

The Dalston Black Red Lupin

Since 2017 Rae Beckwith, the well regarded RHS judge and friend to Cumbria in Bloom and lupin and daffodil breeder, has been attempting to breed a black red lupin which would be of great interest to Dalston's black red historical connections. Of course, these things take time, but progress so far is good. Below left is Rae's best candidate so far, with top right coming out as his second favourite.



Pictures: Ronnie Auld

He gave Dalston some black and red lupin breeding stock to match the colours of our village cockerel emblem. These were nurtured in Dalston and formed part of the Britain in Bloom Gold winning displays in 2018. Since then he has kindly bred some more plants, in his words 'an even better colour match', to add to these. The Jubilee Garden volunteers have prepared a new bed to plant up, in the middle of the village with the special Dalston Black Red lupins. This 'Dalston Heritage' display was in full flower for Cumbria in Bloom judging in early July 2019.

Black Red Lupins Update

The first of the lupins generously bred by Rae Beckwith has been in bloom. This is a red one pictured right. The black ones are somewhat slower.

We are still uncertain as to where they are going to be placed permanently in Dalston.

What a lovely bright red this bloom has turned out to be.

Picture: Pat Geddes



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It was decided to make a new bed in the Jubilee Garden for the lupins to be planted in. The Jubilee Gardening Group organised the bed below.

