



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL
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Dated this day 16th May 2024

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr P Findley, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee to be held on **Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at No 8 the Strand at 19.00** to transact the business set out below.

Mr Roland Aldred
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2024/25**
- 2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2024/25**
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion

of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2024

Attach 1

6. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

7. HAWKSHILL

Management Issues

- I. Update on Hawkshill
- II. Planned works for next month
- III. Possible change of name for committee
- IV. Tree Survey
- V. Making Space for Nature Website

Attach 2

Attach 3

Attach 4

8. YORK AND ALBANY

- I. To receive an update on the Peace Garden from Mrs Bogue and Mrs Late
- II. Update on purchases for York and Albany

Attach 5

9. PURCHASES

- I. Purchase of tools and equipment for use at York and Albany

Attach 6

10. BUDGET

- I. To note updated budget for 2024

Attach 7

11. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2024

(A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

To receive an update on:

- a) Fixed Planters
 - (i) To note status of volunteers to tend planters
 - (ii) Update on movement of planter locations
 - (iii) Press Release for Competition

Attach 8

(B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

To note updated copy of the campaign key activity dates for 2024.

Attach 9

(C) SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- I. To note update on poster competition
- II. Poster exhibition at St Saviours

(D) PRIZEGIVING

- I. To choose certificate designs
- II. To decide on prizes and awards for poster competition and WIB campaign

Attach 10

12. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27th June 2024



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing), Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr P Findley

Co-Opted Members: Mr D Thompson, Mrs D Bogue

Officers present: J Miles (Administration Officer)

543. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Mrs S Le Chevalier and Miss A Late

544. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

545. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minor changes to be made to Entries 490 and 495.1.F

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

546. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

None

547. HAWKSHILL

- I. To receive a verbal report from Mr D Thompson
 - a. Poster versions of the volunteer leaflet have been put up around the Freedown
 - b. Three new volunteers have made an appearance over the last two months with one returning several times.
 - c. Volunteers have put in 45 hrs during Sundays and 25 hrs during weekdays
 - d. The new whips were received and 182 have been planted already with other areas prepared for further planting.
 - e. A request has been made by Mr Thompson to get more effective deterrence in the form of orange grid fencing for the new whips.
 - f. New clearance has been used to reform borders
 - g. A fallen tree was removed from the road, several logs were taken from it for use as seating but were unfortunately stolen.
 - h. Several trees nearby were being trimmed by contractors from DDC, WTC were not informed of these works being done.
 - i. The two new security posts that have been requested are being looked into by the office.

- II. Steve Coates has begun looking over the trees at Hawkshill; currently he has identified 27 trees in possible danger of collapse. If any of these trees fall within the boundaries of the Hawkshill woodland, it is suggested they be left where they are to allow for local invertebrates to breed.

RESOLVED – That the management plan is to include the assessment of the woodland at Hawkshill when completed.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Mr Thompson

For 6

Against 0

Abstain 0

Request to Town Clerk to obtain two quotes from local independent Arboriculturists to survey the trees at Hawkshill Freedown and York and Albany Close.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk obtains two quotes for survey

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave

For 6

Against 0

Abstain 0

- III. Cllr L Ludwig and Mr Thompson to approach Mr Mark Styles regarding barriers to be put up to protect the newly planted whips.
Cllr L Ludwig to donate two water butts to Hawkshill Freedown once new replacements have been sourced.

RESOLVED – Placement of two water butts at Hawkshill near or around the tool shed already in situ. More to be added in due course.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 6

Against 0

Abstain 0

- IV. **Noted:** Volunteer information was noted during Mr Thompson's report.

- V. Mr Richard Oram was invited to speak regarding the re-introduction of Moth Catching Evenings, he has had interest from both English Heritage and Walmer Town Council to continue his surveys at Hawkshill. He would also like to do further surveys for York and Albany in the near future as well as Churchill Avenue once it is in WTC control.

It was mentioned that there are three forms of Moth catching events that could be used, one was Mr Oram doing it on his own which he will continue to do throughout the year. The others are public attended Moth Catching or Showing events, it was suggested that one of each could be set up per season for this year in May, July and September.

RESOLVED – A Moth survey of Hawkshill is to continue for the next year at Hawkskill, three public events to be decided for both evening and mornings.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 6

Against 0

Abstain 0

- VI. A member of the public has made a request to donate a memorial tree to the Freedown, a mature tree of the same type as already within the hedgeline was decided on by the committee. The family will lease with WIB regarding a low-key planting of the tree and a private dedication.
- VII. **Noted:** Planned works were noted during Mr Thompson's report.

- VIII. Queries were raised about the possible change of name of the committee due to a large amount of the word down is regarding Hawkshill and not Walmer In Bloom or the possibility of creating a Hawkshill Committee. Discussion deferred to next WIB meeting in May.

548. YORK AND ALBANY

- I. A report was given by Mrs Bogue
- i. The five trees donated by the tree council were received and planted a week later, photos of the planting have been taken and will be forwarded to Admin.
 - ii. Cllr Waite-Gleave to forward press release information to admin.
 - iii. The pathways have been restored with hedge and ivy cut back to allow access.
 - iv. A Moth catching evening may go ahead at Y&A in the summer, Mrs Bogue and Mr Oram to discuss.

549. BUDGET

- i. Members received a copy of the 2024/25 budgets.
RESOLUTION – Noted.

550. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2023

A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

a) Fixed Planters

- i. No update from Ripplevale School, Admin to continue to make contact.
- ii. Volunteers have been confirmed for planters along The Strand and Upper Walmer as well as confirmed for those at the Council office and Corner Café. Others are still needed for those not currently being looked after at the Rugby Club on Canada Road.
- iii. Signs on the planters are out of date, further discussions are being made regarding replacements.
- iv. Two replacement planters are needed, admin to contact Ripplevale about replacing them if possible.
- v. Planters at entrance to the Drill Field may need to be moved due to lack of sight by the public, Discussion deferred to next WIB meeting in May.

B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

- a) Members received an updated copy of the campaign's key activity dates for 2023
RESOLUTION – Noted.

C) SCHOOL/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- a) Downs School have confirmed their entrants and should have them ready before the end of the month.
RESOLUTION – Noted.
- b) St Saviours Church has contacted Cllr L Ludwig regarding the possibility of displaying WIB poster competition entries during the campaign. Cllr Ludwig to continue to look into the possibility

551. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Any future inclusion to be sent to Admin to add to next agenda

552. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7:00pm at 8 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 21.05

Signed _____

Dated _____

DRAFT

Report for Hawkshill Cllr Louise Ludwig

1. David Thompson

I would like to acknowledge and record Walmer in Bloom's appreciation for all the hard work and dedication given to Hawkshill by David Thompson. He has stepped down from his volunteer role, but we hope to see him up there in the future.

2. Volunteers

There are currently 4 volunteers that regularly give of their time for Hawkshill. There were, at times several people helping in the winter, but very few people can commit weekly.

We will need to continue to develop ways to increase and retain new volunteers, & this is very much part of the Public Engagement event at St Saviours on the 8th June. It would be good to develop the opportunity to coordinate volunteering in the week, and I would be prepared to develop this further, subject to approval by the committee.

However at this time in the season we can work on maintaining paths and controlling invasive species in key areas eg the grass bank.

When it is time to cut and rake the grass we will need to have significantly more 'workers' in order to clear the grass and put it where it can be used as a mulch etc.

Action/decision: to agree on going development of weekday volunteer programme & initiatives to increase volunteers signing up for the autumn.

3. Hedging

Mark Styles has led the project to plant almost 400 hedge plants to continue the East hedge.

The KCC 'trees outside woodland project officer', visited the site with Mark and Cllr Findlay, who circulated a report shortly after. The officer was impressed and suggested using Hawkshill as a potential venue to host an event for the Dover based projects. More details to follow in due course. There may be match funding for more hedging in the autumn, and we will identify suitable locations for more planting. I would also like to record our thanks and appreciation to Mark for all of his hard work.

Watering the hedge.

The main issue that will need addressing is the maintenance of the hedge to ensure it thrives- in particular watering during dry periods. At this time I believe we have 2 realistic options:

Action/decision required- To mount a campaign asking walkers to bring water or to pay for a contractor. For discussion if details available.

4. Dead Hedge

This has been built by Russ with assistance from the volunteers who have had to carry the wood from thinned out trees up the concrete steps to the top path. This creates a safety barrier for dogs and walkers and will allow future management of the ground to clear ivy and allow native plants to grow better.

5. Walmer Castle help with wood chippings.

Thanks to Steve Coates who negotiated with Walmer Castle for access to wood chippings for the woodland path. He spent all morning on the 5th May with Dave Coleman making trips in his car to collect the chippings that were then raked over the path, it looks and feels terrific now.

6. Management Plan

Ecological surveys are being conducted to help shape the revised and reviewed plan that should be ready for discussion and ratification in time for the autumn schedule of works. Steve Coates has this in hand and it is hoped to get the relevant interested parties around a table to discuss in due course.

7. New equipment & training

Russ has inspected and been servicing and repairing our equipment. There are some pieces that are now beyond repair and it is hoped to have a list of what is required to discuss at the meeting.

Russ is our only qualified bush cutter/trimmer operator and it would be sensible to get Steve qualified. He is one of the dedicated regular volunteers, and this would increase capacity and efficiency.

Action/decision required:

- i) to establish costs, location and training opportunities available and approve the payment of the course for Steve Coates.
- ii) To agree research & purchases of relevant equipment as provided.

8. Health and Safety Issue

i) The remains of an old gate post is protruding again near the footpath that runs along the wall to the castle towards the beach. Whilst regular walkers may be aware of it, others may not and it is an obvious trip hazard. Previously the staff have tried to sort this out, but I believe this should now be allocated to someone with the appropriate skills and equipment to cut away and make the surface smooth.

Action/decision: to request the office contact the appropriate contractor to deal.

ii) When the tree fell down onto the car park it hit a metal structure and what looks like a pipe, believed to belong to British Gas. The clerk made several phone calls that day, but to date no obvious repairs or attention has been made. Not only does this look untidy & uncared for, it looks dangerous and I believe the matter should be escalated, so that it can be rectified.

Action/decision: to request the office pursue the matter in order to get somebody to take ownership and deal.

9. Website update

It is anticipated that regular updates will now go onto the Hawkshill page so that anyone scanning the QR codes can find out what we are doing.

Quotation: 15 April 2024**Tree inspection, Hawkshill Freedown & Peace Garden****Walmer Town Council****Terms**

- (i) To satisfy the Town Council's duty of care in relation to tree risk.
- (ii) To identify conflicts with users of the public way or other potential for nuisance.
- (iii) To make suggestions for future management.

Quotation

¹Site visit

²Tree survey in walkover format

³Written record with Schedule of Works (as appropriate)

TOTAL**£400**

VAT not payable

Notes

1. During my site visit it would be helpful to be accompanied by a member of a volunteer group or staff member of Walmer Town Council.
2. A walkover survey is defined as:

A formal tree inspection conducted without written record of individual trees except where it is appropriate to justify action (or no action) in relation to tree risk, or to make other observations relevant to the purpose.
3. A written record is advisable in matters relating to tree risk. The Schedule of Works is the basis for soliciting quotations from tree work contractors for tree works (if any are recommended).
4. The incorporation of any comments on a draft of the report is included.



Invicta Arboriculture

Tree and Woodland Consultancy

22nd April 2024

Mr John Miles
Walmer Parish Council
62 The Strand
Walmer
Kent
CT14 7DP

Dear John,

Thank you for your invitation to quote for the Walmer Parish Council tree inspections.

I am familiar with both of the sites having undertaken Walmer Parish Councils tree inspections annually between 2016 and 2019, which also used to include the Drill Field and Campbell Road allotments.

I can confirm that my fee to undertake a health and safety tree inspection at both Hawkshill Free Down and the open space at York and Albany Close (the Peace Garden) will be £595.00.

The inspections will be undertaken on a 'negative' basis, that is to say that all trees will be inspected from accessible points at ground level with only those that are considered to pose an unacceptable risk to users of the sites, neighbouring properties and those using adjacent highways and public rights of way adjacent the sites recorded in the tree reports along with recommendations for their immediate and/or future management along with timescales for undertaking the work.

Please note that I have no interest in undertaking any of the work flagged within the reports. As an arboricultural consultant my opinion is completely unbiased and without any agenda for then pricing said works.

Please let me know if you would like me to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Sephton.



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To:

John Miles / Walmer Town Council
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CT14 7DP

Phone: 01304 362363

Quotation RF21683

Quotation Date: 18/04/2024
Valid For: 60 Days
Estimator: John Robinson

Site Address: Hawkshill Freedown, off Liverpool Road, Walmer, and the 'Peace Garden', off York and Albany Close

Tree Condition Survey for Walmer Town Council

Survey Sites:

- 1.) The Freedown
- 2.) Peace Garden

- These surveys will focus on the 'higher usage' areas of each site and trees within falling distance of these areas (e.g. roads, formal footpaths, trees near properties or where people congregate)
- On instruction of the surveys, we will agree a zoning plan for each site which considers all such areas to determine the exact parameters of the surveys

- Visit two Walmer Town Council Sites (as above) and carry out a ground-based health and condition survey of all significant trees within the site boundaries. This survey will involve thorough examination of tree features and document significant external visible defects as they are found.

£1,580.00

- Due to the size of The Freedown site and number of trees, the trees will be inspected on a no-negative basis. All trees on site will be inspected, but only those requiring works within the reinspection period will be tagged and recorded within the report.

- Collate the survey data and produce a written report that sets the context for the survey, presents the survey data (in the form of a tree schedule), summarises the findings of the survey, evaluates these findings and, where necessary, discusses management recommendations according to their urgency and to industry best practice.

- Prepare a location plan using purchased electronic Ordnance Survey (OS) mapping, showing the position of all trees recorded within the survey. Where defects are found and remedial works are recommended, the trees shall be colour coded according to their work priority.

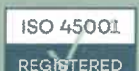
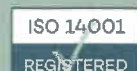
An electronic copy of the report in PDF format will be provided.

To purchase a site-specific digital Ordnance Survey (OS) plan required for our handheld GPS device and for the production of site plans to display gathered data.

£45.00

If the client is able to supply us with a copy of their own topographical survey in .dwg or .dxf format prior to our site survey visit we will omit this cost.

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Registered Office - 63 High Street | Chislehurst | BR7 5BE

Registered in England - 7912353
VAT Reg - 133785402

Net Amount:	£1,625.00
VAT@20%	£325.00

Client signature to approve specification and agree to terms and conditions:

Quote Total	£1,950.00
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- All work shall be completed in accordance with BS3998:2010 'recommendations for Tree Work' where appropriate unless instructed otherwise by the customer
- Upon acceptance of this quotation, Down To Earth Trees Ltd shall check for the presence of legislative constraints (Tree Preservation Orders etc.) We would be happy to act as an agent to submit and manage the application process on your behalf at an additional cost of £40.00 plus VAT which will be paid prior to the local authority determination.
- No additional charges shall be applied to this work without first seeking your approval.

Info - Walmer Town Council

From: Steve Coates <steve_coates@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 14 March 2024 10:27
To: Walmer in Bloom
Subject: Hawkshill - Making Space for Nature

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: WIB

Hi all,

I have drafted an entry for Hawkshill on the Making Space for Nature website, as below.

The system defaults to my name, but the entry can be deleted and the council can reenter under its own login.

The project is a government initiative, and is currently just an information-collecting job, but we may derive benefits in future.

<https://www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk/>

You may like to discuss this at your next meeting and agree or decline as you think fit.

All the best,
 Steve

Project	Site partners	Action description	Baseline habitat
Hawkshill Added: 2024/03/14 Last modified: 2024/03/14 10:16	Site Owners Walmer Town Council Site Managers Steve COATES, Volunteer team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat management • Habitat recovery • Species recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaved and mixed woodland • Calcareous grassland • Hedgerows

WALMER PEACE GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING

16 April 2024

Present: Dawn, Angie, Scott, Sarah, Lauren and Clare.

Agenda:

- Open day
- Update from WIB meeting (tree inspection, water butt, moth and butterfly survey)
- Fruit trees
- Working party
- Gardening update (Clare)
- Noticeboard and picnic bench

Open day

This year will be a soft opening. We will send invitation flyers rather than advertise to all via posters. Activities for children. Marquee. Meetings to be held leading up to the 1 June.

Update from WIB

Dawn to contact Richard regarding moth and butterfly surveys.
Water butt to be placed alongside neighbouring shed.

Fruit trees

The fruit trees have taken well and are full of blossom.

Working party

Dates arranged.

Gardening update

We need volunteers and tools.

List of tools - top of the list the mower now that our second-hand one has given up – Scott to research.

Volunteer code to be edited and returned to John (WTC).

Noticeboard and picnic bench

Meeting in the peace gardens to decide exact location of both.

D Bogue

WALMER PEACE GARDENS**TOOLS**Petrol mower:

Hyundai 46cm Petrol Lawnmower
Self-Propelled, 460mm/18" Cutting Width Lawn mower, 3.5HP 4-Stroke Petrol Engine, foldable handles, mulching lawn mower, 3-year warranty (£364 Amazon)

Border fork:

Something not too heavy.

Spear & Jackson 1994EL/09 Select Stainless Border Fork £44.95

Lightweight hedge shears:

Darlac Lightweight Shears 8" - £31.99

Goodhome from B&Q (similar to above and lightweight)

Wide headed rake:

For hay: we are open to suggestions from WIB committee but have seen the following:

Faithfull Aluminium Landscape Rake Wooden Handle Fsc 100% | Power Tools Direct - reduced to £29.24

Bulldog Premier Hay Rake 70in - Wooden Head - Hardwood Handle (histd.co.uk) (£50.93)

Secateurs:

Open to suggestions.

Trowel:

Wilkinson Sword Stainless Steel Hand Trowel £10.99 (Recommended – light, comfortable, long-lasting.)

Water butt:

We can divert run off water from a shed which is ideal for a water butt. We don't need the diverter or the stand, we just need a water butt. There is a large Garantia 300L on offer in B&Q at the moment, or we can buy something smaller. The height must be no more than 1 metre to fit. However, we will be guided by the WIB committee.

WALMER IN BLOOM 2024/2025 Budget

ITEM	2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 Current
FLORAL DISPLAYS	£1,085.00	£1,198.20
PLANTING		
Hanging basket plants	£920.00	£1,159.20
Planters	£120.00	
EQUIPMENT		
Hanging Baskets & Brackets		
KCC Permission	£45.00	£39.00
New Planter		
Delivery of new Planter		
PLANTER REPAIRS		
Repairs		
CONTRACTORS' COSTS	£3,700.00	
Watering & maintenance (19 Weeks)	£3,500.00	£3,837.24
Collect Baskets	£150.00	£165.00
Plant bedding		
Removal of baskets	£50.00	£66.00
COMPETITION COSTS	£315.00	
Mrs J Doulton	£50.00	
S & SE in Bloom	£100.00	£0.00
Downs Donation	£25.00	
Prizes	£100.00	
Presentation event – food etc.	£40.00	
Sea Scout Hut		
CONTINGENCY	£300.00	
SPEND - Committed	£5,400.00	£5,266.44
TOTAL BUDGET	£5,400.00	£5,400.00
Difference	£0.00	£133.56

Hawkshill 2024/25

ITEM	2023/2024 Budget	2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 Budget
Cut - Oct	£ 900.00	£ 500.00	
Cut - Apr	£ 900.00	£ -	
Removable bollards	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
Tree cutting AP management plan	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	
Tool replacement	£ 300.00	£ 1,000.00	
Planting	£ 700.00	£ 700.00	
SPEND - Committed	£ 13,800.00	£ 13,200.00	£ -
TOTAL BUDGET	£ 14,000.00	£ 13,500.00	£ 13,500.00
Difference	£ 200.00	£ 300.00	£ 13,500.00

York and Albany 2024/25

ITEM	2023/2024 Budget	2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 Budget
York and Albany management	£ 1,500.00		
Signs		£ 750.00	
Grass Cutting		£ 150.00	
Tree Works		£ 500.00	
Planting		£ 200.00	
Tools		£ 300.00	
Water Butt		£ 40.00	
Green Waste Scheme		£ 58.00	
SPEND - Committed	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,998.00	£ -
TOTAL BUDGET	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Difference	£ -	£ 2.00	£ 2,000.00



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Press Release

HELP WALMER BLOOM THIS SUMMER

Once again summer brings around the annual Walmer In Bloom Gardens competition, councillors and volunteers have been working hard to ensure that this year's competition will be one of the best we've had. The long-standing tradition of hanging of baskets along The Strand, as well as cultivating flowers in planters throughout the town means that the Walmer In Bloom committee needed to carefully choose what flowers they wanted. The decision was as bright and memorable as the group chosen to commemorate, this year the competition will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the RNLI.

Cllr Louise Ludwig, Chair of the Walmer in Bloom Committee commented: "We have all been through very difficult and worrying times and the committee felt that it wanted to do everything it could to continue the competition and the floral displays.

This year, the Committee hopes that residents will make an extra special effort, so watch out for the judges touring Walmer in July, selecting front gardens for 'Commended' certificates or entry into the final round of judging.

Categories for 2024 are: -

- Business and Other Organisations – Lower, Middle and Upper Walmer;
- Best garden (residential) – Lower, Middle and Upper Walmer;
- 'Best use of a small space' – Lower, Middle and Upper Walmer;
- Best Container (basket/tub/window box) – Lower, Middle and Upper Walmer;
- Best Wildlife Friendly garden – Lower, Middle and Upper Walmer

The Committee also carries out the maintenance of floral planters, located throughout the Town, and hanging floral displays, erected at the beginning of June, along the seafront and The Strand.

If you would like to sponsor this year's Walmer in Bloom Campaign or obtain further details about the Local Garden Competition, then contact the Town Office on 01304 362363 or email info@walmercouncil.co.uk



WALMER IN BLOOM – KEY ACTIVITY DATES 2024

Members select summer planting quantities	January	X
Quotes Spring/Summer Planting requested	January	X
Ensure that quotes are confirmed For Youngs and Chapman	January	X
Check Final colours	February	X
Order Final Colours Youngs and Chapman	February	X
Apply for use of lampposts to DDC and KCC	Early April	X
School Poster Competition runs for 5-6 weeks.	Late Mar-Mid Apr	X
Final judging for Poster Competition.	Mid April	X
Ask Janine Doulton if she can attend	Mid-Late April	X
SSEIB check	Mid-Late April	X
Delivery of publicity flyers to shops, library etc/press release local media advertising Local Garden Competition.	Mid May	
York and Albany Open Day	1 st June	
Floral displays mounted on lampposts along The Strand and on seafront.	2 nd weekend in June	
Poster Competition press release to local media.	Mid June	
Preliminary judging week commencing	26 th June	
Final judging- Janine Doulton	6 th July	
Press Release – Local Garden Competition results.	Mid July	
The Downs CE School & Parochial CE School presentation. At presentations, deliver publicity material for distribution.	End July	
Presentation date at Sea Scout Headquarters.	20 th October	
Floral displays taken down.	Third week in September	

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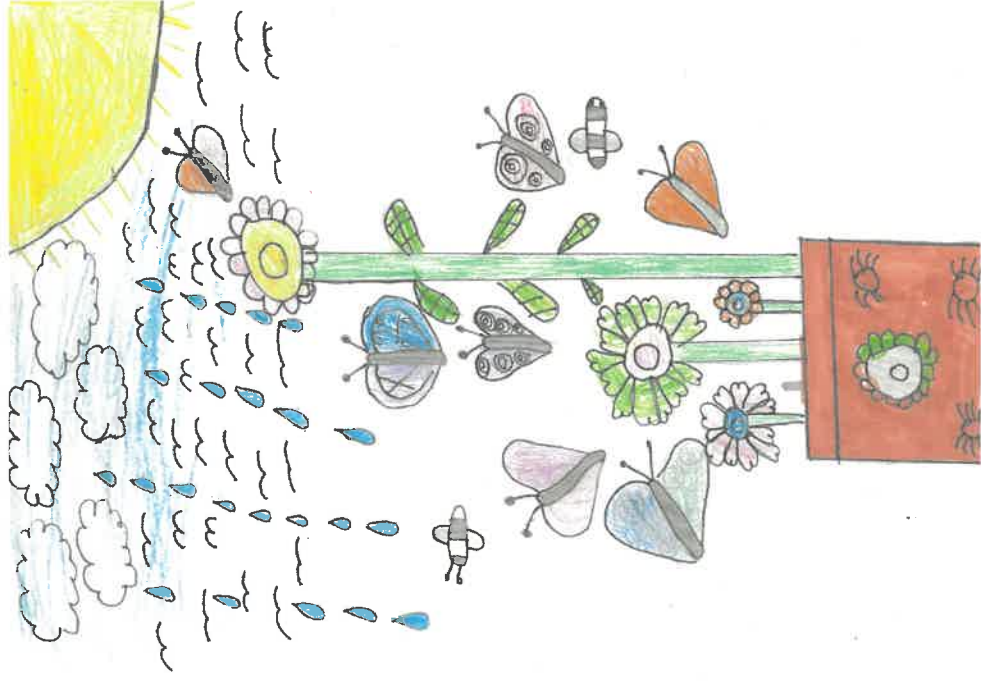


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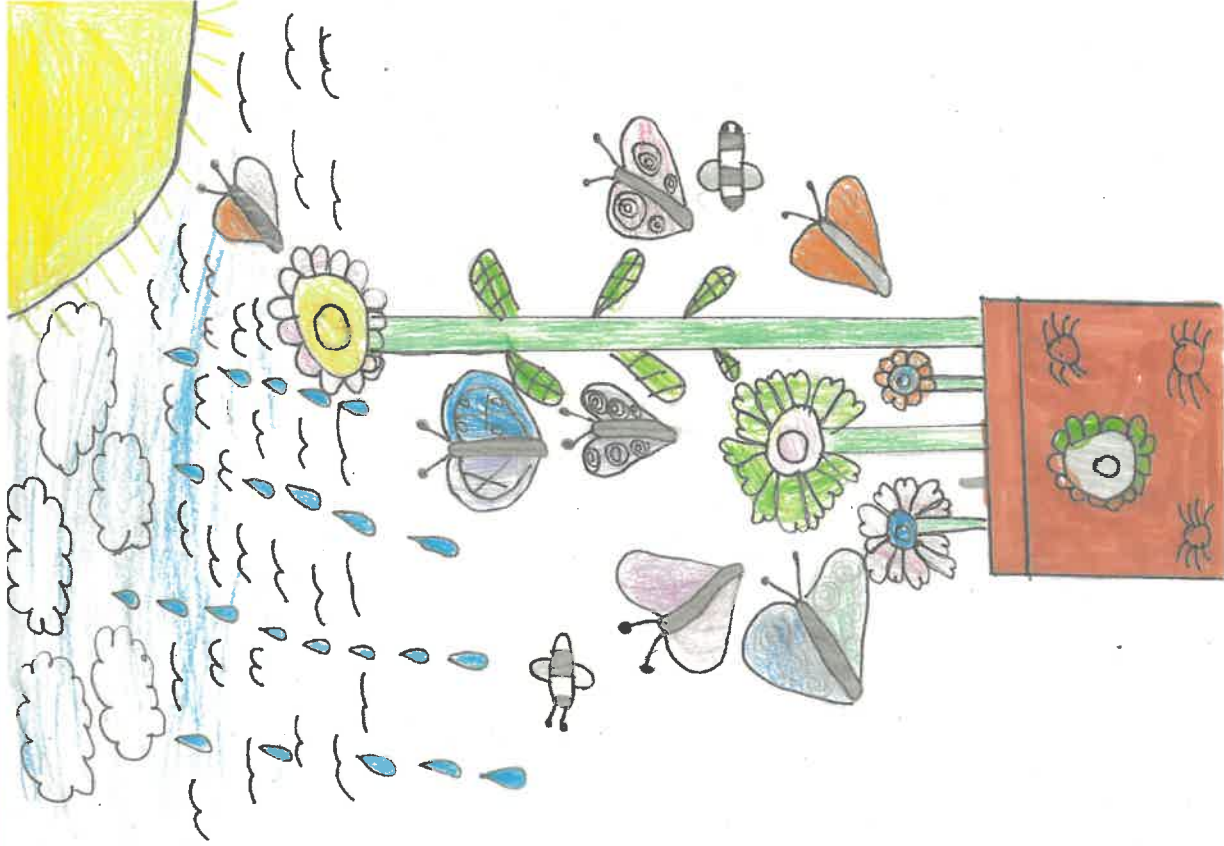
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Winner Lower Walmer Sea Café

For the contribution your floral display has made
to the Town of Walmer

Louise Ludwig

Cllr Louise Ludwig
Chairman of Walmer in Bloom Committee

