



CUMBRIA IN BLOOM Part of RHS Britain In Bloom Newsletter August 2020



It is now August and we have received some fascinating Projects (39 so far with more in the pipeline), Stories (40 with more coming all the time), Photographs and News items for inclusion on the Cumbria in Bloom website www.cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk. Please do take a look because there are so many people making a difference in our towns, villages, private gardens and to the environment in general, for example Appleby Hub supported by Oaklea Trust, Penrith Community Gardeners, Councils and Businesses as well as many other wonderful groups of volunteers.

We were hoping to have an informal gathering on **22nd October 2020** in Dalston to present Awards for digital entries and share some activities that you have been carrying out during lockdown and beyond, as well as Cumbria in Bloom plans for 2021. However, this will not now be able to happen as local facilities are limited in numbers allowed and cannot open their kitchens for refreshments. **So, put this date in your diary for an on-line event, and you will be kept informed in our next Newsletter.**

Last Date For Project, Story and Photograph Submissions—6th September 2020

For individuals, groups, schools, tourism establishments to send in photos or projects together with text 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.

Cumbria in Bloom Management Committee is trying to keep engaged with the County, District, Town, and Parish Councils to stress the importance of working together with community and business volunteers on recovery and development programs. It is very apparent that gardening and environmental improvements are greatly beneficial to wellbeing and mental health. It is hoped that in 2021 there will be the opportunity for allotment sites and individual plot holders to be part of a CiB competition together with assessments under the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme. More information will be available later, but meanwhile please share any contact details for getting in touch. Tourist establishments and schools are not being forgotten – CiB will be there to encourage and support when they are up and running again.

FINALLY: The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick 2020 on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August is a partnership between Friends of the Lake District and the Lake District National Park. It is our chance show the rest of the country what our collective, community effort for Cumbria can achieve and how proud we are of our County.

Can you register to hold your own community litter pick either as an individual or with friends (max 6 per group)?

www.thegreatcumbrianlitterpick.org.uk. If this is received too late for registration, then don't hesitate to organise your own local community litter clearance.



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Number of Cumbria in Bloom Digital Projects 2020