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DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM 2019



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OUR DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM JOURNEY



How our village, inspired by Britain in Bloom 2019, brought our community together and made Dunchurch a better place to live in, work in and visit

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By the community *For the community*

Proposed village planting scheme

The scheme below is the proposal being put to Dunchurch Parish Council by The Friends of Dunchurch Society, we are asking Dunchurch Parish Council to fund only part 1 and 2 of the scheme. The overall scheme will be installed by Rugby Borough Council Parks Dept and Rimo Growers, Dunchurch.

This is a five part planting plan and the scheme has been designed to benefit and include the whole community.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO THE VILLAGE

| AREA | FLORAL DISPLAY | SPONSOR |
|--|--|---|
| 1. VILLAGE CENTRE EXISTING LOCATIONS | Existing ground level tubs and planters supplied by Rimo and maintained by Friends of Dunchurch volunteers | Sponsored by DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL (as previous years) |
| 2. VILLAGE CENTRE from the crossroads on all village approach roads | FLORAL TREES TUBS ON POLES HANGING BASKETS supplied and maintained by Rugby Borough Parks Dept | Sponsored by DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL *Funding to be approved by DPC |
| 3. VILLAGE CENTRE (Conservation Area) shops & residences | HANGING BASKETS supplied by Rimo, maintained by owners | Sponsored by VILLAGE SHOPS, BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS & RESIDENTS |
| 4. VILLAGE APPROACH roads from crossroads Coventry Rd, Southam Rd, Rugby Rd, Daventry Rd | LAMPOST HANGING BASKETS with sponsors plaque supplied and maintained by Rugby Borough Parks Dept | Sponsored by RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS, NEIGHBOURS/FAMILIES |
| 5. TRAFFIC ISLAND Daventry Rd | SUPPLIED, PLANTED and MAINTAINED BY Rugby Borough Parks Dept | BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY CALL 07773 334143 |

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VILLAGE NOTICE ATTENTION DUNCHURCH GREAT NEWS!

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Love Dunchurch?

New

Come & Join Us

FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY

At the well attended annual village meeting this year, held at the Library on 23rd May, significant dissatisfaction was expressed by some Dunchurch residents that much more could have been done in the village to improve the environment.

With this in mind you are invited to join a new village organisation – Friends of Dunchurch Society.

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The society will not fund any projects or work that should otherwise be the responsibility of the various local authorities but will be committed to work closely with them to provide management expertise and a volunteer workforce to carry out community projects

This is a new organisation and volunteers - individuals and groups - are invited to join and help start this exciting new venture.

Suggested working Groups will include:

2019 Dunchurch, Rugby in Bloom entry

2018 Dunchurch Village Newsletter

Your suggestions for other projects will be welcomed.

This is a community project - there is no membership fee. To register your support and availability just complete the form below and drop it into either **The Post Office Southam Road, 36 Daventry Road, or Village Green House reception, The Green** – marked FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH or email friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com

We will be having our inaugural meeting at

WI Hall, Southam Road on Thursday 6th September 7.30pm

We look forward to meeting you.

Doors Open 7.00pm

Kind regards Friends of Dunchurch - Ann & Stewart Wright & Tony & Sue Kember

NAME

ADDRESS

TEL NO:.....

EMAIL:..... MOBILE:.....

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An Introduction

Dunchurch is a historic village with a recorded history going back over 1000 years.

Our floral and planting focus of effort this year has been the listed conservation area of the village.

Our group the Friends of Dunchurch Society was established at a meeting on Sept 6th 2018 of dissatisfied villagers following an Annual Parish Assembly in May 2018. Those attending were disappointed by the response they received from Dunchurch Parish Council about more being done to better maintain what had become a very badly neglected village. Complaints included, poor maintenance of greens, public spaces, street furniture and monuments.

In August 2018

Before calling a meeting of villagers Tony and Sue Kember, (founder members of FODS) visited Chris Worman, the Head of Parks Dept. RBC, who explained the structure of the various In Bloom events.

We chose to enter the Heart of England in Bloom event as it's judging criteria seemed to be very inclusive of all parts of our community and the village could be judged overall.

We decided our entry would be called Dunchurch in Bloom.

September 2018

A village meeting was called and 60 villagers responded.

At this meeting it was agreed to form a Charity to be called Friends of Dunchurch Society (FODS) whose aims were to become:

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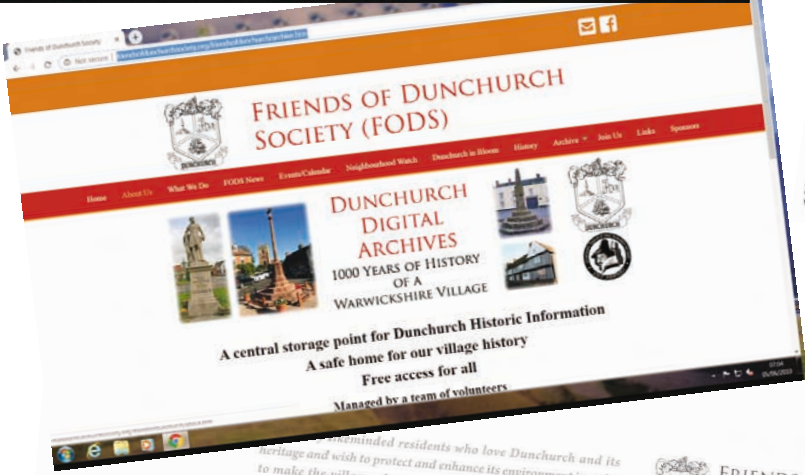
Villagers attending the meeting were invited to provide their contact email address as the only requirement of membership. *Continued...*

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PROSECCO, PUDDING & PROMISES
AUCTION OF PROMISES
FODS FUNDRAISER
TO BE HELD AT
Dunchurch Village Hall, Friday 8th March 2019

THIS event relies on us all working together to get some good promises

CAN YOU MAKE A PROMISE FOR FODS?

Here are some ideas for possible promises you, your friends and family may be able to make:

- Ian Bell signed shirt or hat
- Jeremy Wright - Tour of the House of Commons & afternoon tea
- Taster piano lesson
- Gardening
- Toffi Alpacas (a free course or a family ticket for their Family Fun Day)
- Dog Walking
- Babysitting
- Rugby Golf Club - a round of golf for four
- Airport return transfer
- A few trips to the tip
- A month's gym membership
- A massage/spa day
- Tickets for a sporting event (Wasps/ Northampton Saints / Coventry City)
- Use of a tennis court with afternoon tea being served
- Tennis lesson with a coach
- Golf lesson with a pro
- A cake / tray bake
- Car wash & polish
- Car Valet
- Home tuition
- Computer help
- Slave for a day
- Holiday accommodation
- Language lesson
- Flower arranging lesson or create a hanging basket lesson

Auction will be carried out by Mike Judge

BAR THROUGHOUT THE EVENING
raffle with quality prizes and musical entertainment
Please contact Carol Seager friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com for information or to register a promise

The Friends of Dunchurch is a charity formed on September 8th 2018 by like-minded residents and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.

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DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

FODSNEWS NO 25

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FODS ON PARADE - Dunchurch Festival Saturday 1st June

Our wonderful gardening group have volunteered to be part of the Festival Parade. This parade will progress from the Memorial Green by St. Peter's Church from 12.30 and make it's way to the village Sportsfield for 1pm.

Dunchurch Free Fairy Tales Scary Tales... Saturday 15th June

Provision 12.00pm - Gates open 2.00pm

Dunchurch Village Hall

12.00pm - 1.15pm The Little Red Riding Hood
1.30pm - 2.15pm The Three Little Pigs
2.30pm - 3.15pm The Wolf and the Lamb
3.30pm - 4.15pm The Boy Who Cried Wolf

CALL FOR PLASTIC BOTTLES!
Can you help?
Jaine Thornton Weeks is looking for more 1 litre clear plastic bottles to complete her recycling art installation which will be displayed on the Memorial

Green from Friday July 19th. If you have any empties please drop them into Barb at Village Green House

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS St Peter Church Bells - Friday 19th July



We have just heard that Dunchurch Bell Ringers will be ringing a peal of our wonderful bells for the Heart of England judges walk on Friday 19th July

Our thanks to our Vicar, Rev Patricia Townshend and the St Peter's Bell Ringing Team



FODS - RISK ASSESSMENT - Gardening activity

- Activities to be undertaken:
- General grounds maintenance
 - Pruning/cutting back of vegetation
 - Weeding & digging over ground
 - Mowing - Petrol engine
 - Mowing - Battery powered

Risk Assessment Completed by:

Ref - FODS RA02

Risk Assessment Checked by:

| Task | Potential Hazards and/or circumstances | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Rating | Control Measures |
|---|--|------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Use of hand tools - e.g. secateurs, shovels, forks, spades, loppers, shears | Faulty equipment | Unlikely | Minor | Low | Conduct pre-use inspection Ensure you have instruction and training prior to use Wear appropriate PPE including gloves, long sleeves and/or long trousers Wear appropriate closed-toe footwear |
| | Incorrect use | Possible | Minor | Moderate | |
| | Laceration | Possible | Minor | Moderate | |
| General gardening and garden maintenance work | Crushing of feet | Unlikely | Major | Moderate | Take care when using heavy tools Use proper manual handling techniques Plan big lifts - use a wheelbarrow or trolley or ask for help All access routes must be kept clear of materials and debris at all times All tools to be stored correctly when not using e.g. forks & rakes to be laid flat with tines pointing down, loppers, secateurs & shears not to be hung in trees Wear appropriate footwear at all times |
| | Incorrect manual handling | Possible | Minor | Moderate | |
| | Slips and falls - especially due to uneven, soft or loose ground, trip hazards | Unlikely | Minor | Low | |
| | Insect bites/stings | Possible | Minor | Moderate | Always wear gloves when reaching into enclosed spaces Have access to first aid kit with relieving cream |





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OUR DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM JOURNEY

Our Achievements



Since then much has been achieved

Dunchurch in Bloom has inspired and brought together many villagers, businesses, local schools and community groups who we believe are now also committed to future involvement.

We have established a sustainable, structured organisation with all of the necessary human resources, enthusiasm, vision and the devices required to fund and implement Dunchurch in bloom for future years.

Our FODS volunteers have started:

- An Email communication centre receiving enquiries and distributing them to the relevant FODS department
- A FODS gardening group
- FODS management of village centre greens
- FODS management of monuments and public spaces
- FODS Health and Safety training system

- FODS regular enews letter to members
- A FODS fundraising group
- FODS village free to all, quarterly magazine, 1300 copies printed
- A FODS facebook page
- A FODS website
- FODS online Dunchurch history archive and archivist
- FODS neighbourhood watch group
- FODS talking history group
- FODS war memorials care group
- Liaison / contact with village schools
- Developed liaison/ contact with other community groups
- Liaison / contact with WCC in various depts.

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Our Achievements



- FODS Watering group for all village centre floral displays
- An allotment contact for disposing of grass cuttings for compost
- Planting many extra floral displays in public spaces
- FODS litter picking group 10+ members + juniors
- Free advertising in village magazine for all community groups
- A village community groups directory in the magazine and on FODS website
- Involved the business community in our planting scheme
- Managed a floral scheme of 70 hanging baskets for village residents and businesses. FODS made purchasing and hanging of these easy

- Organised various village social events
- Obtained funding for new amberol planters for village greens
- Funding from community groups to cover costs of village floral tree displays
- Established a FODS organisation which is sustainable to ensure annual Dunchurch in Bloom

Our most important achievement is to have set up a management structure and a fundraising group that should guarantee that FODS is able to continue with good works in the village of Dunchurch

Details of all the above achievements are on the following pages

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How We Were Before Dunchurch In Bloom



- Broken village assets left unrepaired by DPC or not replaced for years
- Lighting columns unpainted, rusty, broken left for years
- Poorly maintained village assets including village greens, seating, bus shelter, notice boards and monuments
- Weeds in all of the public spaces and monuments
- No watering or weeding management plan for village flower tubs / troughs
- No proper maintenance programme for any street furniture, lampposts etc
- No proper DPC engagement and cooperation with other local authority, i.e. RBC and WCC

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RATE CARD DUNCHURCH VILLAGE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



A quarterly publication produced in glossy full colour in A5 format. Distributed professionally by hand to 1000 Dunchurch, TOFT and Limetree Village homes with an estimated 2000 plus readership. Full of Village News & Items of Interest

Reach out to your local market!

Dunchurch businesses, this is a great opportunity to cost effectively reach every home in Dunchurch.

ADVERTISING RATES

| Size | Mechanical Data | Price |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1/4 page | 66.5 x 95mm | £25 |
| 1/2 page Indscp | 138.95mm | £50 |
| 1/2 page portrait | TBC | £50 |
| Full page | 148 x 197 (bleed) 138 x 198 | £100 |

Amazing value for money advertising, this Dunchurch focussed publication will contain village community organisation contacts & information.

Advertising space is limited so book now. To place an order or for more details contact Tony Kember Email: info@vghrugby.co.uk

COPY DEADLINE:

March Edition 1st February
June Edition 3rd May



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Village Green House, The Green, Dunchurch, CV22 6NX



A VILLAGE GET TOGETHER

At
Dunchurch Social Club,
The Square, Dunchurch
on
Tuesday 28th May at 7pm

extend an invitation to the whole community to come with neighbours and friends for an informal evening to socialise, meet and generally have a relaxed evening.

have invited various village organisations to join us for the evening. Activities include FODS website manager, Book Group, Neighbourhood, Dunchurch Council, Fundraising, Dunchurch FODS, Magazines, Group, Ditcher, Dunchurch I

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FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY present an evening of...

- prosecco
- puddings
- promises
- performances

Dunchurch Village Hall
Friday 8th March 2019
at 7:30pm

Featuring the talented Dunchurch Voices

Licensed bar
Raffle
Table Quizzer
Fund-raising game
Fun

Tickets £12 available from
Mike Judge (01788 810253)
Carol Seager (01788 814178)
Wanda's Fashions (01788 522021)

TICKETS £12

Come and join us

Christmas

SOCIAL EVENING
WITH FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH

ENJOY
A BAR CHRISTMAS MUSIC
SKITTLES DARTS BAR -
BILLIARDS PLUS RAFFLE
DUNCHURCH SOCIAL CLUB
THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 8PM

GRAND RAFFLE
DRAW AT 9PM
MANY PRIZES
INCLUDING A M&S
LUXURY CHRISTMAS
HAMPER

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE RAFFLE
GO TO FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO A

Christmas

COFFEE MORNING

At
On at a.m.

WIN A LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER
Raffle tickets will be available for a Grand Draw on Thursday December 20th

All proceeds to FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY

RSVP.....

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Funding



HOW WE HAVE FUNDED IT SO FAR

- Initial funding to kickstart FODS provided by local business man/resident
- FODS fundraising group formed
- Other community groups provide sponsorship
- Advertising revenue from magazine
- **FODS ARE NOW SELF-FUNDED**

AND FOR THE FUTURE

- Expand number of social events
- Expand Christmas coffee mornings
- Expand involvement of local businesses
- Increase advertising revenue for a surplus
- Encourage local authorities to spend a lot more
- Expand fundraising team
- Profit from FODS fundraising schemes





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Statistics



- 6th September 2018 FODS first established
- 4 people founded FODS, the Kembers & the Wrights
- 270 FODS membership as at July 1st 2019.
- £5000 raised from fundraising by Members to date
- 20+ active volunteers at July 1st 2019
- 60 people responded to first call to start FODS
- 11 (plus children) litter pickers have registered
- 28 attended first FODS gardening group meeting
- 8/10 is the gardening working volunteers group average turnout
- 70 hanging baskets sold to community
- 40 Whitehead recycled wooden planters donated to the village
- 65 average turn out at FODS social events
- 214 FODS Facebook members
- 1300 FODS magazines distributed to villagers free of charge
- 950 magazines professionally delivered to every village home & business
- 350 magazines distributed to pick-up points around the village
- 300 registered NHW members at 1st July

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Community Consultations



- Consulted with RBC ref. In Bloom events
- Consulted RBC re. advice on a constitution for a new society
- Consulted with RBC re highway cleaning and disposal of our litter picking efforts
- Consulted with WCC regarding improvement of village infrastructure
- Consulted with DPC, RBC and WCC to establish ownership of the village greens and apply for permission for FODS to maintain them
- Consulted with Chairman of Dunchurch Festival Group to discuss various management structures for a charity
- Consulted Chairman of Save Dunchurch to discuss him advising us on fundraising
- Contacted leaders of Cubs, Scouts and Guides to discuss their involvement in Dunchurch in Bloom
- Consulted Headmaster of village schools to discuss their involvement in Dunchurch in Bloom
- Discussed with local traders their involvement in Dunchurch in Bloom
- Consulted with Health and Safety consultant to draw up guidelines for our working volunteers
- Consulted chartered accountant re. setting up bookkeeping system for regulatory items
- Consulted Lloyds Bank re. setting up charity bank account
- Consulted with RIMO Nurseries
- Consulted with HofE about entering 2019 event

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BECOME A MEMBER
 We are a volunteer group who love Dunchurch and work together to ensure that its heritage and ancient monuments are preserved to benefit the whole community and future generations. To be involved in over 1000 years of village history become a member and enjoy our regular village E Newsletters. There is no membership fee.
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Dunchurch Fete
 Fairy Tales
 Scary Tales...
 Saturday 15th June
 Procession 12.30pm
 Gates open 1.00pm
 Dunchurch Village Hall

DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM
 JUDGING FRIDAY 19TH JULY
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How we raised FODS profile our awareness campaigns

- Initially we sent out a flyer to all village households inviting villagers to join a new group. This generated 60 responses and was the start of our FODS organisation
 - FODS Facebook page and
 - FODS website
 - All FODS gardening and working groups work wearing a printed FODS high viz vest
 - Promoting our society by exhibiting at local village summer events
 - Fixing Dunchurch in Bloom verge signs on all main roads
 - Producing person to person information cards
- We continue to raise our profile by:**
- Producing and distributing 1300 FODS village quarterly magazines which are delivered to every household and business in Dunchurch
 - Producing a FODS Enews members letter regularly

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Thank you all, without your support Dunchurch in Bloom would not have happened



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DUNCHURCH
by the
WHITEHEAD
FAMILY





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Sponsors, funders and supporters

We are most grateful to the following, without their support our project for Dunchurch In Bloom would not have been successful.

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP
 PANTOMANIACS
 DUNCHURCH SOCIAL CLUB
 HEADMASTER, DUNCHURCH SCHOOLS
 DUN COW HOTEL & TEAM
 GREEN MAN PUB
 MALANCHA RESTAURANT
 VILLAGE GREEN HOUSE
 MOPS HAIRDRESSERS
 DUNCHURCH FISH BAR
 DUNCHURCH BARBERS
 WANDA FASHIONS
 SOFT FURNISHINGS BY MICKIE
 MARK WHITEHEAD AND FAMILY
 DUNCHURCH POST OFFICE
 HUNTSMAN RESTAURANT
 CASA LOCO
 DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
 BRIAN (GUIDO) FORBES

CC WINDOWS
 MR & MRS REDFERN
 ST PETERS BELL RINGERS
 ST PETERS GARDENING GROUP
 MR AND MRS J COOPER
 RIMO GROWERS
 FOSSE GALLERY FRAMERS
 PRIMA FRAMERS
 DUNCHURCH W I
 DUNCHURCH PARK HOTEL
 RUGBY MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL
 JULIE AND JEREMY DAVENPORT
 PAUL WALLER
 DRAYCOTE SAILING CLUB
 RUGBY GOLF CLUB
 DUNCHURCH VOICES
 MELVYN MACARTNEY

*and many more individuals.....
THANKS TO ALL!*

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Key people involved in the communities transformation of Dunchurch



Many people in our Community have given their time, support, enthusiasm and involvement to DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM and without them this project would not have been a success.

These volunteers have filled all the positions required for us to build a sustainable management structure. Original volunteers are still part of our group.

The community would like to thank them all, including the following:

JANET BEAUMONT
LINDA BEECH
CRAIG BEECH
KEITH BRUSHETT
LYNNE BRUSHETT
ROB COLLINGS
KAREN DENT
ROGER DENT
BARBARA HARRIS
MIKE JUDGE
SUE KEMBER
TONY KEMBER

DAVE MIRFIELD
LES PEARCE
TRACEY PRICE
STEVE PRIME
KEITH PROTHEROE
SUE PROTHEROE
JAN GEE RUSSELL
CAROL SEAGER
SUE TURNER
PAUL WALLER
JAINE THORNTON WEEKS
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W.I. Yarn Bombing

This years extensive and remarkable yarn bombing of our village is thanks to our Dunchurch and Thurlaston **W.I.**

It is to commemorate 100 years since the group's foundation.

This represents an amazing amount of work and planning by the ladies who continue to inspire women in Dunchurch.

It has certainly brightened up our village and together with the Dunchurch In Bloom planting 2019 makes Dunchurch a brighter place to live in, work in and visit.

Thank you ladies of the **W.I.**

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Environmental Responsibility

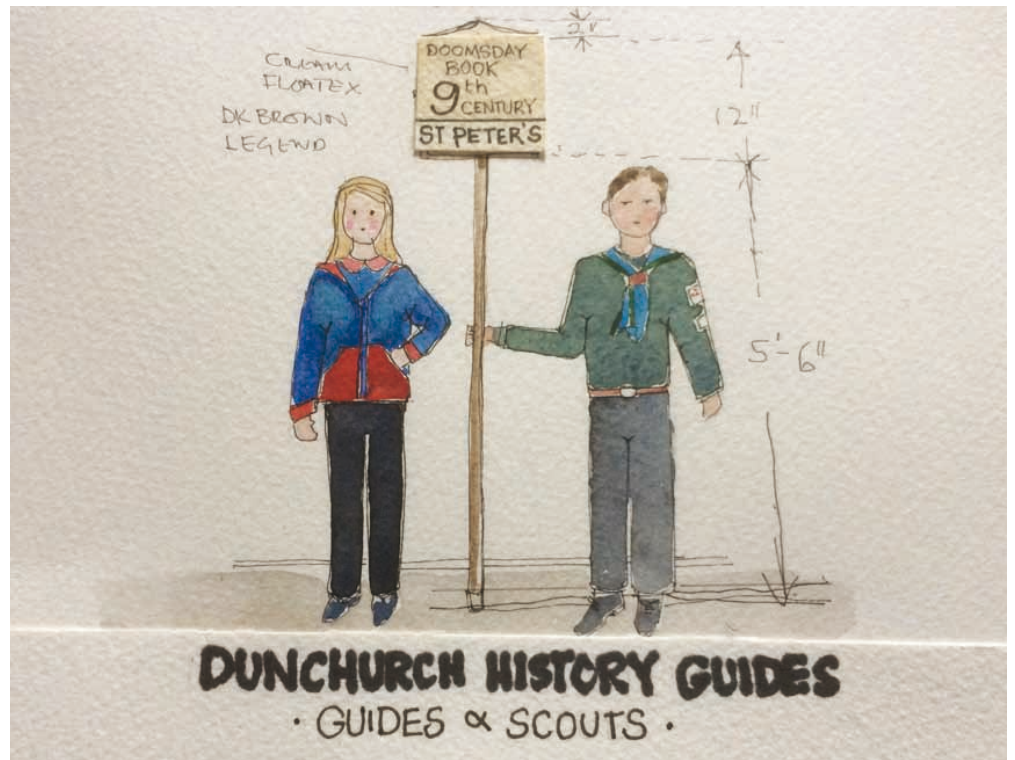
- Recycled products used for planters (recycled pallets)
- Window boxes are recycled
- Compost produced by gardening group from grass cuttings delivered to Dunchurch allotments in recyclable sacks
- Bird boxes and Insect hotels placed in trees on village greens
- Sculptures made from recycled plastic bottles and plant pots
- Dog poop bag dispensers made from recycled bottles
- Plants grown in insecticide free tunnels
- No weed killers used anywhere
- Volunteer gardening group trained by professional gardeners
- Wild flower areas and wild life habitat: Our church, St Peters dedicates a significant part of the church yard to this
- Plan for 2020 is the inclusion of an 'urban meadow' on the village Heath: We are discussing this with RBC

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Education

Children

Our links with the village school report that the school has a very active horticulture section. They are committed annually to entering Rugby in Bloom.

We worked on a way of involving the children in a different but educational way.

Dunchurch In Bloom have linked our floral displays to local points of historic importance and other places of significance.

We have agreed with the school that at each historic point on the Judges walk of flowers and 1000 years of history will be a young History Guide.

One or possibly two history guides, will hold a sign describing the point of interest and the children will research and study the history as a classroom school project.

This was felt to be a good way for the children to learn their local history.

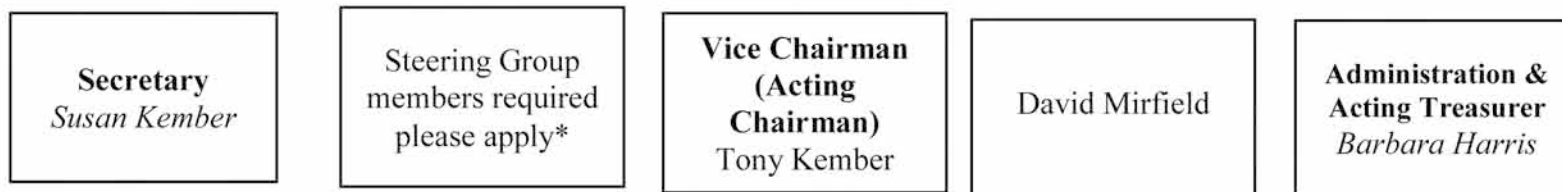
Adult

We are blessed to have amongst our volunteers professional gardeners. These working with other volunteers in the FODS gardening group are teaching and encouraging members to understand the principles of gardening and to consider the environmental impact. For example, pesticides, recycling, composting etc.



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Established Management Group



Operations' Teams



*Please apply to Tony via email info@vghrugby.co.uk



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Our Plans For The Future



- To ensure that what we have now established continues to be sustainable
- To continue recruitment for new members
- To extend our volunteer gardening work from the Conservation Area to other areas of the village
- To produce a hard copy E newsletter and distribute it to those without access to emails
- To set up a visiting group to visit housebound villagers and help with their gardens
- To expand litter picking team and areas for litter picking
- To involve local children in planting bulbs on our village greens
- Expand our scheme for bird boxes and insect hotels
- To encourage and promote a winter planting programme to residents, businesses and DPC
- To replace poor quality inappropriate village assets with Heritage approved alternatives
- Provide village gateway sign planters on all main roads
- Develop planting which encourages bee population

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OUR DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM JOURNEY Provisional Calendar of FODS Events 2020

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| JANUARY | TBA E-news | AUGUST | E-news |
| FEBRUARY | FODS AGM and Social Evening E-news | SEPTEMBER | Organise Village Winter planting scheme Village Magazine Issue 8 E-news FODS AGM |
| MARCH | Auction of Promises. Village Magazine Issue 6 E-news | OCTOBER | Village Fundraising Quiz E-news |
| APRIL | Easter event. 'Find the knitted rabbits' Free distribution to Village children Quiz night E-news | NOVEMBER | Village Social Evening Remembrance Sunday ceremony, laying of FODS Wreaths E-news |
| MAY | Village Social Evening Summer Planting for In Bloom E-news | DECEMBER | Christmas Fundraising Coffee mornings Church Christmas tree of memories (funds to Church) Find the knitted Christmas Angels (free distribution to Village children, Village Magazine Issue 9 E-news FODS Christmas market on the village green |
| JUNE | Dunchurch Fete. – Children's FODS balloons giveaway. FODS display marquee Village Magazine Issue 7 E-news | | |
| JULY | H of E In Bloom judging | | |

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Calendar of FODS Events 2018/19



SEPTEMBER Meeting Chris Worman, RBC
FODS formed at village meeting
Set up central FODS communication centre

OCTOBER 1st E-newsletter
Recruit magazine editorial, graphics & advertising team
Start fundraising team
Start FODS website

NOVEMBER E-news
Remembrance Sunday FODS wreath
Consult RIMO Growers re: In Bloom 2019 planting scheme
Open Facebook page

DECEMBER FODS Constitution agreed
1st magazine issue 1
Fundraising coffee mornings
Knitted angels children's hunt

JANUARY E-news
Apply to RHS for insurance
Open bank account

FEBRUARY E-news
1st FODS gardening meet
H&S guidelines drawn up

FEBRUARY Start litter picking group
Start FODS Neighbourhood Watch Group

MARCH E-news
Fundraising auction of promises
Gardening group starts work
Magazine issue 2
Promote hanging basket sales scheme

APRIL E-news
Knitted children's Easter rabbit hunt
Started public spaces cleaning group
Started online village archive

MAY E-news
Village Social Evening
Promote hanging basket scheme
Formed talking history group

JUNE E-news
Exhibit at Dunchurch Festival
Childrens' FODS balloon giveaway
Start war memorial care group
Finalise plans for J Day

JULY E-news
Judging Day Event

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