

BERWICK IN BLOOM AND BERWICK TOWN CENTRE

Last year Berwick in Bloom hosted Northumbria in Bloom at the Swan Centre Tweedmouth and this event was much appreciated by everyone. The event was one of the best ever hosted and this was due to staff, members, volunteers, sponsors and funding donations and which also included assistance from Berwick Town Council.

Berwick in Bloom were striving for their very first **gold award** which would have been the perfect ending to the event, however, once again, were the recipients of a silver gilt for the third consecutive year. This is no mean feat as Morpeth and other Northumberland parishes spend much more money on florals/flowers than Berwick upon Tweed.

With a little disappointment at not achieving the gold award, Berwick in Bloom reached out for funding to buy new tier planters for the town and barrel planters for the Quayside to try and improve the chances of gaining gold in 2016 as well as enhancing the town centre and the Quayside.

This should work well with new locality officers cleaning up the town and new planters being placed at various locations and should make Berwick the envy of North Northumberland

Success has been achieved by gaining £5k funding from NCC and an offer from the Chamber of Trade to buy and dedicate a planter for the town centre has also been received, as well as Jus Rol who have also offered to purchase two more.

Berwick in Bloom respectfully request Berwick Town Council looks favourably at this request and also advise that NCC has no objections to the placing the barrels along the Quayside once work is completed as they representative of Berwick fishing and brewery heritage. Berwick in Bloom would very much like BTC blessing for this project to go ahead?

PROPOSAL

Berwick on Bloom propose to buy 7 new three tiered planters and three extra will also be provided (making 10) and will be paid for and dedicated by, the Chamber of Trade and Jus Rol.

The planters are priced at £466.80 each = £3,267.60 in total. Three estimates have been obtained.

The purchase of and the provision of 10 barrel type planters priced at £145.00 each = £1450.00, are to be placed at the Quayside. 10 metal brackets will also be required to firmly anchor the barrels at £36.00 each, £360.00 in total, all prices include VAT -TOTAL £5077.60.

Berwick in Bloom will pay £77.60 excess.

POSITIONS for 3 tiered planters

Replacing one already outside Greggs Marygate

Replacing two already placed at the Marygate seating area

Replacing one already placed outside Home Bargains, Marygate

To place one in Walkergate adjacent to the Job Centre

Replacing two already in place at the Victorian Fountain (and placing the two black planters already in situ to Countess of Buchan Way)

Placing one adjacent to The Castle Hotel with Highway approval and also placing two at the south side of the river.

Four planters already in position in Marygate will be replaced by new ones, three of them will be moved to Golden Square and one will be placed in between the taxi ranks outside W.H.Smith, Marygate

The two black planters in Golden Square will be moved and placed at the gateway to Tweedmouth near the Five Arches.

Barrel Planters

The 10 barrel planters, chosen specifically as having a nautical feel, will be placed along the Quayside from the Lowry Cafe to the Old Bridge and BTC have received permission from NCC that this can take place. The planters will be put into position once the groundwork for the disabled footpath is put into service and this will create much greater footfall and will enhance this large grey area.

Once purchased, the barrels and brackets will be stored at the Tweedmouth depot until as such time they are required once work on the Quayside has taken place.