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Horticultural competitions are launched

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People across the community are being encouraged to get out in their gardens and create some blooming marvellous displays as Norwich's two horticultural competitions are launched.

Individuals, schools, businesses and other organisations can all take part in the annual event that the Friends of Norwich in Bloom are running in partnership with Notcutts Garden Centre. Yesterday both the summer and schools competitions were launched at Notcutts by the lord mayor of Norwich, Keith Driver, and Notcutts manager Steve Boon.

Mr Driver and Mr Boon also judged the Friends of Norwich in Bloom's school daffodil competition - Chapel Break Infant School was crowned the winner, while George White Junior School was awarded second prize, and Magdalen Gates Preschool was third.

Julie Brociek-Coulton, the Friends

“As this year is the 50th anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society we are hoping that lots of schools and residents will take part

Julie Brociek-Coulton

secretary and competition organiser, said they hoped it would be a bumper year for entries in all competition categories and appealed for as many people as possible to get involved.

She also thanked Notcutts for sponsoring the competitions.

She said: “As this year is the 50th anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society we are hoping that lots of schools and residents will take part in our competition.



■ Lord mayor Keith Driver launches the Norwich in Bloom competitions with manager Steve Boon, who also helped him to judge the school daffodil competition (left).

(Pictures: BILL SMITH)



“We usually have around 22 schools take part and 50 residents, and we are really looking forward to seeing the fantastic displays and the different ways of working.”

This year the schools competition

sunflower, giant pumpkin, and an all year round diary of gardening activities.

In the summer competition there are a number of categories in the

categories are: floral containers, conservation garden, fruit and vegetable garden, scarecrow,

following sections: commercial and industrial; private residential; grow your own; heritage; sustainable display; and Notcutts sponsor premier awards.

The deadline for schools competition entries is June 8, and the deadline for summer competition entries is June 26.

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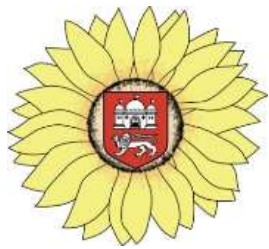
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→ What do you think of Norwich's horticultural displays? Write (giving your full contact details) to: The Letters Editor, Norwich Evening News, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE or email eveningnewsletters@archant.co.uk



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2017 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP NOTCUTTS HOST LORD MAYOR AND BUSINESS SPONSORS TEA PARTY





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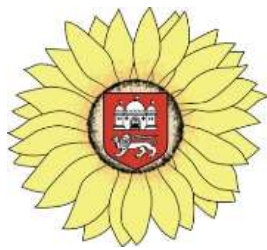
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1999/2000 FRIENDS OF NORWICH IN BLOOM TERRY BANE SUPPORTS CHAIRMAN BILL WEBSTER





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Community life

Evening News, Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Crowds flock to city's annual gardening event

Top tips on offer at flower show

A CITY IN BLOOM:
Evening News reporter Caroline Jenkinson, centre, joins Martin Wilkin and Sean Hoy as they plant bulbs as part of the big planting planned for Norwich in Bloom. Inset, colourful blooms at the chrysanthemum show.

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HUNDREDS of young and old gardening fans flocked to a special flower and vegetable exhibition to show off the fruits of their labour.

The Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society's annual Chrysanthemum Show at the Royal Norfolk Showground went down a storm this year.

As many as 500 visitors turned up to enjoy a chat with fellow enthusiasts or browse around stalls galore to pick up a few top tips.

Gill Terry, show secretary, said: "The entries were down a little bit on last year, but it hasn't been a very good autumn. However, on the whole it went very well.

"The chrysanthemums were very good this year, and we had a lot of visitors — more than we've had for a long time. It was mostly for chrysanthemums, but we also had a few vegetables, fruit, pot plants and flower arrangements."

There were around 40 categories on the day. The event was one of four shows the society hosts every year. Others include the spring show, the flower show at the Norfolk Show and the September show.



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Castle Mall launch for this year's super Norwich in Bloom competition

A blooming good start to top event

by CAROLINE JENKINSON

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THIS year's Norwich in Bloom event took root last week at the Castle Mall Gardening event.

The Friends of Norwich in Bloom had a stall in the mall all week to tempt families, businesses and schools into turning their gardens and green spaces into blooming marvelous creations.

Moles Seeds is heavily investing in Norwich in Bloom this year and it donated 500 packets of Golden Jubilee marigolds to be given out as part of the Golden Jubilee Marigold Competition.

Moles is also organising a national trials day for clients this year and will be using Norwich as a showcase for their flower varieties.

On the Norwich in Bloom launch evening on Monday, the Lord Mayor of Norwich Keith Ratcliffe and City Centre Manager Carolyn Dunn presented the Civic Pride Clean Sweep Award to members of CityCare to



FLOWER POWER: William Webster, chairman of Norwich in Bloom, with city centre manager Carolyn Dunn and Terry Bane, also of Norwich in Bloom.

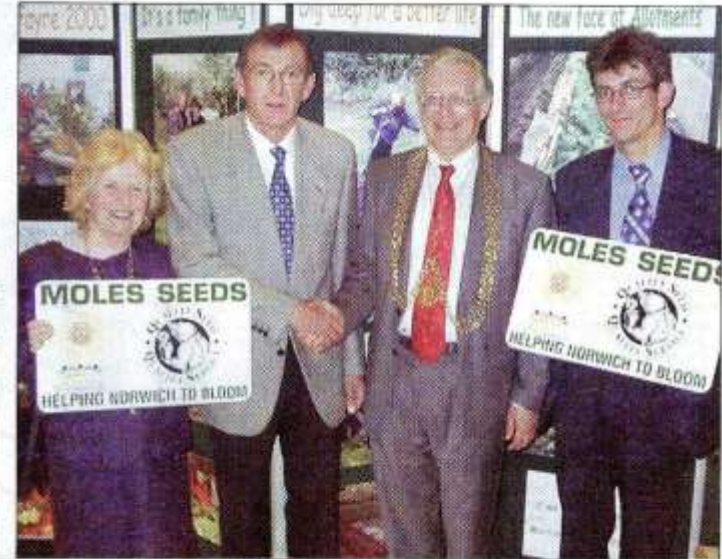
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recognise that the city is about cleanliness as well as floral displays.

Those receiving the certificates were: David Chestney, Ray Collomb, Daniel Ellis, David Gaff, Richard North, Ray Scott;

Ray Snailum; street cleaning manager David Samuel and Robert Russell, CityCare managing director.

Terry Howes and Kenny Scott, who were unable to make the launch, also received certificates.



BLOOMING MARVELLOUS: Left to right, the Lady Mayoress Joan Ratcliffe, Michael Moles, The Lord Mayor Keith Ratcliffe and Jim Juby, from Moles Seeds.

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CLEAN SWEEP: The lads from CityCare with their certificates are David Chestney, Ray Collomb, Daniel Ellis, David Gaff, Richard North, Ray Scott, Ray Snailum and street cleansing boss David Samuel.

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2002 FRIENDS AND NORWICH IN BLOOM PROMOTION

WHO IS THE MOLE – TERRY? SARAH? or MARTIN?

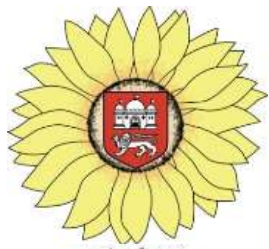
500 PACKETS OF MOLES SEEDS GIVEN TO VISITORS

AZTEC GARDEN SHOW – NORFOLK SHOWGROUND



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PETER BEALES DONATE ROSES FOR PROJECTS



Nelson's memory marked with roses

Britain's greatest naval hero was honoured in flowers this month by the Lord Mayor and Norwich in Bloom at the Nelson Hotel.

Joined by Sea Cadets and the Lady Mayress, Councillor Mick Banham and the Bloom team planted 20 special Lord Nelson roses at the Prince of Wales Road hotel.

The roses were donated by Peter Beales, a local businessman, to commemorate Admiral Horatio Nelson's victory over the French fleet at the battle of Trafalgar 200 years ago.

Bill Webster, chairman of Norwich in Bloom, said: "It was a very special occasion."

"Sea Cadets from the nearby Lord Nelson ship piped the Lord Mayor in to help plant the roses to celebrate this very special year of Trafalgar."

"It is very important to me and my team to have such helpful enthusiastic young people helping us with our local projects."

"I feel this is the year for Norwich to blossom and win floral tribute in the Anglia and Britain in Bloom Competition Finals."

The Norwich in Bloom will continue the Trafalgar celebrations in October by planting a bedding display on the Barrack Street Roundabout - their current floral creation on the roundabout celebrates VE Day with 1945 and 2000 written in geraniums.

In April the Bloom team planted rose bushes around the Nelson statue at Norwich Cathedral.

→ To find out more about the work of Norwich in Bloom visit www.norwichinbloom.co.uk



Rosy view of the past: Left, Bill Webster, chairman of Norwich in Bloom, and Amanda Beales with the rose seedlings and above, Lord Mayor Mick Banham plants a Nelson rose.

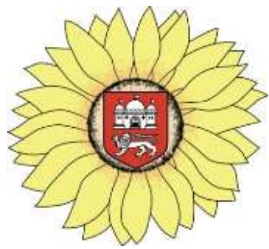




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1985 EARLHAM PARK GREENHOUSES OPEN DAY TERRY BANE and JOHN ATTOE

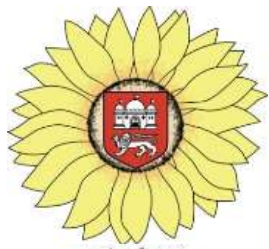


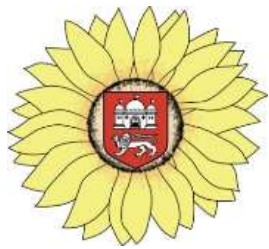


1999 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP CITY COLLEGE NORWICH TRAINING WORKSHOP STUDENTS OVER WINTER CANNA'S



2004 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIPS FLORANOVA DONATE FREE SEEDS EACH YEAR 2019 OVER £3,000 WORTH INCLUDING 15,000 GERANIUMS and VEGETABLE SEEDS





2004 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS PLANT UP HARRY PERRY CLOSE FLOWER TOWER

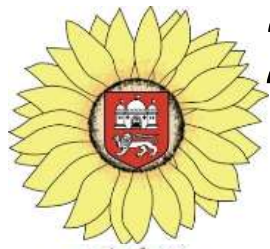


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2005-12 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIPS

CITY COLLEGE NORWICH GROW PLANTS

TRANSPORT WITH BARFORD VAN AND PLANT WITH DONATED GODFREY DIY TOOLS



Norwich Evening News Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Norwich is so lucky to have so many interested and generous sponsors and supporters

TERRY BANE VICE CHAIRMAN NORWICH IN BLOOM



Planting session with...
Norwich City College Art & Design
with Barry Godfrey from Godfrey DIY at the planting session held outside...
Harford Manor School in Norwich...
Diane Walker of Anglia TV and 9th...
Chairman of Norwich in Bloom...
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Planting project helps make community blooming lovely

A project to put out tens of thousands of seedling plants to help Norwich rebloom over the summer has received plenty of community help, from special schools to DIY stores.

About 40,000 seedling plants were grown at Norwich prior to the partnership of Godfrey DIY Superstores, Phoenixes, Barford Van Hire and Norwich Prison Services through the Norwich in Bloom initiative.

All plants are distributed to Norwich secondary schools and schools by the Norwich in Bloom team in the "Gardenable" previously sponsored by Barford Van Hire.

Last week a planting trail guide at Harford Manor School in Spyness Road.

This was organised by Julia Allen, a distance teacher from Norwich City College, who organised more than 60 special students and staff with Pui Ward from Harford Manor with the gardening group to plant up the grounds with around 1,200 special Phoenix Plants.

These were grown at Norwich Prison and will be ready to plant in the grounds of Harford Manor on Thursday, July 13.

There were also two special helpers on the day: Anglia TV's Clare Walker and Barry Godfrey from Godfrey DIY Superstores who joined in to plant colorful Petunias.

40,000 plants to the rescue for us generally donated help to gardeners.

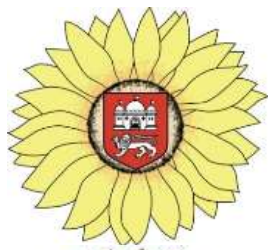
Mr Godfrey has also donated water for the school as part of the Norwich in Bloom Water Wise initiative and sponsors the longest flower roadshow display at the bottom of Kettle Hill Road, which is a fine example of the area from the River to the Road.

Phoenixes, the local national flower seed supplier based in Friday, donated all the seeds to produce the plants as well as the 10,000 summer bedding plants on occasion, mostly marigolds and petunias in Norwich.

Terry Bane, vice chairman of Norwich in Bloom, said: "Norwich is so lucky to have so many interested and generous sponsors and supporters helping us to improve our town and provide lots of colour and interest for residents, visitors and all who work in Norwich to enjoy - it really makes the difference."

• To find out more about Norwich in Bloom and sponsorship opportunities visit: www.norwichinbloom.co.uk or contact Terry Bane on 01603 252522; email terrybane@norwichinbloom.co.uk

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2007 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP CITY COLLEGE NORWICH GROW PLANTS WITH FRIENDS OF NORWICH IN BLOOM AT HOCKERING NURSERY POLY TUNNELS





2007 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT IN SPONSORED BARFORD BLOOMOBILE



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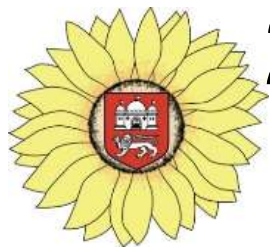
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CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS PLANT UP AND MAINTAIN ASSEMBLY HOUSE POND DISPLAY



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CITY COLLEGE NORWICH GET NEW GREENHOUSE



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Greenhouses will help us brighten up the city

Two years ago City College Norwich students were heartbroken when vandals devastated the greenhouses in which they grow plants to brighten up the city.

More than 50 windows were smashed in just one of three attacks in the space of a few weeks.

But now students are ecstatic after seeing new greenhouses unveiled on the college campus by the Sheriff of Norwich, Derek James - and they are planning a green and yellow colour scheme across the city to celebrate Norwich City's promotion to the Premier League.

Students studying flexi-horticulture in the School of Foundation Studies and Skills for Life have benefited from the development the most. The course is suited for disabled people and students with learning difficulties.

Horticulture lecturer John Atree said: "It's fantastic. They give students the chance to gain employability skills and teach them what the real world is actually like."

The students are a major contributor to Norwich in Bloom. As well as giving flowers to various places around Norwich, they picked up the Silver Gilt medal last year at the Norwich and Norfolk Horticultural Society event at the Royal Norfolk Show. And they are delighted with their new workshop.

18-year-old Darren Webster said: "It's brilliant - we didn't have a lot of room before. We're here to make people happy and that's what this has done."

Daniel Sheppard, 17, commented: "We want to make Norwich a more colourful place so it's more appealing."

The two greenhouses are



Delighted: Students Robert Johnson and Holly Rumble in the new greenhouses at City College Norwich
NATASHA WOOD HADLEY



roughly 25 metres long and are filled with blooming flowers of every colour. With an outdoor work space and a shed too, the new facilities are impressive.

The development was mostly government funded. A grant was given with initiatives to

develop employability skills for students who have learning difficulties or who are disabled.

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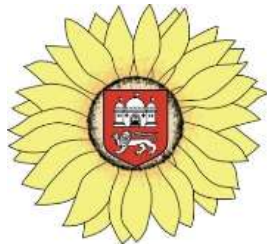
Blooming great

Students of Flexi Horticulture at City College Norwich have been contributing to Norwich in Bloom for seven years.

Around 4,500 plants are donated annually to the association and give colour to places such as the Castle Gardens, Norwich Cathedral and The Assembly House.

A further 1,000 plants are given to sheltered housing and local schools each year, while the students also decorate their own campus.

Currently the students are growing a variety of vegetables including runner beans and tomatoes, and an array of colourful flowers such as begonias, busy lizzies and geraniums.



2014-16 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP

CITY COLLEGE NORWICH GROW RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM DEFRA FUNDED SUSTAINABLE PERENNIALS



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Sustainable Horticulture in Partnership 5

Norwich blooms with sustainable growing media

In January 2014 and 2015 Friends of Norwich in Bloom received £14,300 to coordinate growing projects as part of the SHiP scheme (see box below). Volunteers worked in partnership with City College Norwich, Norwich City Council and local facilities company, Norwich Nurse to cultivate sustainably-grown perennials for civic plantings across the city.

The group increased the sustainability of its displays by replacing much of its bi-annual bedding with a selection of perennials and shrubs. Some seasonal displays were retained in key areas. Plants were grown from seed, or grown on from plugs, using a variety of different peat-free growing media. These replaced the group's previous peat-based compost mix.

City College students helped to grow plants at the council greenhouses and were

involved in measuring the relative success of the different growing mixes. Over 20,000 perennials have been grown so far in this three-year project, with Friends of Norwich in Bloom trialling different growing techniques. Key findings included the need to water more regularly in some cases, however all trials of peat-free compost trialled were felt to be satisfactory. Signs were added to the colourful displays around the city to help show how successfully plants could be grown in sustainable growing media.

Terry Bone, Friends of Norwich in Bloom Ambassador, said "We are really pleased with the results of this project. Our sustainable perennial and border basket displays continue to look very attractive. The funding and partnerships gave our City College students the opportunity to



grow plants and learn about different types of composts as well as engage with many people in the community over a wide range of planting projects. We had excellent results from our plantings in several different locations around Norwich. Healthy plants with plenty of vigour were developed and they grew on well."

For more information about the Norwich project, including the group's top tips for working with peat-free, visit the group's website: norwichinbloom.co.uk

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City College students work to keep Norwich in full bloom



■ Staff from Wok and Go join City College students as they clear up the flower beds outside Castle Mall.

Photo: SIMON FOWLER

City College Norwich students are working hard to keep Norwich in full bloom with colourful plants across the city. About 16,000 perennial plants have been given at the college and the students are now starting to plant them around the city. The college has a long-running partnership

with the Friends of Norwich in Bloom and the latest lot of plants have been funded by a £6,000 grant from Defra, in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. Yesterday, the students planted ornamental grass, geraniums, hushers, and crocus in sustainable

displays outside Castle Mall. Wok and Go and Castle Mall are supporting the planting. John Atue, a lecturer at City College Norwich, said: "The students started growing the plants in September using peat-free compost. They really enjoy the project and getting out to the

flower beds to plant all the plants." Terry Bone, from the Friends of Norwich in Bloom, said the City College Norwich students "are wonders for the city" with their horticultural work, and that the Friends really appreciated the support of Wok and Go and Castle Mall.



Orange, daisy-like *Artemisia maritima* in sustainable growing media, along Castlemarket Street; a new sustainably-grown perennial bed outside St Giles Church; pupils at City College get ready to plant out.



Defra/ RHS Sustainable Horticulture in Partnership (SHiP) scheme

The Defra/RHS Sustainable Horticulture in Partnership Scheme was developed to support a Government commitment to voluntarily reduce the horticultural use of peat to zero by 2015 for the public sector, by 2020 for home gardeners and by 2030 for professionals. Grants were awarded to Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood groups in England to increase their use of sustainable growing media. Funding was provided to cover the additional costs of using sustainable growing media and plants grown in sustainable growing media.

The objectives of the scheme were to raise awareness within the wider public sector (including local authorities, the community and the procurement chain) about the use of sustainable growing media; to establish an evidence base on the performance of sustainable growing media and to initiate some market demand for sustainably-grown plant products with growers.



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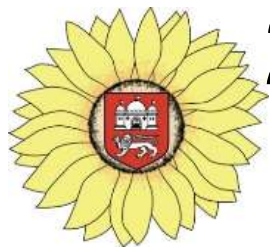
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CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS SHOW

LORD MAYOR and SHERIFF OF NORWICH, SPONSORS

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2017 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP

CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS SELL SURPLUS PLANTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS

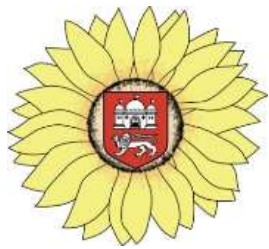


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2018 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIP

CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS MIX COMPOST READY TO POT UP PERENNIAL PLANTS



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CITY COLLEGE NORWICH STUDENTS GROW ON GROWING COMMUNITIES PARTNERS SEEDLINGS



Making Norwich bloom

Look around the city, especially in the spring and summer months, and you're sure to spot a range of beautiful plants on roundabouts and in other public spaces.

This is all thanks to a bunch of enthusiastic volunteers, community groups and organisations who work closely with those involved in the city council's Blooms for Norwich scheme (formerly Norwich in Bloom).

These combined efforts go a long way towards adding some colour to our vibrant city and providing food and habitats for insects and other wildlife.

City College Norwich provides a shining example of community spirited involvement when it comes to Blooms for Norwich. Having worked with the council, its contractors and community groups for 12 years, the college has had invaluable input into the scheme.

On the college's involvement, John Attoe, course leader on the supported learning horticulture programme said: "Some of the beautiful displays you see in prominent places such as St Stephens Church and The Assembly House are not just cultivated but also planted by students."



Fiona Ash, potting plants with City College Norwich students



Back, left to right: Reg Chaddock (St Stephens Church), Simon Bloom (Taskwood), Ed Hurvill (Friends of Norwich in Bloom), John Attoe (City College Norwich). Front: Lia Rowley and Pam Frost (TCV Green Spaces) in Chadd's (St Stephens Church)

"All the students working on this project have learning difficulties and disabilities and this helps give them work outside the classroom creating a real work environment and a sense of pride in their work."

This year the college and council worked with a range of groups and organisations, including Norwich City Volunteer Gardeners, Heavenly Gardens and The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to develop the new Growing Communities Project.

This is a partnership of people with the knowledge and expertise to grow from seed and plug plants to be passed over to City College Norwich students to nurture to maturity.

As well as receiving donations such as seeds from seed breeding company Floranova, trays and compost from Notcutts, business help through sponsorship of signage on roundabouts and other locations.

What better way to shout about your business, while doing your bit to make the city a more attractive place for residents, workers and visitors?

To register your interest in becoming a sponsor and see which sites are available visit www.norwich.gov.uk/bloomsfornorwich

St Stephens roundabout - one of the new larger sponsorship sites



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BARFORD VAN HIRE "BLOOM VAN"

Van is a blooming marvellous gesture



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NORWICH in Bloom has been provided with its own "Bloom Carrier" by a firm based near the city.

Barford Van Hire and Cars Too had donated the special van to the city's floral guardians for the next three years, and Barford is keeping the vehicle taxed, serviced and covered by MoT for that period.

'Up to now the team and I have had to transport all our plants across the city by many carloads'

Bill Webster, Norwich in Bloom

Norwich Union is also helping out by providing insurance cover for all the Norwich in Bloom drivers.

Bill Webster, chairman of Norwich in Bloom, said: "The van has come as a 'blooming' welcome relief for us as up to now the team and I have had to transport all our plants across the city by many carloads.

"What with 24,000 plants being grown at Norwich Prison free of charge for our sheltered housing residents and schools in this year's Britain in Bloom Gold Quest bid, it is going to be a



TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT: Barford Van Hire and Cars Too managing director David Sorrell hands over the keys to the van to Lord Mayor of Norwich Joyce Diver and Norwich in Bloom chairman Bill Webster.

fantastic time-saving asset for my team."

Barford Van Hire and Cars Too is the latest of many new sponsors of the Norwich in Bloom initiative.

Terry Kane, vice-chairman of Norwich in Bloom, said: "It's a real joy to have so many people interested

and supporting the Norwich in Bloom initiative making Norwich a nicer place for people to live, visit and work. The statement on the van, Supporting Our Fine City is a great compliment to Norwich.

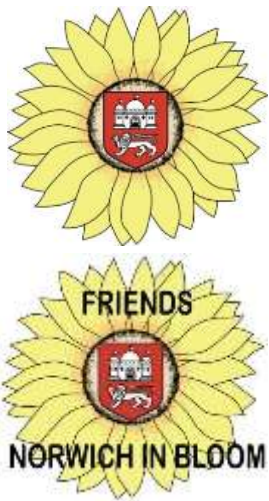
"We still have some floral and sustainable plantings available for

sponsorship. Please feel free to phone me on (01603) 213522 or e-mail me at terrybane@norwich.gov.uk for further details. We also have a new and very colourful website sponsored by local company Astutech. Why not give us a visit to see what we get up to at www.norwichinbloom.co.uk?"

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NORWICH PRISON SERVICES GROW PLANTS, NORWICH IN BLOOM VOLUNTEERS “RED COATS” DELIVER PLANTS TO SHELTERED HOUSING



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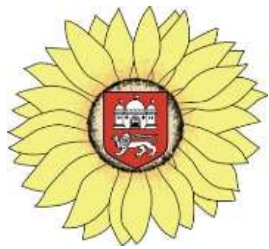


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2012 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIPS ASSEMBLY HOUSE HOST LORD MAYORS TEA PARTY RAISING THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OVER THE YEARS



Business support is a huge help to city's horticultural campaign



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Businesses are being urged to join in with the 2012 campaign to make Norwich look its best.

The Friends of Norwich in Bloom launched their annual horticultural partnership tea party at a special reception at the Assembly House.

For the last four years Norwich has impressed at the national horticultural show and been a RHS Britain in Bloom finalist.

The Friends are hoping to build on this success once again this year and to get their own input to enter Norwich into the

“Yesterday was about thanking the businesses who support us”
Julie Probert-Goodwin

Contributing to Bloom International Challenge.

At yesterday's launch, Friends of Norwich in Bloom business members and sponsors were presented with certificates of thanks for their support and the Friends introduced even more local

Julie Probert-Goodwin, from the Friends, said the business partnerships were a key part of Norwich in Bloom's success.

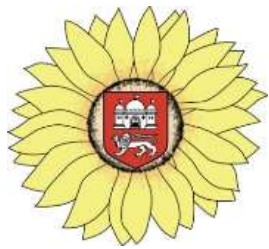
She said: "Yesterday was about thanking the businesses who support us and encouraging even more to get involved."

"It is all about working in partnership. When people come to Norwich and see how close it is and how wonderful the floral displays are, it encourages people to come back again, and that is good for everyone."

The 2012 floral campaign has also been funded by being awarded a second Delta grant of £4,000 to grow shrubs, herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses to be planted across the city via partnerships with City College Norwich, HM Prison Services and Buckling Hamney.

Businesses can join the Friends for an annual subscription of £500. Call Terry Bane on 07766 257000 or email terry@norwichinbloom.co.uk

Details of how businesses can come the same competitions are available at www.norwichinbloom.co.uk



2014 NORWICH IN BLOOM PARTNERSHIPS

ASSEMBLY HOUSE NORWICH HOST ANGLIA IN BLOOM



■ The Anglia in Bloom judges Brian Thomson, (left) and David White, (right), study the flower displays with the Norwich in Bloom action team at the Assembly House. They all have some time to spare by local children for the Norwich in Bloom carnival that is the 'Golden Pollination'.

Judges say city is bloomin' exciting

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With more than 40 years of experience behind them, the judges of this year's Anglia in Bloom in the city passed the words of Brian Thomson and David White following yesterday's "pleasant" four-hour tour to see what green-fingered talent was within the city.

The day began at the Assembly House, on Thetford Street, where the judges were shown a collection of local, made specially for Anglia in Bloom's procession that started the Lord Mayor's Celebration last weekend.

Terry Hunt, Friends of Norwich in Bloom chairman of the trustees, said: "This is perhaps our busiest week of the year with this weekend's floral parade going into the Lord Mayor's street procession that concluded, yesterday, local summer competitions judged by our team all over the city, and the visit of the regional Anglia in Bloom judges to take a look at our fine and floral city."

Highlights of the tour included a "three in green" initiative in St Stephen's roadhouse and Queen's

The hot spots

The Assembly House, Thetford Street, City Park, St Peter Mancroft Church, St Stephen's, Marks and Spencer Living Wall, Red Lion Street, Foresters Avenue, Castle Mall, Golden Ball Street, St Peter's, St John's, St Andrew's, Castle Market Street, Market Avenue, Prince of Wales Road, Trowse Road, Cathedral, Trowse Road, George Hill, Plantation Gardens, Chapelfield, City College, Norwich, Great Priory and Waverley Island, Trowse Road, Colman's Hospital, Princess Royal, Norfolk House.

Head where, as part of the commemoration of the start of the First World War, poppies and wreaths have been made.

At St Peter Mancroft Church, in the city centre, Indian summer poppies have been used to make and create new displays.

And City College Norwich students have grown over 10,000 poppies from seeds and seeds over the

last 12 months for the occasion. These have been planted in community gardens and used to create bouquets and used to provide colour as well as a source of 'seeds' and seeds to help maintain the local native wildlife - especially bees.

Mr Thomson, who has been judging the competition since 1981, said: "It's not just a competition - it's also a campaign."

Our aim is to try to help plants to improve and we also give a vote to what we are about and offer tips to help people."

Mr White, a judge of nine years, added: "The quality of planting, design, community participation and effort involved - we're looking at all of these aspects. Norwich is exciting."

The four judges for the day were John Thomson, Graham Smith, Brian Thomson and Bill Webster. The driver was Peter Jones and the rear carriage was Terry Thomson and Susan Taylor.

For more information about Anglia in Bloom, visit www.angliainbloom.co.uk

Have you been involved with a special community project? Email brian.thomson@norwichinbloom.co.uk



■ Brian Thomson, left, and David White, right, judges for the Anglia in Bloom competition.



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Judges left impressed by our blooming city



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■ A splash of colour to welcome visitors to the Assembly House.

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A pair of international flower competition judges were shown just why Norwich calls itself the Fine City, as they were given a tour of its many attractions.

Bob Ivison and Ed Hooker III ran the rule over Norwich, as the city competed in the Communities in Bloom competition, and were blown away by what it had to offer.

Volunteers from Friends of Norwich in Bloom dug in deep and their hard work certainly paid off.

Judges Mr Ivison and Mr Hooker both gave glowing reviews of the city and the blossoming welcome they received.

Starting at the Castle at 9am, the pair were given a whistle-stop tour of the city, taking in all the key sights as they went.

Mr Hooker, from Maryland, USA, said: "Norwich is truly a beautiful city with extremely friendly people and such a wealth of history and heritage."

"We were shown such a fantastic abundance of flowers and plants."

“Norwich is truly a beautiful city with extremely friendly people and such a wealth of history and heritage

Ed Hooker III, Communities in Bloom Judge

and given a really warm welcome.”

He went on to comment that he had been impressed by so much more than just the city's natural beauty, having never visited before.

He said: "I was most impressed by just how committed people here were to the project and how the community got behind it."

"I only regret I didn't get to spend more time here - I would love to come back."

Mr Ivison, his fellow judge, went away equally impressed with what he saw. He said: "I was impressed by how much the community has invested in improving the quality of life in the city."

"The volume of people that have been involved in making the city as beautiful as it is amazed me."

He added: "The dedication of the volunteers and all the city has to offer has really put Norwich in



■ Judges Ed Hooker III, front left, and Bob Ivison, front right, study the garden at the Assembly House for the International Communities in Bloom competition. With them are members of the Friends of Norwich in Bloom.

Pictures: DENISE BRADLEY/SIMON FINLAY

good stead." Terry Bane, Friends ambassador, said: "Our entry is something we have been planning for around three years, so a lot of hard work has gone into it."

"I think everyone knows by now what Norwich in Bloom is all about and knows how much work we all put

in." Gareth Stone, chairman of trustees, added: "I think we can always be confident about our fine city."

The judges will now visit a number of other cities across the world, before announcing the competition winner in late October.



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NORWICH BUSINESS SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ENTRY



City blooms ahead of competition judging

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New signs and flowers have been unveiled as the city reaches the finals of a flower competition for the first time.

Norwich has been named a finalist in the Communities in Bloom competition.

The competition aims to nurture civic pride, environmental responsibility and increase an area's beauty through community work.

Judges will arrive in the city on July 6, and will be hosted by the Assembly House.

They will take part in an eight-hour tour of the city, visiting displays at hot-spots including Norwich Cathedral, St Stephen's Church, civic displays and people's gardens.

Terry Bane, trustee and

“We are looking forward to people getting involved and support Norwich - which has always been a beautiful city

Terry Bane

ambassador of Friends of Norwich in Bloom, said: “We hope the colourful boards will get people in Norwich geared up and get them thinking about their gardens before the judges arrive.

“We couldn't do the work we do without the volunteers and businesses that support us. We are looking forward to people getting involved and support Norwich - which has

always been a beautiful city.” The boards which have been put up in Chapelfield Plain, alongside colourful summer beds, encourage people to join the bid to win the title.

Chapelfield Gardens has previously won an award for the category of Urban Regeneration - but this is the first time Norwich as a whole has reached the finals.

Mr Bane said: “It is Friends of Norwich in Bloom's 30th anniversary so it is great that we have reached the finals.

“I think we can be successful as long as we can keep everyone excited and enthusiastic - we are still doing some planting.”

→ If you have a news story about winning a competition, email jemma.walker@archant.co.uk



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Michael King wearing his Norwich in Bloom red coat in December 2004 when he became the first President of Norwich in Bloom.

Picture: NORWICH BID

In Bloom president tops off his tenure with gold award

The president of an In Bloom group has topped off his tenure by securing a gold award.

Mike King, president of Norwich in Bloom, has topped off his tenure by securing a gold award.

Mike, who is also a Norwich Business Improvement District (BID) city host, has been president of Norwich in Bloom for 13 years.

The award is a first for Norwich since the In Bloom society was formed 31 years ago, and as The Friends of Norwich in Bloom lead a national entry from Norwich BID for the 2018 finals they will be hoping to keep up the gold standard.

Mike said: "It has been both a privilege and an honour to serve as president of The Friends of Norwich in Bloom for the past thirteen years.

"The dedication of the Bloomer team, the giving of their time,

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their expertise and hard work has been truly inspirational.

"This has been recognised by the many awards, both national and regional, that the team has received over the years of my stewardship. I wish all the Bloomers every success in their future efforts in securing Norwich as a Blooming Fine City."

The judging panel were impressed with the City of Norwich murals around the city and sustainable floral planting displays using drought tolerant, bio-diverse perennials grown by students at City College Norwich.

RHS judges also found the Norwich portfolio to be one of the most comprehensive they had ever seen.



Michael King with some of the Norwich BID Team and Partners proudly holding this year's Gold Award Banner.

Picture: NORWICH BID

Compiled by Terry Bane the portfolio demonstrated community participation along with a wealth of information and fantastic photos showcasing the city.

The Friends said the gold award for Norwich was secured through the high standard of strong partnerships and collaboration

between: Norwich BID, Norwich in Bloom, Norwich City Council, Norwich Norse Environmental, City College Norwich, Heavenly Gardens, St. Stephens Church, Norcote, Sorby Street Five School and Norwich businesses within the Norwich BID area including Castle Mall, Intu Chapelfield, John Lewis, Hetch

Brennan, Norwich Accountancy Services and The Assembly House along with groups and volunteers.

Britain in Bloom is the UK's biggest community gardening campaign - with up to 300,000 volunteers. For more information, or to get involved, visit www.norwichinbloom.co.uk/



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IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND - BILL WEBSTER

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Commemorating

Mr Norwich in Bloom

A special bench unveiling will take place in the courtyard of The Assembly House on Wednesday 1st July in honour of Bill Webster, known locally as 'Mr Norwich in Bloom'.

Bill Webster was well known for his voluntary work and engagement with the Norwich community and he achieved much success and many proud moments with the Friends of Norwich in Bloom (FNIB). He was always present at events and activities and took the opportunity to congratulate everyone who helped and took part in making Norwich a nicer place to live, work and visit.

Bill first became involved with Norwich in Bloom by entering his award-winning garden in the local summer competitions, then as an active committee member, before becoming Vice Chair and Chairman in 1999 through to 2007 when he became the first Friends of Norwich in Bloom Ambassador.

The special commemorative bench will be placed in the courtyard of The Assembly House in Bill's memory and to thank him for his huge contribution to Norwich in Bloom.



Many of Bill's friends and colleagues have paid their respects to him on the Norwich in Bloom website. Here are just a few lines from some of the many tributes - to see these in full and to find many more, please just visit the website at: www.norwichinbloom.co.uk (scroll along to the 'Bloom People' tab).

And if you would like to add your own tribute to Bill, please email terry@banedell.orangehome.co.uk.

PICTURE CAPTIONS

01. Bill Webster, Friends of Norwich in Bloom Chairman, at his home with hanging baskets 2003. Picture by Terry Bane.

02. Bill and Phyllis Webster, the FNIB Action Team and City College Norwich Students in the Pond Bed Display in 2007 after success at Anglia in Bloom. Picture by Terry Bane.

03. Bill Webster and Terry Bane with Phyllis Webster's famous sunflower tablecloth that Terry took to Holland in 2003 for the first 'Nations in Bloom' entry (Bill was unable to attend due to ill health, but sent Terry and four others to represent Norwich).

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Bill's love of gardening and Norwich was infectious; Bill encouraged and taught me to use my horticultural passion, knowledge and experience and channelled it into community horticulture. With Bill's new action team we soon had lots of horticultural projects up and running, engaging with so many volunteers, schools and businesses.

During our quest together we shared many journeys and proud moments and met so many nice people - Bill, the people of Norwich, Anglia and myself will sadly miss you but will always fondly remember you and your 'Bloomin' Fantastic' achievements and legacy.

Terry Bane, Chairman of the Trustees of Friends of Norwich in Bloom and Anglia in Bloom Trustee.

I first met Bill almost 20 years ago when, as General Manager of the Assembly House, it seemed obvious there ought to be a partnership between us. It was not long before Bill was suggesting where planting could take place, enhancing and improving the look of the building. His enthusiasm captured me and my imagination and it was not long before I became a member of FNIB.

Over the years, together with Bill and other FNIB stalwarts, I was part of the team that hosted the many and varied presentations and prize-givings.

No matter what his health, Bill would always be there; his unscripted speeches were legendary and delivered in his wonderful Norwich accent.

He was a wonderful ambassador and an example to all, but not least to the many children he encouraged to start gardening through schools' projects. He was a true one-off and I will miss him enormously.

Mike King, President of the Friends of Norwich in Bloom

IN LOVING MEMORY OF William (Bill) Webster

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