling or landfill. From this haul the class created a life-sized (in excess of 6 meters!) crocodile which took pride of place in the school hall for several weeks. A dolphin was also made.

The whole project really highlighted our responsibility when it comes to the use of plastics. Not just the need for recycling but also the need to think about alternatives and cutting down the amount we are using. We live in a beautiful and unique World and it is our hope that in addressing issues like this with our children and young people we are creating thoughtful and caring citizens of the future who will make it their business to look after the planet.

Very well done Year 5. The only issue we are now left with is where on Earth to house the “Enormous Crocodile”!! If anyone fancies a new garden feature in time for the Summer do let us know.....

*Julie Paisley
Head St Michael's School*



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education (cont.)

A very important community group in Dalston are the Scouts and Guides. Each year they are actively involved in all sorts of community activities.

One of the most popular is spending an evening scouring the river Caldew to remove debris and rubbish which inevitable drifts down from higher up.



They also help to paint bus shelters and other objects in need of renovation. Their assistance is much appreciated. Grateful thanks must go to the group leaders.

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education (cont.)

Parish Paper. Dalston publishes 10 copies per annum of a much read and valued Parish Paper. The 2016 publications have carried a monthly article about our two Dalston in Bloom entries - Cumbria in Bloom in July and Britain in Bloom in the Large Village category. The magazine is regularly between 40 and 50 pages in length and is totally self-financing through classified advertising and subscriptions.



During the 19th century, when and later then, it is about things such as...
 This was the last time that the village was...
 The village was then a small hamlet...
 The village was then a small hamlet...
 The village was then a small hamlet...

Dalston Tennis Club
 The new season is now well under way...
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Going for Gold in 2017
 Funding is always a problem nowadays, and Dalston in Bloom is no exception. Our Dalston in Bloom efforts are funded in three main ways. Namely:
 Dalston Parish Council
 Commercial Sponsors
 Friends of Dalston in Bloom
 This form is an appeal to all those who love Dalston and like to see it at its very best, especially during the summer months.
FRIENDS OF BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2017
 The money which is raised from the Friends of Dalston in Bloom campaign will primarily be used to fund small items - and especially plants and planters. We have already received some donations into this fund, but need much more. Typically a Friends of Dalston in Bloom donation will range from £20 to £100, but any amount would be more than welcome.
 Dalston Parish Council manages the 'Friends Fund'. Donations can either be named or anonymous, cash or cheque. (Please make any cheques payable to Dalston Parish Council). Please complete the form below and send with your donation to Dalston Parish Council, Forge Green, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 1QG, or give to Sue Milburn, Craig Mitchell, Ronnie or Liz Auld, or any other member of the Steering Group.
SPONSORS OF BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2017
 This category of support is aimed at our bigger businesses who may want their name associated with one or other of the projects being run as part of the 2017 Britain in Bloom efforts in the village.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Tel: _____
 Email: _____
 Cheques should be made payable to Dalston Parish Council and sent to: Craig, Dalston Parish Council, Forge Green, Dalston CA5 1QG.

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The **Dalston website** is a much used resource. There are two main sites - www.dalston.org.uk and www.dalstoninbloom.org.uk. The latter has been covering all the main events in the 2016/17 Dalston in Bloom activities and is the go-to resource for News and pictures.

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C3. Community Participation—Community Participation

<div></div> <h1>Dalston Festival Week 4th—12th August 2018</h1>							
Saturday Aug. 4th	Sunday Aug. 5th	Monday Aug. 6th	Tuesday Aug. 7th	Wed. Aug. 8th	Thursday Aug. 9th	Friday Aug. 10th	Sat. Aug. 11th
<div>Flower Festival in St. Michael's Church. All Week. Saturday 4th —Sunday 12th</div> <div>Scarecrow, Decorated Gate, Wheelbarrow and Doorstep Competitions Contact Suzanne in SuzieBou or on 07845 893304 or Facebook to enter (Free entry)</div>							
Art Exhibition—by Dalston Art Group in the Victory Hall 10:00—4:00. Teas Coffees on Saturday and Sunday provided by the W.I.			Open Gardens Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00—6:00		Coffee and Tray Bakes In the Church 10:00—12:00	FESTIVAL FRIDAY! Coffee and Tray Bakes In the Church 10:00 a.m—9:00 p.m.	DALSTON SHOW On the Show Field All day <i>A great day out for all.</i>
Kingsway Carnival On the Kingsway 1:00 Fun filled afternoon on the Village Green Family Entertainment, Family Rounders, Bar B.Q., Bar, Border Band, Welly Wanging, Trolley Dash and more	Gala Day At the Recreation Field 1:00—3:00 Races and Prizes Children's Entertainment	Royal British Legion in the Methodist Church Monday—Wednesday 2:00—4:00 Teas available		Circus Workshop In the Rec. Centre 10:00 - 1:00 Jason the Juggler and friends. Tennis Club Open NEW for 8—14 yrs Archery and Target Golf	Princesses and Knights Bonanza and Woodland Workshop At the Rec. Centre 10:00—12:00		Thanksgiving Service St Michael's Church 10:30
	Family Treasure Hunt 3:00 onwards starting from the Recreation Centre Drinks Stations on route	Paul Laidlaw Antiques At the Recreation Centre 2:00 £2.00 per item Max 2 items	Enjoyaball. In the Recreation Centre 10:00—12:00 Children 4-6 years.	Britain in Bloom Judging Day St Michael's Pre-School Nursery Activity Morning In the Rec. Centre 10:00—12:00	Junior Football Competition. On the Rec. Field From 5:00		Further Information Available in the programme Ann 07736 855050 Alan 07731 443987 or 710879 Pam 710051 Suzanne 07845 893 304 Subject to change.
		Family Fun Run At the Rec. Centre 4:30	Quiz Night Recreation Centre 7:30 £10 per team of 4 Entry Forms in Cumberland B.S.	10k Trail Run 6:30 start. Bar Contact Siobhane on 07590 979 596	Strawberries and Champagne In the Jubilee Garden From 2:30		
		Bridge End Inn Pub Fun Night 7:00 Hog Roast and live music.	Cocktail Demonstration Blue Bell Inn		Backworth Colliery Band St Michael's Church 7:30 £6.00 on the door		
Cricket Match 3:00 on the Green	Entertainment in the Square Starting 6:00 Disco, Live Band, Barbecues and much more Competition Winners presentation 7:00.						

One of the biggest events of the year is the week long Festival in August, culminating in Dalston Show run by the Agricultural Society which has a committee of some 60 members.

The Festival is entirely volunteer organised by a committee of about 10 Dalstonians.

In 2016 and 2017, which will continue in 2018, there has been a strong emphasis on gardening with Open Gardens, Decorated Gates, Wheelbarrows, Doorstep Challenge and a Flower Festival lasting the whole week.



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C4. Community Participation—Year Round Involvement

Dalston volunteers work all year, as shown in the review of the past year. There are regular events every month held in the 4 community halls in the centre of the village.

Dalston Parish Council, with 15 members across all ages, is very active. Regular meetings are monthly but often special meetings have to be held. The Parish Council has an annual precept of nearly £70,000.

The nature of the village is such that it is necessary to employ outside contractors who are required to work to a high standard.

As a rural village there is a great deal of agricultural activity, with harvesting and silage making tractors, milk tankers and other farm delivery vehicles passing through the village every day.

One of our key contractors is Wigton Town Council who attend to all of our grass cutting.

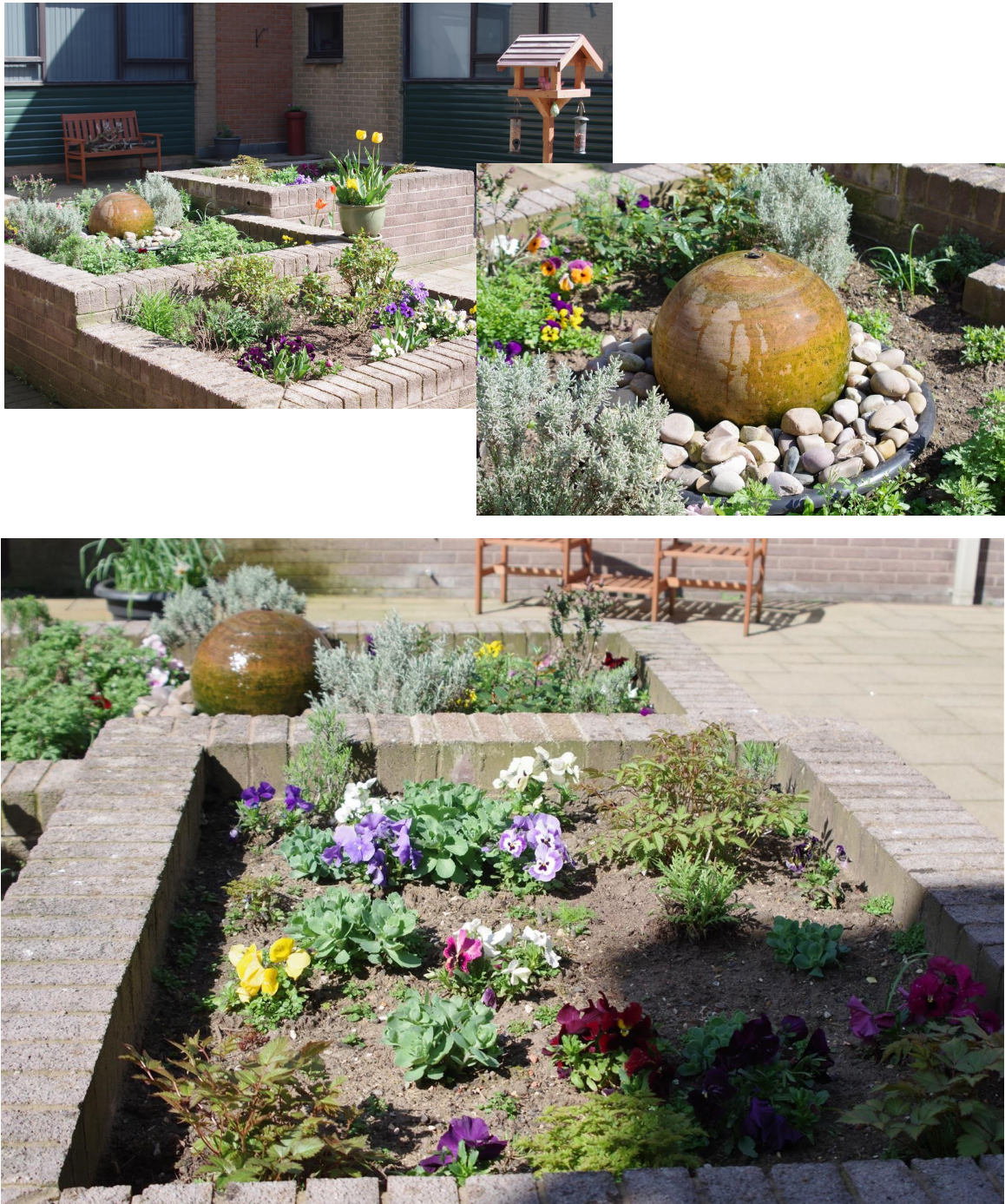


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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C4. Community Participation—Year Round Involvement

Dalston is very pleased to have one of north Cumbria's principle charities, Hospice at Home, resident in the Barras Lane Industrial Estate. Their presence in Dalston is supported by local business and community contribution to their much loved garden which is appreciated by patients and staff alike.



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

C5. Community Participation—Funding and Support

Sponsorship (cash received) £1480.00

Friends £1202.35

Events £ 402.48

Brought Forward from 2016 £1000.00

Grand Total £4084.83

Project Grants disbursed £2004.00

Parish Council Contribution £5000.00

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APPENDIX

Appendix A. Kelsey's Meadow

Planted Species May 2007

Plantago Lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	April – August
Achillea Millefolium	Yarrow	June – November
Silene Alba	White Campion	May – August
Stachys Officianalis	Betony	June – August
Lychnis Flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin	May – June
Geranium Pratense	Meadow Cranesbill	May – September
Hypochoeris Radicata	Cat's Ear	May – September
Ranunculus Acris	Meadow Buttercup	April – July
Leucanthemum Vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	May – August
Centaurea Nigra	Common Knapweed	June – September
Primula Veris	Cowslip	April – May
Vicia Sativa	Common Vetch	May – September
Lotus Uliginosus	Marsh Trefoil	June – August
Filipendula Vulgaris	Meadow Sweet	June – August



Kelsey's Meadow—Botanical Survey 8th July 2013

Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Alchemilla mollis	Lady's Mantle
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail
Carex pendula	Pendulous Sedge
Centaurea nigra	Knapweed
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dogtail
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern

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Kelsey's Meadow—Botanical Survey 8th July 2013 (cont.)

Elytrigia repens	Couch Grass
Epilobium montanum	Broad-leaved Willowherb
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash
Galium aparine	Goosegrass
Galium mollugo	Hedge Bedstraw
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw
Geranium pratense	Meadow Cranesbill
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog
Holcus mollis	Creeping Soft Grass
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort
Juncus conglomeratus	Compact Rush
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush
Juncus tenuis	Slender Rush
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow Vetchling
Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy
Lolium perenne	Rye Grass
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil
Lychnis flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Lysimachia punctata	Dotted Loosestrife
Phleum bertolinii	Smaller Cat's-tail
Phleum pratense	Timothy
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain
Poa annua	Annual Meadow Grass
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow Grass
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil
Quercus petraea	Sessile Oak
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow Rattle
Rubus fruticosus	Blackberry
Rumex acetosa	Sorrel
Rumex conglomeratus	Clustered Dock
Rumex crispus	Curled Dock
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved Dock
Salix cinerea	Grey Willow
Senecio jacobaea	Ragwort
Solidago gigantea	Early Goldenrod
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort
Tilia cordata	Small-leaved Lime
Tifolium pratense	Red Clover
Trifolium repens	White Clover
Urtica dioica	Nettle
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch

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Appendix B. Volunteer Hours

Dalston volunteers do not keep time sheets and so the figures below are realistic estimates. The Grand Total is therefore an estimate of value, calculated at the living wage, of the volunteer contribution.

Dalston in Bloom Volunteer Hours

	Nbr	Hours	Living Wage/Hr	Value
Unknown Volunteers Time (estimate)	20	35	£7.83	£5,481.00
Stephanie Diver *	1	600	£7.83	£4,698.00
Dalston Surgery Group	1	550	£7.83	£4,306.50
Pat Jackson	1	400	£7.83	£3,132.00
Ronnie Auld	1	250	£7.83	£1,957.50
Ann Byers	1	200	£7.83	£1,566.00
Alan Dinning	1	100	£7.83	£783.00
Bobby and Anne Nichol	1	100	£7.83	£783.00
Jubilee Gardeners	1	100	£7.83	£783.00
Station Gardeners	1	60	£7.83	£469.80
Liz Auld	1	30	£7.83	£234.90
Administration	1	25	£7.83	£195.75
Cemetery Working Group	1	20	£7.83	£156.60
Grand Total				£24,547.05

* Daily and difficult to estimate.

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