



**Donaghadee in Bloom  
2023**



# Britain in Bloom 2023

## Town Category

Abergavenny (in Wales, population 12,500)

Alnwick (in Northumbria, population 8,000)

Brandon (in Suffolk, population 9,000)

Elloughton cum Brough (in Yorkshire, population 10,000)

Wistaston (in Cheshire, population 8,000)

..... And, of course, Donaghadee!!



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## Judging

- ✓ Judging will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> August (9am -11.30am)
- ✓ Judges visit Town Centre, Hightrees Crossroads and Cromellin
- ✓ Towns are judged against
  - Horticulture Achievement (40 marks)
  - Environmental Responsibility (30 marks)
  - Community Participation (30 marks)



# Horticulture Achievement Marking Frame

Overall Impression (10 marks)	Impact Use of appropriate Design and Materials Co-ordination and Quality
Maintenance (10 marks)	Cultivation, weeding, feeding, pruning, grass maintenance, tree management and maintenance
Plant Selection (10 marks)	Suitability Range – likely to attract insects and wildlife? Year Round Activity
Plant Quality (10 marks)	Achieving full potential Free of pests and diseases



# Environmental Responsibility Marking Frame

<b>Pride of Place (10 marks)</b>	Acknowledge local heritage Street Furniture Cleanliness – litter, dog fouling, graffiti, chewing gum
<b>Natural Environment (10 marks)</b>	Protection of wildlife habitats Restoring habitats Monitoring
<b>Environmental Management (10 marks)</b>	Sustainable and ecological practices Eliminate use of peat and chemicals Reducing plastics



# Community Participation Marking Frame

Year Round Activity (10 marks)	Evidence of year round activity Future plans and commitment
Communication, Education and Awareness (10 marks)	Interpretative Boards Engagement with schools and young people Media Involvement Communication and engagement
Support and Funding (10 marks)	Participation representative of community Evidence of fundraising Support from local businesses and organisations

# Hanging Baskets

- ✓ 75 hanging baskets for traders
- ✓ 8 smaller baskets for lamp posts (planted by St Anne's PS)
- ✓ Good Coverage in town centre
- ✓ Baskets planted in blue, white, silver and purple
- ✓ Richard Taggart, with assistance from County Hardware, will put them up starting this week
- ✓ Watering Team looking for Volunteers



# Window Boxes



- ✓ Project led by Liz McWatters
- ✓ 220 planted out by Killard School
- ✓ Project supported by Halifax Foundation, County Hardware, the Council and Groomsport Nurseries
- ✓ Boxes being distributed to properties in town centre with window sills



# Seafront Beds and Containers



## Organisations and Individuals Involved

Abbeyfield	Dee Runners	NI Camper	Social Farms & Gardens
ACE Tours	Chunky Dunkers	Norman Kirk	St Anne's PS
Ards Peninsula U3A	Donaghadee Community Choir	Patricia Nickell	The Imperial
Cara McConville	Donaghadee History Forum	Pier 36	Women's Institute

# New Tiered Planters



Corner of New Road  
Ladies Probus



Moat Car Park  
Coastal Rowing Club

# Maritime Themed Displays

## Participants



Donaghadee Methodist Church – boat outside Harbour Apartments

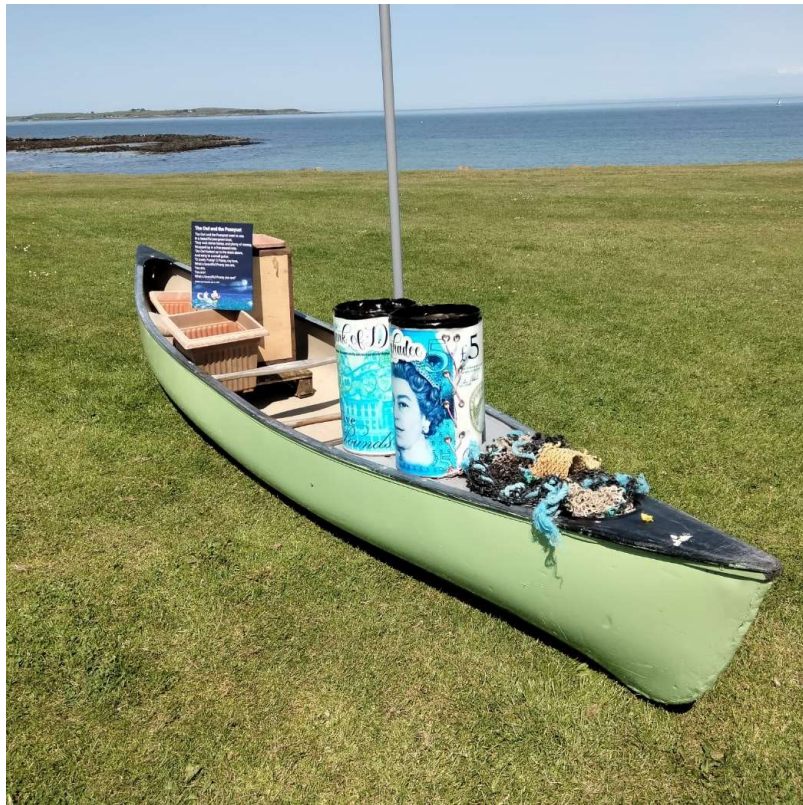
Donaghadee Primary School – boat on green at War Memorial

Donaghadee Rugby Club – boat on the Harbour

Donaghadee Women's Institute – kayak on green at War Memorial

Petals and Buds - lobster pots on traffic islands

# Boat Displays on Saul's Ropewalk



The Owl and the Pussycat



Red Canoe

Looking for an individual or organisation to look after these displays including watering

# Hightrees



Rotary Club – Year round displays  
Council bedding - Petunias  
Cable Drum Display (RNLI)

# Formal Bed opposite Eurospar



Dahlia Happy Days Pink, Nemesia Wisley Vanilla and Brachycome Mini Mauve Delight

# Crommelin Wood



Tidy up access lane

Floral Display and wildflowers to mask manhole

Strand Homes and Killard making Bug Hotels

Tree Nursery Signage vandalised

Removal of Graffiti

Replace vandalised wooden features

Litter Picking Station

# Promoting Recycling



War Memorial



Rugby Club



Barnhill



Hightrees



Ropewalk



Millisle Road

Don't bin it - Recycle it!



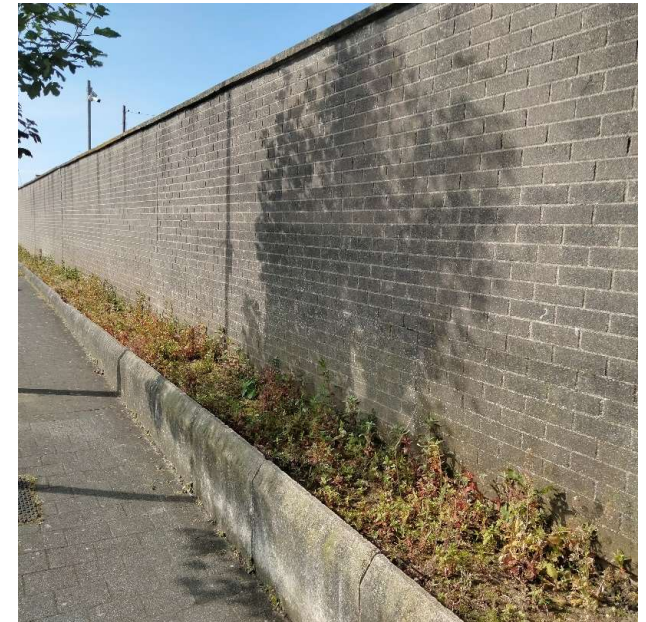
# Community Centre



Ladies Guild



Council



Wildflowers in bed  
Artwork on wall

# Seven Areas for Wildflowers



Entrance to Commons



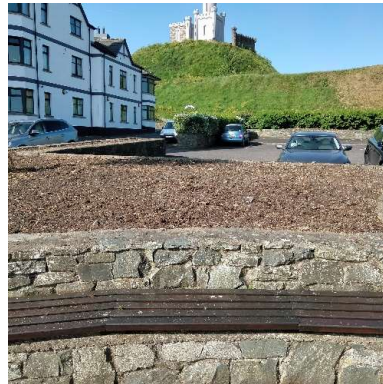
Lane to Cromellin



Entrance to Cromellin



"Skip" wall at  
Community Centre



Moat Carpark



Killaughey Rd Corner



War Memorial

# Artwork



Project led by Sharon Regan  
Crochet work on railings at dinghy park  
Wall at back of skips  
Unsightly NIW and BT Boxes

# Tidying the Town



- Town Warden removing weeds
- Litter Bins Painted
- Seats to be painted
- Town Entry Signs Cleaned
- DfI asked to treat weeds on Warren Road
- DCDA setting up groups to address any areas needing attention



# Judging Day Choreography

8.30am – Judges Collected from Premier Inn in Bangor

9:00am – Judges' tour commences (in white classic Rolls

Royce driven by Councillor Mark Brooks)

Volunteers at sea front containers, Hightrees and Crommelin

11.30am - Judging finishes at Community Centre

Judges welcomed by Mayor of Ards & North Down

All volunteers (individuals and organisations) invited to take a table at the Community Centre and display photographs etc of their In Bloom activity

Refreshments offered

1:00pm - Judges taken back to Premier Inn