



**Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FLORAL GROUP ISSUES PLEA FOR HELP**

Local environmental campaign Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow is looking for more volunteers to help in connection with its year-round floral displays. The group now has responsibility for 120 hanging baskets, 94 floral tubs or barrels and 35 flower beds in the town.

Chris Gunstone, Chair of the Burgh Beautiful Steering Group said: “Over the past year, we have managed to take over the planting and maintenance of nearly all the floral features previously provided by West Lothian Council. This has not been easy but we hope that all residents will agree that it has been successful, thanks to the many sponsors, donors and volunteers who have come forward.

“However, we now need to sustain this and are looking for more help with planting and maintenance, not to mention day-to-day administration and liaison with local schools.”

Burgh Beautiful secretary Jean Long said: “Specifically we’re looking for individuals or couples willing to take responsibility for two floral tubs near the Royal Bank and for the three new ones planned for the Edinburgh Road entrance to the town”.

“Also we would like to hear from anyone interested in joining small teams to plant and maintain either the ‘serpentine’ bed between the High Street and the loch or the sloping flower bed at the canal basin.”

Averil Stewart, Vice-Chair of Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow said: “Next year we hope to show off all our gardening efforts by taking part once again in the Beautiful Scotland (Bloom) competition. This is a way of recognising the hard work of all our volunteers”.

Ron Smith, the campaign’s Sponsorship Coordinator, added: “Now is the time that we’re looking for more sponsors for the coming year. You can sponsor hanging baskets, tubs or flower beds. We’re incredibly grateful to all our sponsors without whom we could not deliver our floral displays.”

“Anyone interested in helping us in any way, please contact [burgh-beautiful@lct.org.uk](mailto:burgh-beautiful@lct.org.uk).”

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**Photographs:**



Colourful border maintained by Burgh Beautiful volunteers at Springfield.



Hanging baskets and tubs maintained by Burgh Beautiful provide some summer colour at The Vennel.



All planting and maintenance of the flower beds at Learmonth Gardens is now carried out by Burgh Beautiful on a voluntary basis.

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