



Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council NEWSLETTER

March 2024



Tree Planters on Marygate

We're pleased to report that the second phase of our tree planting on Marygate has been completed. The wardens, with Cllr Jane Turton, have completed planting the trees in our new planters. The trees are a type of cherry blossom, similar to the ones previously planted, so we're looking forward to a beautiful display throughout the year once the trees are established.

As well as brightening up Marygate, the planters are acting as a nursery for our trees as they mature. When the trees reach the size limit for the planters we will be planting them around town in pocket parks and playgrounds and of course we'll plant new trees in the planters.



Jimmy Strength

Many Berwick residents have heard the story of Jimmy Strength, and know about the sad state of his statue, which was broken into several pieces. A group of residents have come together to try to provide a replacement statue and have asked the Town Council if we would support this and to comment on whether the statue should be on Marygate.

It's an issue about which we would like to consult with residents before reaching a decision as to whether to back the proposal to put the statue on Marygate. So here's a short survey - let us know what you think - click the [here](#).

Pocket Parks in Berwick-upon-Tweed

Pocket parks are small, often informal green spaces that are designed to provide recreational, aesthetic and environmental benefits to urban areas. They are typically created in small, leftover or underutilised spaces within densely populated urban environments. The aim is to enhance the quality of life for residents that they can enjoy as a community.

Pocket parks are generally small in size, ranging from a fraction of an acre to a few acres. Features may include benches, small seating areas, greenery, pathways, and sometimes even public art installations. The goal is to create a pleasant environment that encourages people to stop, rest and socialise. Although they're small in scale, pocket parks contribute to the overall green infrastructure of urban areas. They help improve air quality, provide shade, and support biodiversity in the midst of the built environment.

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Polytunnels

We'll be installing our new polytunnels on our Ramparts site later in the month. They will be used to bring on the town's bedding plants and allow us to purchase plug plants and seeds instead of full grown plants which will reduce both the cost of planting and the carbon impact of transporting plants. We've been talking to local community groups about the project and we're looking forward to developing the facility further with new ideas. We'll update you as plans progress.




BRIDGE STREET

SHOPS RESTAURANTS
CAFÉS BARS GALLERIES

The Old Bridge may be closed but Bridge Street is still open for business!



Berwick & District

Camera Club Exhibition

The Town Council office walls will soon be brightened considerably by a new exhibition of local photographs to be unveiled here on Marygate. The Berwick and District Camera Club have been invited by Council to use the entrance area of the office to display photographs of Berwick and the surrounding area. This will also include the winners and runners up of the 2024 Bridge 400 competition, organised by the Club in association with Berwick Bridge 400 and Create Berwick to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Berwick Old Bridge this year. We can't wait to see what they create!

(photo Andrew Watkin)




WE ARE HIRING!

Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council is looking for someone to join our team as a

HORTICULTURAL ASSISTANT (SEASONAL)

We need someone to support to our team of Town Wardens, planting and maintaining floral displays, play parks and open spaces around the town.

Duties include: Planting up and weeding flower beds and planters, shrub maintenance, strimming and hedge trimming, working in our plant nursery at the Ramparts, helping keep playparks tidy.

You will have:

- Previous General Driver/Grounds Maintenance Worker experience.
- Good people skills.
- A full clean UK Driving Licence.
- Ideally a Horticulture NVQ, City & Guilds or equivalent, (not essential).
- Good plant knowledge.
- A keen interest in gardening and experience with hand tools.
- Have a certificate in working with horticultural chemicals or be prepared to undergo training.

Full job description and application form:
www.berwick-tc.gov.uk/berwick-news



More Information:
call the council office on 01289 302391

APPLY NOW!

