

Kendal Town Council

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19 July 2022

To Members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	C Stuart (Horticulture)
Cllr K Blamire	M Nicholson
Cllr D Brown	Toni Yates (Kendal Civic Society)
Cllr L Hendry	
Cllr R Sutton (Vice-Chair)	

You are invited to a meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee on Weds, 27 July 2022, at 7.00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Kendal. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website.
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(Distributed to other members of the Council for information only.)

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

Public Participation

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1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the council under the terms of local government act 1972, s85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Notes from the Last Meeting

To receive the notes of the meeting of the Committee on 13 April 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

5. Kendal in Bloom & Cumbria in Bloom Initiative

To receive an update on the progress of the initiatives and civic planting programme. (*See attached*)

6. Kendal Bloom Portfolio

To receive the Bloom portfolio. (*See attached*)

7. Funding Request for Providing Replacement Trees in Woolpack Yard

The committee are asked to consider a request to fund the replacement bay trees at Woolpack Yard. (*See attached*)

8. Review of Spend against Budget 2022/23

To note the budget to date. (*See attached*)

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee held on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 7pm in the Mintworks, Highgate, Kendal.

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	Present	C Stuart-Smith (Horticulture)	Present
Cllr A Edwards	Apologies	M Nicholson	Present
Cllr C Rowley	Present	T Yates (Civic Society)	Present
Cllr R Sutton	Present		
Cllr P Walker	Absent		

In attendance: Council Services Officer (Janine Holt), Townscape Manager (Pierre Labat), Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw).

B35/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Edwards.

B36/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None

B37/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues.

B38/21/22 Notes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee received the notes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022. There was some confusion concerning the note relating to Hallgarth. It was re-written to reflect that Hallgarth Residents had provided a plan for the Committee's approval.

Resolved: To accept them as a true record, with this amendment.

B39/21/22 EA Beezon Fields Project

Lana Grindley from the Environment Agency was unable to give a presentation on their work at Beezon Fields due to political sensitivity during the pre-election period ('purdah'). She will present to a future meeting, after the May elections.

B40/21/22 Kendal in Bloom

The Council Services Officer updated the Committee on the plans for Kendal in Bloom. Torchlight had agreed to allow us to use their 'Scrapheap Legends' theme and this would be the focus of the schools competition. There will be a Front Gardens competition focussing on traditional planting and biodiversity, and also a Jubilee themed competition. Publicity posters were being prepared for these.

Permission for the bed on Aynam Road, by Weavers Court, had been given by the District Council and this would be planted in Jubilee colours on 5-6 May. The Townscape Officer confirmed that the bed opposite had already been planted with wildflowers surplus to need from Somervell Garden.

The Council Services Officer confirmed that judging dates could need to tie in with the meeting dates and the Jubilee. Entries could be by photograph.

Resolved: To note the report.

B41/21/22 Cumbria in Bloom

The Council Services Officer confirmed that an entry had been made in the Large Towns category for Cumbria in Bloom. Judging was expected in early July, by which time she will have compiled the necessary portfolio, including current pictures of displays from around the town. Special Awards this year were for Biodiversity, and a Woodland Copse, and members were asked to consider whether appropriate schemes existed which could be incorporated. It was noted that the Environment & Highways Committee was supporting a number of initiatives, particularly in Fellside, and that the Council Services Officer should liaise with the Town Council's Project Manager to get further details. Other schemes to include were the hedgehogs at Rinkfield, green waste and composting at Sedbergh Road and Nobles rest and the wetland scheme at Town View Field.

The Chair expressed a wish that the Council hosts a 'gathering' to celebrate Kendal in Bloom in the autumn, in the way that was the practice before Covid.

Resolved: To note the report, and seek a date for the gathering.

B42/21/22 Somervell Garden

The Townscape Manager updates the committee on the development of the wildflower planting at Somervell Garden. This was completed with a few rolls to spare which had been planted at Aynam Road. The Townscape manager will maintain both beds. There was some discussion about the prospect of a themed artistic garden at the rear of the site but it was suggested that more traditional planting was more appropriate. Any further planting would require a site visit.

Resolved: To note the report.

B43/21/22 Other Townscape Issues

The Townscape Manager reported that the tower planters which formerly went in front of the town hall were due for replanting. The Committee felt their current location on Blackhall Road was preferable. The planting outside the Town Hall would be confined to window boxes currently, though inquiries could be made to the District Council about the prospect of some trailing planting being possible – subject to access agreements being made.

Continental are no longer planting their hanging baskets and mangers immediately prior to deployment, but allowing them to grow a little longer in their containers, first. This should reduce damage to young plants and avoid the low-growth straggly stage of the planting. The majority of planting should be in place by 6 June. Primroses removed from existing beds would be composted appropriately.

There was some discussion about the Shap Road planters and whether they should be for colour or for edibles. It was noted that the leisure Centre edible bed was struggling, but that this was a matter for GLL. Some of the lavender at Noble's rest was damaged over winter and would require replanting.

The tidying up of Woolpack Yard with Welcome Back funding was complete, litter-picking was continuing to be successful, with Hallgarth residents particularly effective.

Resolved: The Town Clerk to talk to SLDC about the possibility of planting on the front of the Town Hall.

Resolved: Shap Road planting to be a mix of herbs and colour.

Resolved: Nobles Rest lavender bed to be replanted for around £30.

Resolved: To note the report

Resolved: That the Townscape Manager has an agenda item for his report.

B44/21/22 Funding Requests

The Rotary Club has requested £500 to add 10,000 more crocuses to the town's displays. Following discussion, it was suggested that the impact is softened by the addition of daffodils in places. Advice on the work of the Flood Scheme would be required before any planting took place by the river.

Resolved: To grant £500 to the Rotary for crocuses.

Resolved: To allocate £50 for adding daffodils.

Resolved: To allocate an additional £50 for daffodils on Shap Road.

B45/21/22 Review of Spend against Budget

The Council Services Officer gave a brief account of expenditure so far, and year end figures from the previous year. A query was raised whether this included sufficient funds to expand the Windermere Road planting, where the E&H Committee was intending to renovate the railings. It was suggested that this could be done in a limited way this year.

Resolved: To obtain and plant four new troughs on Windermere Road railings, subject to site assessment and costing.

Resolved: To note the report

B46/21/22 Horticulture

The Committee received a brief report on Horticulture's planting around the town. There was discussion about the replating of the crest on Kirkland, but this was subject to ongoing work by the Environment Agency. This would have to be checked before any new planting commenced. There were very positive reports from the boundary bed planting, and more volunteers may be required to assist in due course.

Resolved: To note the report.

The meeting closed at 20.15



Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 27 th July 2022
From: Council Services Officer	Agenda No.: 5
Description: KIB and CIB Project Update.	

Summary: *The committee are asked to note the report.*

1 Kendal in Bloom

Competition

We have had a disappointing year with competition participation. I have only received one request for further information with no entries received. The competition is on the KTC website and has been promoted via the Facebook page.

Heron Hill and St Thomas schools have participated in the schools challenge. Cllr Blackman and the Mayor of Kendal visited the schools on 13th & 14th July to view their projects.

Civic Planting

All the planting was completed by the end of the 2nd week in June. As previously mentioned, we did have a colour scheme this year of the jubilee colours, this worked well. The Townscape Officer and I will be meeting with the contractor in October to discuss the scheme for next year.

Jubilee Bed on Aynam Road

The Jubilee bed was opened by the Mayor on 2nd June 2022. This bed was jointly funded by this committee and the jubilee fund made available by the Town Council. The bed was designed by Toni Yates and Stuart Lockton and approved by SLDC as landowners. A contractor supplied the plants and prepared the ground, Toni Yates and the Townscape Officer planted it up with a local company supplying the engraved Cumbrian stone.

Trees on Aynam Road

As part of the flood scheme the trees which are currently located on Aynam Road (near Jennings Bridge) have to be moved. The Environment Agency have agreed to help relocate the trees to Fletcher Park. It is anticipated that these trees will be relocated w/c 17th October. The 4 tier planters will be relocated to the grass verge near the Asda roundabout.

2 Cumbria in Bloom

The Cumbria in Bloom judges visited Kendal on Monday 11th July and Cllr Blackman and Council Services Officers accompanied them on the tour. The judges visited:-

- Wildflower planting and Jubilee bed on Aynam Road
- Heron Hill School
- Rinkfield Allotments
- Ford Park



- Subscription Bowling Club
- Victorian Fern Garden
- Rosemary Lane Community Garden
- Nobles Rest Park
- Legendary Landscape Planter near the Library
- Unitarian Chapel Gardens

The initial feedback was very positive and we have been asked to provide the planting plan for the Jubilee bed as they would like to enter it into a special award category. We await the results in October.

3. Possible Points for Discussion

- Consider the merits of extending the wildflower planting to include the whole grass verge at Aynam Road
- Consider wildflower planting on the roundabout at Asda
- Consider the colour scheme or enhancements to the civic planting regime
- KIB 2023 initiative, re-evaluate and clarify the aim

N.B the points for discussion are only there as possible suggestions for discussion topics.

KENDAL IN BLOOM

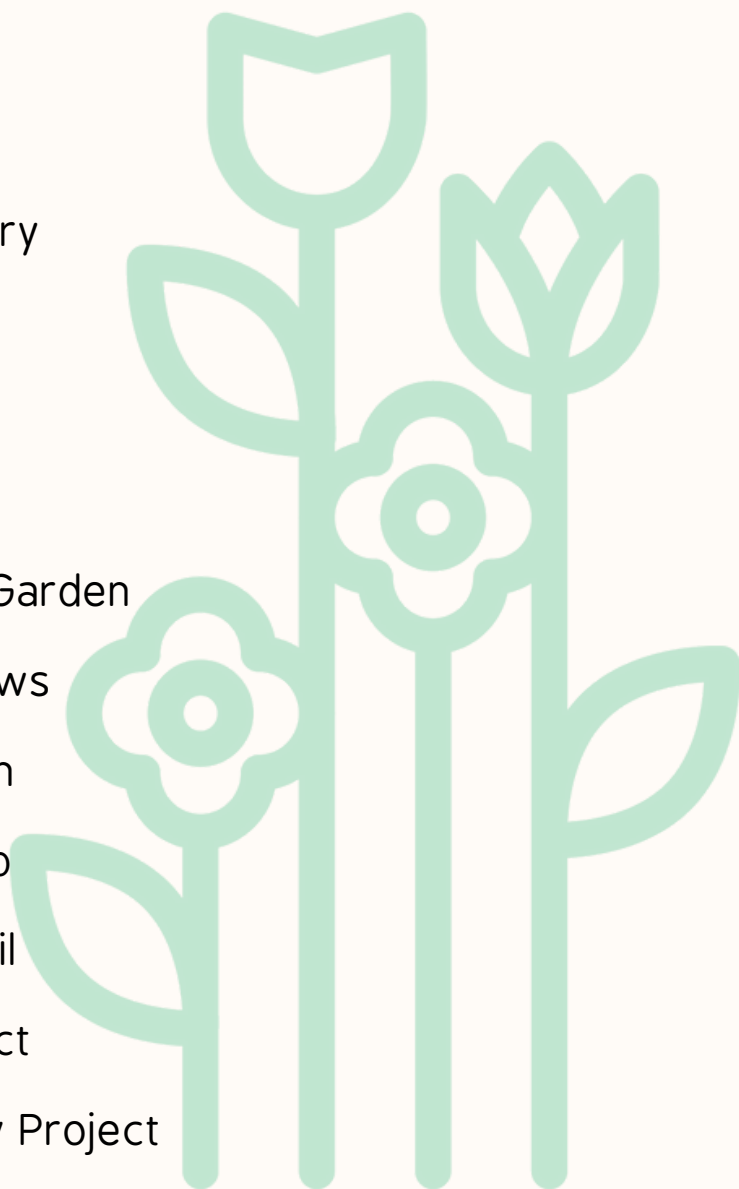
Portfolio



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Kendal is delighted to welcome Cumbria in Bloom judges to our historic market town. We are extremely proud of Kendal's horticultural, environmental and community achievements over the last year (21/22). The Kendal in Bloom committee meets four times a year to work towards these.

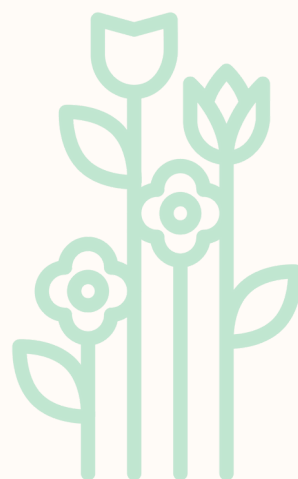
In addition to the ongoing bloom effort, we are proud to now be actively incorporating the recommendations of Kendal's Citizens' Jury into the fabric of our town, with benefits for our communities and for nature recovery and biodiversity enhancement.

Projects you will visit on judging day that aren't highlighted here include new civic planting on Aynam Road created in honour of the Platinum Jubilee, Heron Hill school's gardening initiatives, town centre floral displays created by a local shop owner, and the Victorian Fern Garden at Serpentine woods.

We look forward to meeting you on 11th July.

**Cllr Andy Blackman,
Chair of Kendal in Bloom**

*Pictured at the opening of the
South Lakes Orchard Group orchard*





Welcome to our vibrant and traditional market town. Built on the wool trade Kendal has developed into a diverse cultural hub. We have an intriguing history, including our famous yards.

Once gardens to grand town houses, the yards became hubs of the wool industry hosting tanners, blacksmiths and butchers alongside family homes. Today the vibrancy of Kendal's yards continues as beautiful gardens, interesting businesses and festival venues.



Kendal is truly green at heart, surrounded by the world famous Lake District and with the River Kent at its core. You're always close to outstanding scenery and wildlife which takes your breath away.



ABOUT KENDAL IN BLOOM

KIB is dedicated to making Kendal a beautiful place to live, work and visit, by encouraging pride and recognising everyone that makes a difference.



The KIB committee oversee all civic planting, some is carried by Horticare, a local day service for people with learning difficulties. KIB run the Kendal in Bloom competition which encourages and supports community projects and co ordinates entries into Bloom competitions.

The committee is run by Kendal Town Council (KTC) and supported by a dedicated part-time officer and handyman.





The three themes for this year are: **Scrap Heap Legends** which encourages horticultural creativity and imagination by celebrating reuse and repurposing of 'waste' materials. The **Front Gardens** category celebrates both traditional and biodiverse planting styles. This year there's also a special **Platinum Jubilee** category, with residents and schools invited to create an area, planter or garden in honour of the jubilee.



A Scrap Heap Legend: upcycled pallets adorn this garage in a Kendal alleyway



CIVIC PLANTING

Kendal's civic planting retains traditional features of beds and hanging baskets, while introducing some more innovative features to improve our town's environment and biodiversity.

Examples of these are ivy screening at the bus station and at Longpool - designed to reduce air pollution, wildflower meadows at Somerville Gardens and Aynam Road - providing valuable forage for pollinators, and edible planters at Noble's Rest.



New planters in Woolpack Yard (R) were funded by the Welcome Back Fund.





Kendal is home to an active Rotary Club, which in October 2021 planted 8000 bulbs along Burton Road, adding to the swathes of springtime colour that can be seen around Kendal, including at Kendal Green, Parkside Cemetery, Shap Road and Aynam Road.





KENDAL CLIMATE CITIZENS' JURY

Kendal held a Citizens' Jury in 2021, which addressed the question "What should Kendal do about climate change?". Among the recommendations agreed by the jury were calls for increased tree planting, growing more food locally, and to increase allotment provision.

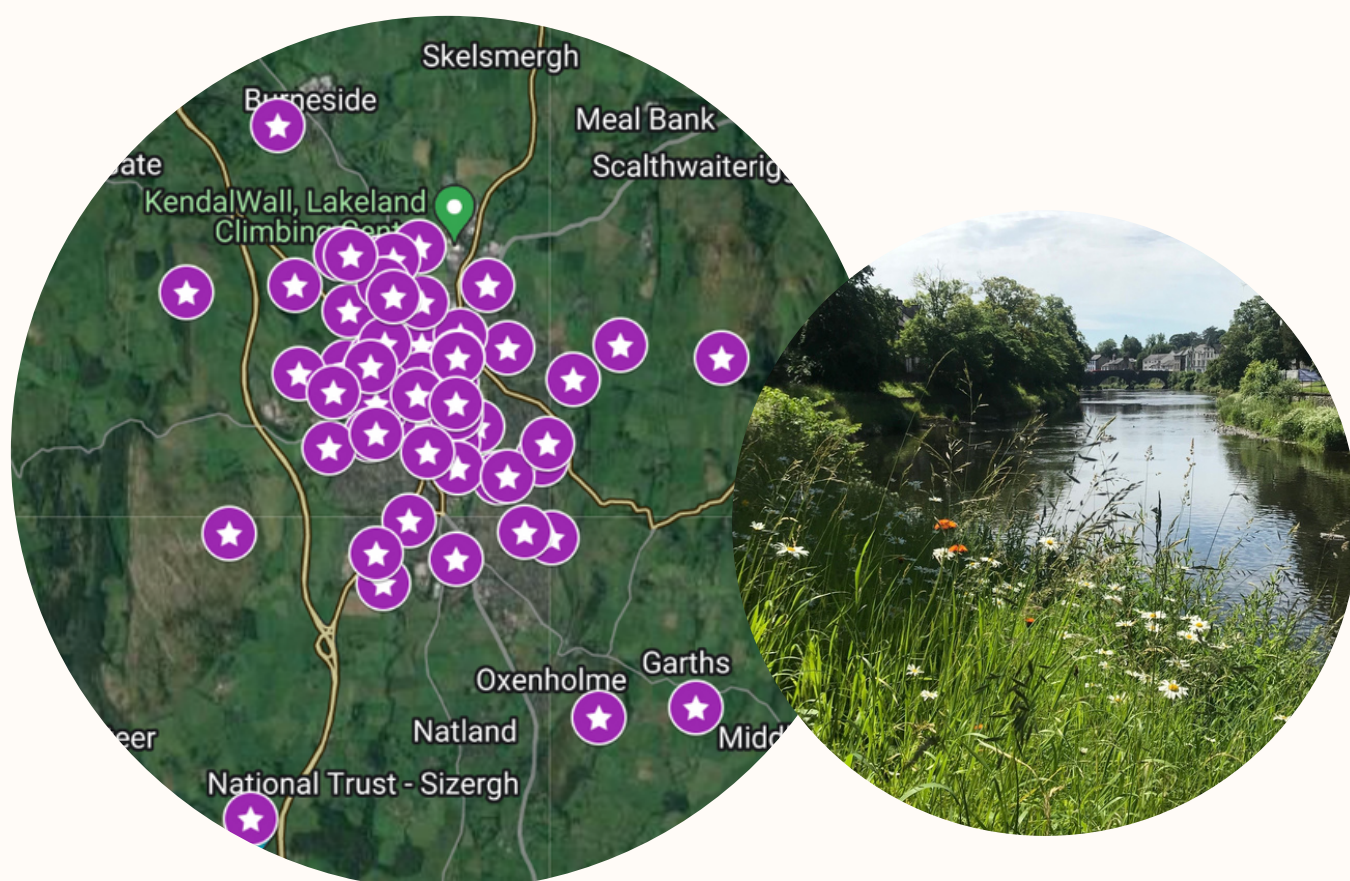


Tree planting has taken place in Fletcher Park (left), Burneside road and Queen Katherine's School, among other locations, and new allotments are currently in development at Canal Head.



NATURAL KENDAL

A research report commissioned by Kendal Town Council in 2021 has identified existing and planned nature recovery activity in and around Kendal, with the aim of enhancing biodiversity and to engage and involve individuals, communities and organisations.



While there is already lots going on in Kendal to support biodiversity and nature recovery, the Natural Kendal report also identifies opportunities for 'quick wins', partnership working and community involvement. Watch this space!



WASTE INTO WELLBEING

Since 2020, Kendal's allotment holders have donated over 1.5 tonnes of surplus produce to Waste into Wellbeing. This volunteer-run group redistributes food that would otherwise be wasted to those in need.



This zero-waste ethos is also reflected in the town's pilot composting project at Noble's Rest. Green waste from the park is now composted on site reducing emissions associated with buying compost and transporting green waste to be recycled.





KTC BIODIVERSITY GRANTS

Since 2021 Kendal Town Council has offered biodiversity grants to local groups and organisations whose projects aim to increase biodiversity. Belmont Biodiversity Patch received a grant to transform an unloved space, which had previously been regularly sprayed. Now it is a space for nature to recover, providing a haven for birds and insects.



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An informal hedge of flowering and fruiting shrubs has also been planted along with a bird box and wood piles to provide shelter for birds and insects. The space will evolve organically based on what thrives here on extremely poor soil that is mostly builder's rubble.



June 2022

Last year, 20 native species of plants were observed; this year has seen this more than double, with numbers of birds and insects increasing too.



APPLEBY ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Based on permaculture principles, this project aims to provide children, young people and volunteers with education and training opportunities and a chance to grow fruit and veg in a friendly and supportive environment. The garden is used by a range of individuals and groups of all ages and abilities (inc 15 small rented allotment plots). Our emphasis is on working together.

A new project within the Garden started in 2021, The Spiral Project, which provides horticultural placements to those experiencing social isolation and poor mental health.





MOWING REGIMES & MEADOWS

Several areas of Kendal are now benefiting from reduced mowing, allowing natural meadow regeneration and increased numbers of plant, insect and invertebrate species.





TRIANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tucked away in a corner of Fellside is Triangle Community Garden. Tended by a group of volunteers, it hosts a mixture of edible and ornamental plants, all grown with biodiversity and wildlife in mind.



Paths mown around the borders allow wildflowers to bloom in the lawn, while allowing easy access to the borders and bench. The perfect spot for a rest with a view!





SOUTH LAKES ORCHARD GROUP

The SLOG orchard is home to 170 varieties of mostly northern English apples and pears. The trees are grown as cordons to fit them all in the 1/10th acre site at Underley Allotments. The orchard has received National Plant Collection status granted by the UK governing body Plant Heritage for “*Malus domestica*: North West English Apple Cultivars”.



SLOG holds apple grafting workshops for the public to learn the ancient art of grafting and take home their own trees, thereby increasing both local food production and tree planting.





LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES TRAIL



The Legendary Landscapes Trail was created by Kendal Conservation Volunteers in 2018. In 2021 it extended beyond the town centre, engaging with Sandylands Residents' Association to create a Natural Health Service planter outside the hydrotherapy school (top), and the story of Kendal Green - the cloth that brought fame and fortune to Kendal - which can be seen on Shap Road (bottom).

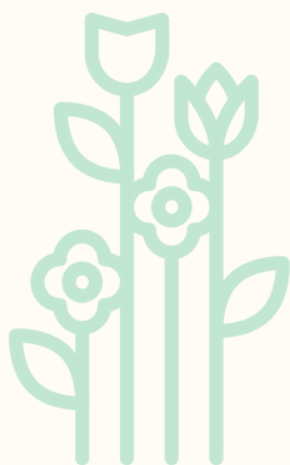
A portable display which has made appearances at Torchlight Festival and the Jubilee party at Fellside tells the sad story of the Helsfell wolf (centre).



HALLGARTH COMMUNITY PROJECT



Gardeners from the local community have transformed an unloved space at Hallgarth Community Centre with the help of a grant from KIB and KTC.





BRIARY MEADOW COMMUNITY PROJECT



With support from SLDC and KTC, Kendal Conservation Volunteers and community members have planted a meadow on an unloved patch of grass. Now it features year-round interest, with native spring bulbs, plug plants and wildflower seeds including English bluebells, snowdrops, cowslips, betony, hawkbit, knapweed, scabious and vetchling, along with yellow rattle. It is much admired by passers-by.





CLEAN RIVER KENT CAMPAIGN

Local campaigners and volunteers are working together to protect the beautiful River Kent and its flora and fauna from pollution.



Volunteer citizen scientists are collecting water samples to monitor pollution levels, with the aim of applying for designated bathing water status later this year, so that swimmers, paddlers and kayakers can enjoy the river and its wildlife safely.

Kendal in Bloom 2022



Wildflowers at Somervell Gardens



Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 27 th July 2022
From: Council Services Officer	Agenda No.: 7
Description: Funding Request for Replacement Trees at Woolpack Yard.	

Summary: The committee are asked to consider a request to provide 6 bay laurel trees in the planters at Woolpack Yard. The cost to supply and plant these trees is £864.00 plus vat

Background

The Environment & Highways Committee have recently improved Woolpack Yard and six planters containing evergreen shrubs were installed. The shrubs and planters were provided with support from the 'welcome back' fund administered by South Lakeland District Council. Unfortunately, the shrubs failed to thrive and had to be removed.

Professional advice has been sought and assurance given that bay laurels can thrive in that type of environment. It is essential that careful consideration is given to the planting and watering regime. The original 'welcome back' funds are no longer available.

Proposal

To install six (4-5ft) bay laurel trees in the Woolpack Yard planters. A contractor will supply and plant the trees. The cost of this service is £864.00 plus vat. The Town Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of these trees.

Recommendation

That Committee members approve the funding to install the trees in Woolpack Yard and the ongoing maintenance.

Kendal Town Council 2022-23 Budget

3 Months Exp - April/Jun 22

Income/Exp

	22/23 Budget	Exp to Date	Forecast
<u>KENDAL in BLOOM</u>			
Floral Displays	£21,500	£13,177	
Installation & Maint		£265	
Waste		£137	
Projects & Grants	£8,700	£257	
KIB Entry		£80	
<u>Total KIB</u>	<u>£30,200</u>	<u>£13,915</u>	<u>£30,200</u>