

PLANT ORDER FORM

Name Contact Tel. No.

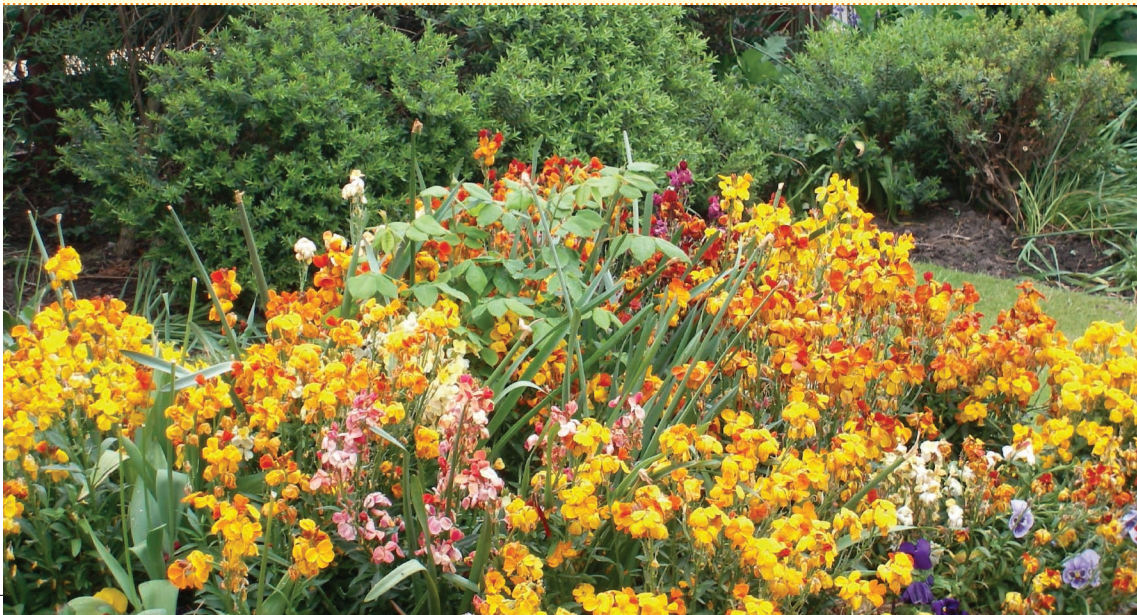
	PRICE	AMOUNT REQUIRED	TOTAL
Hanging Basket – basket supplied	£13	_____	_____
Hanging basket –own basket	from £10	_____	_____
Hanging pouches	£7	_____	_____
BEDDING PLANTS			
Begonia semperflorens (bedding) Tray of 24	£5	_____	_____
Tuberous begonia (bedding)	50p each	_____	_____
Tuberous begonia (trailing)	50p each	_____	_____
Lobelia (bedding) Strips of 10	£2	_____	_____
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Geranium (bedding) Tray of 15	£7.50	_____	_____
Petunia Tray of 24	£6	_____	_____
Impatiens (Busy Lizzie) Tray of 24	£5	_____	_____
French Marigold Tray of 24	£5	_____	_____
Antirrhinum Tray of 24	£5	_____	_____
Calibrachoa (Million bells) Tray of 24	£6	_____	_____
Dahlia	50p each	_____	_____
Fuschia	from 50p each	_____	_____
Pelargonium	£2 each	_____	_____

SHRUBS AND HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS: Prices on request

VEGETABLE PLANTS: Tomato (several varieties) courgette, leek, cabbage, dwarf beans, lettuce and parsley
All from 50p each

CONTACT DETAILS

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Newsletter Spring 2011

At last, after such a long cold winter, the first signs of Spring are here. All around the village, crocuses are providing welcome early colour. Daffodils are beginning to show, giving a promise of more to come.

The work of 'In Bloom' has started in earnest. From the beginning of February, we have been cleaning, tidying and planning for the year ahead. The bedding plants, both for use in the planters and troughs around the town and also for sale to you, have been ordered. The trays of plug plants will arrive during April. Then, it will be 'all hands on deck!' Anyone who would like to help with the pricking out will be very welcome.



In addition to bedding plants, we now have quite a collection of shrubs and herbaceous perennials for sale, also vegetable plants. There is an order form on the back page of this Newsletter. To be sure of getting what you want, please fill it in and either hand it to one of the 'Bloomers' or put it in the box at Reception in the Port Seton Centre.

NEW GLASS COMPASS MOSAIC

In 2010, the children in the Outdoor Classroom Arts and Crafts Group decided to create a Nautical-themed Mosaic to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Millennium Garden. The children

designed the Mosaic themselves. They took part in glass-cutting workshops and enjoyed learning new skills and techniques to make this stunning new addition to the Millennium Garden. The mosaic was unveiled at a 'Birthday Party' in the Millennium Garden on Sunday 13th March.

The children hope that this new attraction will be enjoyed by visitors and all who walk the adjacent John Muir Way.

The Glass Mosaic Project was sponsored by E.L.C.'s Civic Pride Fund.



SEASIDE GARDEN

You may recall that the Seaside Garden, which is on the John Muir Way adjacent to the Millennium Garden was badly damaged during the severe gales last April. We are delighted to have been awarded £3000 from E.L.C's Environment Fund to repair the damage. A new line of wooden posts bedded in concrete will stabilise the ground and reduce the risk of similar damage in the future, should we have another bad storm. After that, the horticultural fleece will be replaced where necessary and the slate and pebbles that were washed away will be replaced. Plants will be added where necessary. We are hoping that work will start fairly soon.



SUMMER IN THE STREETS

This year, due to a combination of factors, it has been necessary to reduce our workload. Despite this, we can guarantee that there will still be plenty of the colour that you have come to expect and that everyone enjoys throughout the summer months.

The planters along the Links will be removed. However, they will be put to good use. They will be kept in the Nursery Garden and planted up with vegetables. So, later on in the summer, come along

and find out how good really fresh vegetables taste!

The 8 small planters at Kay Gardens will be replaced by 2 large ones. The small planters dry out very quickly in warm weather, which means that they must be watered at least 3 or 4 times a week. Larger planters retain moisture for longer, so the frequency of watering can be reduced.

We also hope to replace the small planters at the butchers with larger ones.

FUND RAISING

Raising funds for ongoing maintenance of the Nursery Garden and of our lorry is a continuing challenge. We are forever grateful to all of you who support us either financially, by sponsorship or by helping out in one way or another. One of our main sources of income is from the sale of plants. As the days become warmer, we hope you will feel more motivated to begin work in your garden. We have a good selection of herbaceous perennials for sale, also some shrubs and grasses. Later on, in May, we will have good quality bedding plants as well. The Nursery Garden will be open Monday to Thursday, 10.30 to 1pm. If you can't manage at those times, please phone and arrange a time that is suitable to you (Contact phone numbers on back page) or complete the Order Form and hand it to one of the Bloomers or put it in the box at Reception in the Port Seton Centre.

INVOLVEMENT WITH COCKENZIE SCHOOL.

'In Bloom' members have visited two Primary 2 classes who have shown great interest in the work done by 'Mrs. Bloom'! The children have researched our website www.ckckenzieandportsetoninbloom.co.uk They have made wonderful models of areas around the village – the Mill Ring and Balls on the West Links and the Secret Garden. We have suggested to the teachers that these are put on display.

We spoke to the children about litter and dog fouling and they have agreed to do posters to display around the village to try and raise awareness of these dirty habits.

We have agreed to put some containers in the Outdoor Classroom so that they can sow seeds and learn how to care for the growing plants and possibly sample some of the vegetables later on.

We have also agreed to buy some sunflower seeds and have a day in the Outdoor Classroom when the children plant the seeds and take them home and care for them. Later, we hope they will take a photograph of the flowers After the summer holidays, there will be a prize for the tallest sunflower..

We have suggested that we have one or two 'Open Garden' days when the children invite their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles along to see what they are growing. Another suggestion was a 'Bring a Granddad Day' to help in the garden

We were impressed by the children's enthusiasm and look forward to helping them in the coming months.

COASTAL REGENERATION FORUM

The Coastal Regeneration Forum involves groups from Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton and Longniddry and was set up in 2010 to consult with local people and the broader community to find out their views and to encourage community action in regenerating the coastline. One of its first projects is to improve The Greenhills - the area between Prestonpans and the Power Station. Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom has been asked to oversee this project which has already attracted funding from E.L.C.s Civic Pride Fund.

The project will be phased. The first phase is now underway to improve the West Entrance to the Power Station by tidying up the area and planting shrubs. Next, a Family Fun Day – 'Walk, Plant and Picnic' – is being planned for Sunday, 8th May. Groups and individuals will be invited to walk from various points along the John Muir Way, all converging on the Greenhills at the same time. Then, children (and adults) will plant wild flowers on the earth mounds which run parallel to the main road. After that, it will be picnic time, with various attractions including a pipe band. It is to be hoped that the weather will be fine and that lots of people will come and join in the fun.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Many thanks to our Health and Safety Advisor, Steven Love, who carried out an inspection of the Nursery Garden recently. He reported a significant improvement in our approach to safety issues. The main problem that he identified was that the slabs in the area are uneven and require attention. We are currently seeking tenders for the work to be done. Please phone Marlene on 811788 for details.

DUNBAR IN BLOOM

We were pleased to hear that the folk in Dunbar are following in our footsteps. They are in the process of setting up an In Bloom group. As we now have over 11 years of experience, they have asked us to come and speak to them and this we are pleased to do.

SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Once again, we will be having a competition for the best Spring garden. Judging will take place during the 2nd half of April - the time when most Spring gardens are at their best. Good luck!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

You may recall that in the Autumn 2010 Newsletter, there was an article about Mr. Peter Scott, an early winner of the Best Garden competition and a long time supporter of 'In Bloom' who had approached us and said he would like to have a bench in memory of his wife. We were only too pleased to help. We are delighted to say that the bench, together with a new tub are now in place near to the Chemist's shop. We will plant up the tub with plants of Mr. Scott's choice.

SECRET GARDEN

It is now 9 years since that exciting time when the team from the Beechgrove Garden helped to create the Secret Garden and Cockenzie and Port Seton was 'on the telly!'

The garden was intended to be low maintenance, and so it has been. But **low** maintenance does not mean no maintenance.

The garden had become quite badly overgrown, with some plants becoming invasive and crowding out others. Last year, a few of the trees were removed and work was started to prune back some of the shrubs. That work was halted at the end of November by the snow, but has started once again.

A big Thank you to Gordon Ross, John Knox and Dugald Davidson who have done a great deal of the heavy work.

There is still some work to be done – thinning out the grasses and ferns – not quite so strenuous! Once all that is done, we may fill the gaps with a few new plants. The Secret Garden is a lovely place to work - so peaceful and relaxing. Anyone who would like to help, please phone Sheila on 812410

