

Formed by likeminded residents who love Dunchurch and its heritage and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.



FRIENDS OF  
DUNCHURCH  
SOCIETY (FODS)

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## DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM



BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALIST 2020  
with the RHS



Before FODS



After FODS

## FODS GARDENING GROUP BE A FODS VOLUNTEER

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUR VILLAGE BE A BETTER PLACE TO  
LIVE IN, WORK IN AND VISIT**

**MEET LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. ENJOY GROUP WORK ACTIVITIES,  
SOME FRESH AIR, EXERCISE & FUN – YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

**JOIN OUR GOLD WINNING VOLUNTEER TEAM!**

**Our Objective: To make Dunchurch a better place to live in,  
work in and visit**

**Why do it?** It creates a better village environment, improves the quality of life for everyone, it reinforces the pride we feel about living in Dunchurch, it also brings the community together with a common purpose by working together to enjoy relaxation and socialise with likeminded volunteers in the surroundings of our lovely historic village

**How do we do it?** We make a plan for improving our village by entering the Britain in Bloom event that reflects the best known practices of Public Space and village asset management and the introduction of attractive and sustainable Horticulture.

**Guidance and expert advice:** We are most fortunate in having a wonderful established British Society that offers advice and support to groups who wish to improve their local environment - The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) oversees all Britain 'in bloom' events and sets the standards we aspire to for our beautiful village.



**Where do we start to implement our village plan?** First we have formed an award winning volunteer gardening group to improve our village environment. a gold winning group– The FODS Gardening Group.

**What work do the volunteers do?** FODS have several areas of village care and these include: Village hanging basket planting and care inc :**watering, pruning, sweeping and cleaning street furniture, green maintenance etc.**

**When do I have to work?** Our volunteer gardening group coordinator, Sue Turner assesses what work needs doing and sets out a day and time and place for the group to meet up (this is determined by weather forecasts) to carry out jobs together as a group She contacts everybody in the group and advises the day, time, place and jobs to be done.***If you are available, you turn up and enjoy!*** There is no expectation for you to attend. Typically there are around 8-10 volunteers at every group outing. At the end of the work volunteers often have refreshments together.

**What equipment will you need?** We all use our own hand tools so please bring your own. Typical needs will be your gardening secateurs, trowel, hoe, hard and soft brushes, gardening gloves and sensible shoes, Hi viz bib

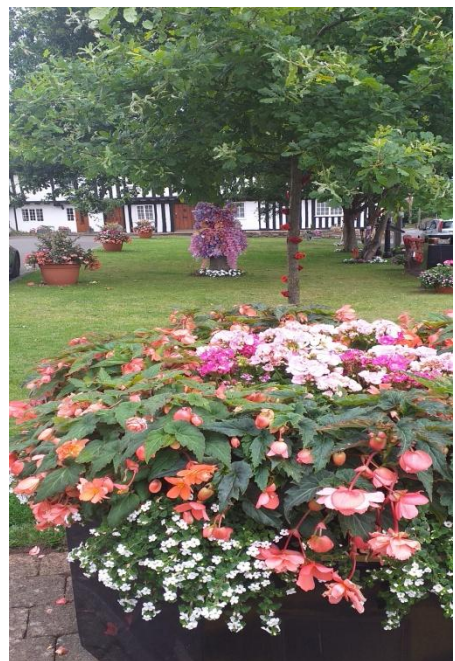
**Health and Safety:** Volunteers safety is paramount to us. We have work policies and practices training from our professional Health & Safety Consultant. This is a short training session held at The Village Green House, The Green, at a time to suit you (call Barb, our FODS Administrator before dropping in on 07837 182114)

**For your safety you will be required to wear a FODS hi viz bib whilst working in the village.**

**Horticulture skills:** You do not need to have green fingers to be a volunteer! We have amongst our volunteers, gardening professionals who are there to advise if you wish.

**To join us:** Simply email us [friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com) or telephone 07837 182114 and provide us with your email and/or telephone contact information and we will be in touch with you!

**We look forward to you joining our happy band of FODS volunteers**



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Village History Archive • War Memorial Care • Heritage • Dunchurch in Bloom • Members Newsletters



2019 WINNERS

