

Usk in Bloom - News Diary Jan 17.



The Annual General Meeting of Usk in Bloom was held at the New Court Hotel on 19th January.

The Chairman, Tony Kear, gave a review of the continued success of Wales In Bloom and the quality of the floral displays throughout the whole of Usk in 2016, praising all the hard work of the volunteers as well as the support from businesses in the Town. Particular note was made of the new contributions made by the residents of Burrium Gate. The Officers and Committee were all re-elected unopposed. 2017 planning is now well under way.

The main fundraising event, an Auction, is being held again at The Nags Head on Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm. Tickets, which cost £10 and include Cheese and Wine refreshments, can be obtained from the Nags Head or from Chairman Tony Kear. Donations for items to be auctioned would be very welcome.

2017 also sees Usk competing in the Britain in Bloom Large Village category.

For three years in a row has Usk achieved the Gold Standard but were disappointed to come runners up by a single point in the Champion of Champions category. This year the Committee is carefully looking out for the little extras that can make THE difference this summer. We need to be able to demonstrate good horticultural practice such as rain water collection, good plant selection to support insects and bees as well as gaining (not losing) points in other judging criteria such as weeds, litter, dog fouling and appearances of commercial buildings. Success stories such as the New Park Project at the Memorial Hall will play a major part. To do all of this and make Usk Bloom (as we have done each and every year for the past 36 summers) does take time and money! (Keep an eye out for our Friends of Usk in Bloom scheme dropping on your door mat soon).

All-round community involvement is key, so we are seeking volunteers in all areas to help out – whether it's Green Fingers or Administration skills you have - contributions small or larger - it will make a difference. If you are able to help, we'd love to hear from you. Could you be part of "Your Street" helping to keep the street where you live free of weeds and litter? Could the Brownies, Beavers, Scouts or Cadets be involved? Do you have an idea about something you'd like to see or indeed not see! Could you have your business name associated next to a main floral display? Above all else, we'd love to see the Town make one big huge Community effort to help us gain the extra points so it would be great to see no empty hanging basket arms, no weeds, no litter but plenty of fantastic summer floral displays - showing Usk off at its best whilst helping to boost tourism and trade.

We are also planning a 2018 calendar based on photos of Usk.

These would be not just in Bloom but In Summer in Autumn, in Winter and In Spring. So, if you have such stunning photos that you would like to see promoting Usk please do email them to uskinbloom@gmail.com

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