

Cumbria in Bloom Update June 2020

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Cumbria in Bloom Annual General Meeting

At last we have a full report of Vivian Russell's amazing illustrated talk to the CIB Annual General Meeting on 11th November 2019. The presentation described Vivian's life as a photographer and wildlife observer, principally bees, on the Silloth coast between Mawbray Banks and Grune Point. For quick access click on the link below.

<https://cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk/story/cumbria-in-bloom-agm-vivian-russell-silloth-bee-lady/>

Click the above link to read the report and view Vivian's outstanding bee and wasp pictures

Further to the May Update there are plenty of Projects, Stories and News items on the Cumbria in Bloom website www.cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk If you haven't looked to date you must – it is a good read and changes most days with new pictures and videos etc.

Please, please, please send in **photos**, short stories, updates of projects from your own garden, business premises, public spaces – anything to share with others and keep in touch around Cumbria. Because the normal Cumbria in Bloom competitions and RHS It's Your Neighbourhood assessments have been cancelled for 2020, the Awards Ceremony due to be held on 17th September in Ulverston will not take place. Instead we are hoping to have an informal gathering on 22nd October 2020 (morning) in the Victory Hall, Dalston (subject to it being open) to make presentations for digital project entries, the best stories and ideas and share some activities that you have been carrying out as well as Cumbria in Bloom plans for 2021 – more details to follow but please make a note of this date.

Individuals, groups, schools, tourism establishments can send in photos or projects before 6th September 2020 direct to admin@cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk for putting on the website and being assessed. All that is needed is a contact name and phone number or email address. In addition, any existing material on the website can be added to and updated with extra photos and text. Apologies if your submissions take a bit of time to upload, but there is a lot to get through.

We are indebted to our Sponsors for their continued support, but in particular Amberol UK for its help towards the additional costs incurred by the website changes this year, the Lake District National Park Authority donation and Out of Eden for its promise of deferred financial input in 2021.

Early in 2020, Cumbria in Bloom promoted a Special Award for the development of small woodland/copse areas in support of wildlife, increase in biodiversity and the reduction of carbon. Despite the changed circumstances, evidence of any new tree planting and information as to what you have been doing in this regard can be highlighted on the website. Any nurseries or individuals willing to donate young trees by groups in the autumn would also be appreciated.

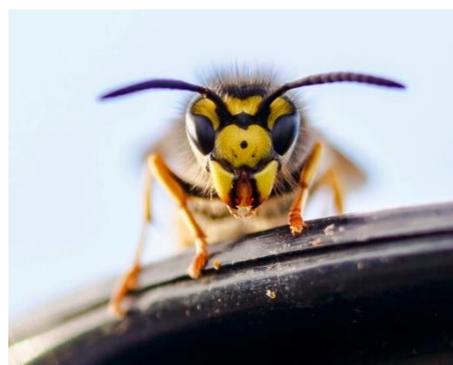
Newton Rigg College has supported Cumbria in Bloom in many ways in recent years. It is therefore a huge disappointment that it now has a doubtful future. Any observations from the horticultural and farming communities regarding the benefits of Newton Rigg to the County for passing on would be welcomed by Cumbria in Bloom.

Penrith, Kirkoswald and Ulverston, despite the Britain in Bloom Finals being cancelled this year, have been undertaking plenty of activities, which are highlighted in projects, stories and with videos on the website – do have a look.

Email Photos etc. to admin@cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk



Beekeepers at Heron Hill Primary School, Kendal



Social wasp by Vivian Russell