Cartmel In Bloom Press clippings from 2011 to 2016



Cartmel blooms with awards

Organisers of Cartmel's entry for the Pride in Your Community competition were delighted when the village won five trophies and seven certificates.

Among its successes were the trophy for best village in the village presentations section; the special category trophy for Cartmel Allotments Association; the best in commercial trophy for The Cavendish Arms; and the trophy for the best project by youngsters for Cartmel CE Primary School.

The village was also the joint winner, along with Morland, of the trophy for best sustainable development.

The annual competition, which was previously called Cumbria in Bloom, recognises those who work to enhance their local areas.

Among other winners was Michael Little, Copeland Council's park keeper for 44 years, who won the first community champion award for his outstanding contribution.



Cartmel In Bloom



Cartmel's first entry into Britain in Bloom competition to be judged on 31st July. Britain in Bloom judges will be visiting Cartmel to assess their entry in the national competition.

While Cartmel has been a past multi-award winner in the Cumbria in Bloom competition, the village is competing nationally for the first time and is one of six villages hoping

for the 'Best Village' trophy.

"The Cartmel in Bloom Group and a dedicated group of volunteers with support from members of the community of all ages have worked extremely hard to prepare for the judges' visit" said Tiffany Hunt, Chair of Cartmel In Bloom. "We're keeping our

fingers crossed for sunshine on the judging day so that the Britain in Bloom judges will be impressed

by Cartmel at its summer best."

Lord Cavendish DL, Patron of Cartmel In Bloom, expressed his support wishing Cartmel every success. The judges will be taken on a tour round the village, after a presentation by the Group in the Village Hall. The tour will finish at the Priory at 11.30 am when the judges will meet and chat with volunteers

and supporters.

To show the judges the significance of local food in Cumbria light refreshments will be provided comprising

food donated by local businesses including the CartmelVillage Shop, Cartmel Cheeses, Cartmel Bakery, Hales Chocolates and the King's Arms.

The Cartmel in Bloom Group would like to extend warm thanks to all the volunteers who spent time and effort in ensuring that the village looked its best during the visit by the Cumbria In Bloom judge. Many Cartmel residents were seen for days leading up to the visit litter picking, wedding, painting and sweeping and the result was a clean, vibrant and colourful village!



Cartmel selected as Bloom 2012 finalist

For the first time, Cartmel has been selected from more than 1,000 entries to take part in the 2012 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom UK Finals.

Ranging from small rural villages to major industrial cities, each finalist is aiming for a gold medal, and the coveted title of category winner. Cartmel has been placed into the Village category,

alongside Chipping, Muthill, St Issey, Spofforth and Filby.

RHS Britain in Bloom is the nation's largest environmental campaign and involves more than 200,000 volunteers, but it touches the lives of us all. Last year, the RHS released a report showing how the campaign is making a major difference to the social, environmental and economic health of the country†. Examples of key findings are that community gardening reduces crime and encourages social cohesion.

Sue Biggs, RHS Director General, said: 'RHS Bitain in Bloom would not be the amazing success it is without the enormous number of volunteers who are committed to greening up their corner of the nation – dynamic people, all wanting to make the UK a better place to live. Together they plant more than 115,000 trees, 352,000 shrubs and 21.6 million plants and bulbs annually. The positive impact this has on the environment is enormous. It is an absolute honour for the RHS to be associ-

ated with these groups and individuals and I wish Cartmel the very best of luck."

Started in 1964 by the British Tourist Authority as a way of marketing the nation through floral displays, today RHS Britain in Bloom is a campaign that brings communities together to enhance the look, feel and pride of a place, through gardening and environmental projects. Although the campaign runs all year round, during the run-up to the judging tour, communities throughout the UK unite in an effort to impress the RHS judges. The judging panel will tour in July, awarding points against three key criteria - horticultural achievement, community participation, environmental responsibility.

The 2012 RHS Britain in Bloom results will be announced in October at a special Awards Cer-

emony in St Peter Port, Guernsey.

Launch of Cartmel in Bloom 2012

The Cartmel in Bloom group marked the start of its first Britain In Bloom campaign at a hot pot supper kindly provided by Richard English at The Cavendish Arms, last year's Cumbria in Bloom winner of the Lakeland Limited Trophy (Silver Cup) for the Best in Commercial Premises.

The Chairman, Tiffany Hunt, thanked all who had helped Cartmel

win five Cumbria in . Bloom awards in 2011, including Gold in the Best Village category. She outlined plans for Cartmel's entry in both Cumbria and Britain in Bloom competitions with the aim of achieving further success in 2012. The enjoyable event was well attended by some 50 local residents many of whom offered voluntary help and signed up as Friends



of Cartmel in Bloom. A raffle raised £110 to support Cartmel in Bloom initiatives.

Photo: From 1 to r Mary Wilson, District Councillor; Rev Nick Devenish, Team Vicar of Cartmel Priory and Field Broughton; David Huggett, Chairman, Parish Council and Tiffany Hunt, Chairman, Cartmel in Bloom Group. Far right: Cartmel in Bloom members; (Back row) Percy Unsworth, Sandra Pascall, David Crabtree (Front row) Lesley Webster, Philip Pascall and Tiffany Hunt (Cartmel Village Society) Right: The Square



Cartmel's • **STOWINS** attractions

It's one of north Lancashire's most picturesque villages and it just gets better, writes Mike Glover

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KIRSTY THOMPSON AND JOHN COCKS



artmel has never been a village to hide its light under a bushel. Ever since the Priory Church of St Mary and St Michael was built on a slate outcrop in the middle of a post-glacial lake 800 years ago, visitors have been pouring into the village.

Holker Hall and its festivals, Cartmel

Holker Hall and its festivals, Cartmel Racecourse, Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding Company and its shop, Simon Rogan's L'Enclume restaurant and others have kept high the profile of this destination North of the Sands.

But however many iconic attractions it has, the village keeps coming up with more to keep it on the map. And as Cartmel gears up for Easter, 2012 promises to be one of its most successful years ever with several initiatives in the pipeline.

For the first time, Cartmel has been





selected from more than 1,000 entries to take part in the 2012 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom UK Finals. The winner of Cumbria in Bloom 2011 is one of only 73 finalists in the country.

In typical Cartmel fashion, the whole

or so permanent residents is getting behind the bid. The main sponsors are the Cartmel Village Society, whose chairman Tiffany Hunt is well known

throughout
Lancashire as retired north west director of
the National Trust. She has lived in the

winning several awards in Cumbria in Bloom, but we realise the national competition would involve even more work, so we are drawing on more people to help.

'This is what it is all about, really, not just a prize, nice as that would be, but

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drawing the community together, making links among people who might not otherwise meet each other,' she said.

The village is certainly putting all hands to the

pumps. There's a team of volunteers doing regular litter picks, the local scouts are

garden group is planting up the grass verges.

Cartmel in Bloom stalwart Sandra Pascall is involved in planting a neglect area called Townend Meadow, with residents donating plants, with a view t attracting bees and butterflies.

The priory grounds are getting attenwith the help of the new vicar, Reverer Nick Devenish. And Priory flower arranger supremo Joan Bentley is linkinher annual programme of displays to the bid.

The Church of England primary schis leading the way, having won the you people's award in the Cumbria in Bloo contest. With the help of a group of enthusiastic parents, the grounds and a school garden have been developed.

The children have a bug house to





Left: Cartmel C of E Primary School head Sarah Firth with pupils in front of their newly redeveloped hall Right: The Cavendish Arms and Cavendish Street



relation to Tiffany). 'Some people who come to Cartmel see the Priory, go to the sticky toffee pudding shop and that's it. There's a lot more to Cartmel than that,' he said.

The half-mile trail takes in the racecourse, the square, Cavendish Street, Priest
Lane, Barn Garth, and
the Causeway.

For the
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Along the way visitors will find Cartmel gaol, discover how L'Enclume got its name (clue: it is French for The Anvil),

why there are so many hostelries in Cartmel (it's to do with refreshments after Morecambe Bay crossings) and other fascinating facts.

'We want to encourage people to look at Cartmel with new eyes,' said Tiffany Hunt. And despite the village's old world charm, there is always something new to see.

The primary school has just opened a £200,000 extension and redevelopment of the school hall, which doubles as a dining room with kitchens.

For the first time pupils will be able to

have school lunches, and the hall will be used for indoor sport and offered to the community as a backup to the village hall.

A new minishopping parade,

Unsworth Yard, nears completion. It was built of traditional stone by the Unsworth brothers who used to run the local garage which they converted into Red Pepper, which sells everything a visitor might need.

The parade includes the Unsworths



Above: Phaedra and Paul Settle from Cartmel Coffee

Right: Cartmel Racecourse Below: Harry Wilson and Ian Robinson at Cartmel Cheeses



own micro-brewery, baker Liz Parkin's The Bread Shed and a shop outlet for Martin Gott's Cartmel Cheeses, made up the road at Holker Hall.

Martin is hoping that special cheese, beer and bread tasting evenings will start in April.

In the Square a new luxury gift shop, Perfect English, has been opened by Richard and Donna English who have run the Cavendish Arms for nine years.

One person who can't fail to be impressed with all this activity is national

But will there be too much going on? As if the annual horticultural show, art show and race meeting weren't enough, August also sees the village host an array of marquees, tents, big tops and yurts, which are due to descend on Cartmel Racecourse for the UK's first street arts festival.

Launched by Lakes Alive on Friday August 17 to Sunday 19, the Masquepony festival will be treating visitors to more than 60 shows including street theatre, comedy, circus and fireworks.

The 2012 RHS Britain in Bloom results will be announced in October at a special Awards Ceremony in St Peter Port,

Guernsey. If Cartmel wins, the village will be sure to celebrate – with more than lighting a candle – and think what it can do next to keep this special place firmly on the map.

Other North West communities shortlisted for the Britain in Bloom awards, in various categories, are Windermere, Chipping, Lytham, Oldham, Seedley & Langworthy (Salford and Wigan.

Bloom finalists in anxious wait

Competition judges visit South Lakes contestants

by HANNAH UPTON

TWO South Lakeland communities are hoping their hard work has paid off as they swait the result of this year's Britain in Bloom competition.

Royal Hortucultural Society Judges visited Windermere and Cartmel this week, where voluniteers showed off the fruits of their labours over the last 12 mouths.

After a tour of Windormere in the 'best town' category, the judges joined local people at a celebratory reception at the Old England Hotel.

Coun Joan Stocker from Windermere Town Council said: 'The town is looking great and so many people have contributed.

"We have a great working relationship with South Lakeland District Council and their gardeners and the Wombles from Windermere Hotel who do a litter pick at Orrest Head every week. The support we have had from businesses and schools has been fantastic.

"It is not just about pretty flowers but the community coming together and also doing things for themselves. We feel like winners just to have been shortlisted.

Lasa Greasley, chairman of the Windermere in Bloom committee, said: "Lots of people bey-



LOCKING GOOD: Judges Poger Burnett and Sharon Thomas inspect the bus shelter at Certmel with a little help from village children who helped the Britain in Blogm effort.

ond the committee have made a fantastic effort. Thank you to sveryone who has made a contribution."

Cartmel, a previous awardwinner in Cumbria in Biocen, was also assessed in the national competition for the first time in the best village, outroory.

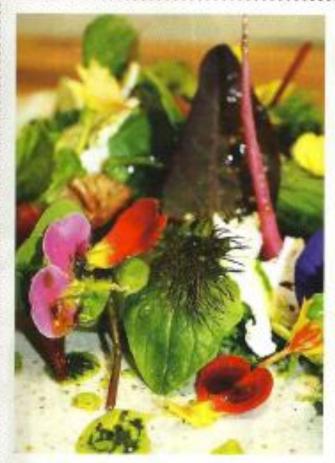
the best village category.

Tiffany Huat, chairman of Cartmel in Bloom, said: "A dedicated group of volunteers, with support from people of all ages, has worked hard to prepare for the judges' visit."

The judges were taken on a sour of the village where they met pupils from Cartmel Primary School, who will be designing meantes for the village has shelter, and other children at work in the kitchen garden at the witness.

Lord Cavendish, patron of the Cartmel In Bloom campaign, paid tribute to the impressive work undertaken by all those involved.

The results will be announced on October 6.





Edible offerings

The two Michelin-starred chef Simon Rogan (above) has linked up with Cartmel in Bloom to create a dish celebrating Edible Britain – the theme for this year's Britain in Bloom competition.

Simon, who runs L'Enclume in the village, has called the dish Spring Offerings and it includes seasonal vegetables, leaves, herbs and flowers grown on his Cartmel farm. It will be served to diners at Aulis, the L'Enclume research and development kitchen and at Simon's new venture, The French, at The Midland Hotel in Manchester. Aulis director Dan Cox said they had started working with Cartmel in Bloom last year, shortly before the village won a silver gilt in the national contest.

"Having seen the positive impact this accolade has had on the village as a whole, we jumped at the chance to get involved in Edible Britain, particularly if it inspires people at home to grow their own," he said.

The project also involves the L'Enclume team working with Cartmel CE Primary School to teach the youngsters about growing veg.

Gardening

Village celebrates horticultural award

A VILLAGE triumphed at the Britain in Bloom awards after judges were impressed with its floral displays.

Cartmel was a silver winner at the prestigious com-

petition.

Group members Sandra and Philip Pascall attended the awards ceremony in Cleethorpes with the group's treasurer David Crabtree last Saturday, and said they were delighted to receive Cartmel's award.

The gong has been added to the Tidiest Village award and the trophy for the Best Sustainable Development for the region which the group won at this year's Cumbria In Bloom awards.

Among their comments, the judges said: "Cartmel is a beautiful village."

A spokeman for the Cartmel in Bloom group said:



WINNERS Judges view the Cartmel in Bloom entry

"Through our Cumbria and Britain In Bloom activities, we hope to strengthen the links between the various groups involved in village life for the benefit of the residents and to enhance the enjoyment of visitors to Cartmel."

Hobbies

Gardening buffs relish revived open day event

A SPECIAL event which gave gardeners the chance to enjoy five fruits of each others' labours proved a recounding success for all liveliked.

The first to be held for many years, the Open Gardens Day organised by the Cartnel in Bloom Group saw a great time had by visitors and village residents alike.

Gardening enthusiants from as far deay as Surrey, Scotland, South Africa and Australia visited 10 gardens, including the primary achor's plot, and the reactions received have been described by organisers as "overwhelming".

Tittany Hunt, chairwoman of the Cartnel in Bloom Group, said: "We were delighted that more than 200 people emptyed our first open gardens day.

"Its auccess was due to the generosity of those 10 owners who kindly invited visitors to look round their gardens and to the enormous amount of work undertaken by them, members of the Cartmel in Bloom Group and the volunteers who holped on the day.

"It was a great community and team effort."

Despite many suggestions that the event, held at the end of last month, was under-priced at £3 per ticket with children visiting for fee, the Cartnel in Bloom Group repect a considerable amount from sales at tickets, plants, plentiful homemade refreshments and works donated by the Cartnel Art Society.

Cartnel Racesquise has also pledged to make a contribution from each car that parked in their car perk on the day.

Organisers such they received a number of positive comments from visitors on the day.

They included Barbara Repairs, chairweman of Honelch in Bloom, who said on the day. "Today was an invaluable experience for us. Even though Honelch is a town of 29,000 if does not mean that we carried pick up ideas from a small village.

"An open gardens day such as this may not impact on our 'In Bloom' competition but it will improve the community involvement."

Other visitors affored their congratulations on the success of the event, graised the love Cartinel's residents clearly put into their gardens and said they took inspiration from the wide variety of designs and ideas on show.



Willow artists swan into top spot with sculptures

AN historic village is home to some new natural sculptures.

The living features, made of willow, are already in situ in Cartmel, having been designed and created by students from Newton Rigg College, near Penrith.

The group were led by head of horticulture Shelagh Todd, who helped supervise the project for more than six months from the ideas stage through to installation.

The work was commissioned by members of the Cartmel in Bloom group – a team of residents passionate about improving their village through community planting and garden displays.

Their brief was to see art installed in the local landscape that reflected the wildlife of the area.

Mrs Todd said: "In education, we talk about enrichment programmes and this was precisely one such programme – more important for us than taking part in a show, due to the more permanent nature of the installation.

"It was also very helpful to the students to work to a client brief rather than in abstract terms, as it gave them greater focus."

The students worked in teams and individually throughout the six months to create designs inspired by the plant and animal life surrounding the River Eea which runs through Cartmel.

The pieces were installed by the willow artists and allowed to establish before the three believed to have been the most successful were awarded a cash prize.

They were judged by a team including Shelagh Todd; Jane Bradley, a local basket maker, willow artist and member of the Witherslack Art Group; and landscape designer Sarah Byrne.

First prize went to Bianca



WINNERS Bianca Schwenke and Alan Madeley with their willow swans in the Royal Oak garden SUBMITTED

Schwenke and Alan Madeley for their pair of swans – on the edge of the garden of the Royal Oak and visible from the walkway on the south side of the river, which residents felt looked at home in their chosen location.

Second place went to

Alison Stanley and Jane Phillips for their dragonflies, while Colin Gilbert took third place with his willow poppies.

The pub garden also houses a three foot tall horse's head created by Val Unwin. A larger version of the horse has been planted in a central area in the car park at nearby Cartmel Racecourse.

Mrs Todd said: "Jane Bradley was very complimentary of the skills mastered by the students in only six months and was particularly impressed by the result of their work."



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Cumbria in Bloom winners announced

DIGNITARIES and gardeners celebrated after coming away from the Cumbria in Bloom awards with a bouquet of shiny trophies and medals.



Cir Mervyn Worth Chairman of Cumbria County Council presents an award to Sue Quinn from Kirkoswaid and David Crabtree from Cartmel, MILTON HAWORTH

The annual event, which was held at Chequers Hotel, Dalton, honoured ambitious areas which have transformed their neighbourhoods with a spruce up and a floral flourish.

Communities, schools and businesses from South Cumbria all triumphed yesterday (16/09) across more than 30 categories of competition.



AND THE WINNER IS: Grange-over-Sands Mayor Ron Shapland presents Cartmel's David Crabtree with the trophy for South Lakeland's best in borough at the annual Cumbria in Bloom awards

More gold for proud village

 Cartmel wins award for fourth year in succession

By FLOSSIE M-TAYLOR

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TOWNS, villages and businesses in South Cumbria and Eden scooped top titles in the annual Cumbria in Bloom competition.

The hard work of gardeners in Cartmel, Kendal, Dalton and Bolton, near Appleby, paid off as dignitaries and guests from the communities left the 2015 awards ceremony with trophies.

Adrian Faulkner, treasurer of Cumbria in Bloom, said: "These awards are wonderful because they go to people who care about the community where they live.

"The standards are higher than last year which is reflected in the number of gold awards." Deputy Lord Lieutenant Adam

Deputy Lord Lieutenant Adam Naylor, mayors and mayoresses of district councils, patron Olive Clarke and Royal Horticultural Society national judge Rae Beckwith were among the 100 guests at the ceremony.

Striking gold was Cartmel, named as winner of South Lakeland's Best in Borough trophy, as well as best village and joint winner with Kirkoswald of the



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DAVID CRABTREE

large tidy village and best sustainable village development. It also received a gold Pride in Your Community medal.

Unsworths Yard and Royal Oak won gold in the Cumbria Tourism section and two It's Your Neighbourhood projects – Townend Meadow and the Cartmel Village Hall border – were classified as outstanding by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Cartmel in Bloom chair David Crabtree said: "I am very proud that we have again achieved a gold award and are the best village in Cumbria.

"To become the tidiest village for a fourth year is testimony to the continuing hard work of all our volunteers."

Bolton's floral creations saw the Eden community crowned winner of best village overall, best small village, small tidy village and most improved over the year.

Other winners included Kendal scooping the best large town and best sustainable development awards, with Dalton the best town winner.

Top in the school gardening awards was Underley Garden School, Kirkby Lonsdale, while Kendal's Heron Hill Primary School secured the wildlife habitats accolade.



PULLING TOGETHER The Cartmel in Bloom team who helped make the Magna Carta 800 event such a success

Clean-up squads make history at medieval fair

A DEDICATED community group played a major part in drawing thousands of people to their village for an historic celebration.

Members of Cartmel in Bloom – best known for ensuring Cartmel looks its best with planting projects and horticultural displays – took part in the Magna Carta 800 event last weekend.

The five-day festival, marking 800 years since King John signed the document, was the culmination of months of planning and hard work for the team as they strove to make the event a huge success.

Visitors to Cartmel Priory were greeted by nine new planters planted in the colours of William Marshal as they made their way into the church thanks to the green-fingered Cartmel in Bloom group.

Family shields created by children from Cartmel Primary School, with help

from the group, were also on display in Unsworth's Yard.

Members manned a Cartmel in Bloom marquee in the Fairfield Paddock selling homegrown herbs, beeswax candles, thyme honey and Yorkshire lavender bags — with the proceeds going towards the group's activities next year as well as a donation towards the upkeep of Cartmel Priory itself.

Medieval face painting and costumes, which are to be donated to Cartmel Primary School after the festivities, helped create family photo opportunities at the marquee.

The group even waged a war on litter throughout the Magna Carta 800 weekend, with regular patrols keeping the streets and verges of the village spic and span.

Cartmel in Bloom spokesman, Irini Tzortzoglou, said all the hard work had been worthwhile to see so many visitors pouring into the village to enjoy the celebration and learn about the link between England's most important knight and the historic Cartmel Priory.

"Everyone in the small community has been involved one way or another, with residents actively participating during the celebrations, assisting visitors with directions within the village, the priory itself and the nearby Fairfield Paddock where many of the medieval re-enactments took place.

"Cartmel in Bloom, as expected, featured strongly during the celebrations.

"The thousands of visitors not only appreciated the gorgeous planters outside the priory and around the village but the group's marquee proved very popular with visitors who were able to buy Cretan honey, lavender bags, real beeswax candles, herbs and plants and have their face painted."



Volunteer litter pickers get down to work during the Clean for the Queen campaign in Cartmel, above. Below, organiser Cllr Lynne Oldham with litter pickers as part of Keep Kendal Mint Clean Group

Pickers' right royal efforts

Strong support for clean-up drive in Queen's honour

By Jack Brooke-Battersby Twitter @JackBrooke93

LITTER pickers spent much of their weekend collecting rubbish as part of the national Clean for the Queen campaign.

The campaign was launched to tidy up Britain in time for the

to tudy up Britain in time for the sovereign's 90th birthday this year, with litter picking taking place up and down the country. Groups assembled in locations across Kendal to support Keep-ing Kendal Mint Clean, a campaign set up by town councillors

paign set up by town contents to keep the town neat and tidy. Cllr Andy Blackman, of Ken-dal Town Council, was happy with the results of the clean-up.

"Overall it was successful," he said. "We had about a dozen people in the town centre cleaning up and picking up litter in the Market Place and all the way along Highgate.

"Then another 10 to 12 people assembled behind the leisure centre, not forgetting a group which did a pick at the hospital.



"I'm certainly happy with the impact in the areas that have been focused on.

In Cartmel, the Cartmel in Bloom community group organised its own litter pick as part of the national effort, and it also organised a similar event with local children.

Rachel Battersby, head teacher of Cartmel Primary School, said: "It is crucial that our young people learn about their local area, how to take care of it for future generations and how they can make a difference to the village they live and

learn in.
"Projects with Cartmel in
Bloom help to facilitate this
learning, giving us the chance
to give a little back through fun practical outdoor educational experiences.

Pupils, staff and parents from Crosby Ravensworth School joined workers from the Eden Rivers Trust in cleaning up along the banks of the River Lyvennet.

The children picked up debris washed up by Storm Desmond in the recent floods.

The school has a particular interest in helping Eden Rivers Trust, having been closely involved in its project to restore meanders to the river.

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Head teacher Duncan Priestley said: "The children worked
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Pupils from Crosby Ravensworth School pose for the camera during their 'Clean for the Queen' litter pick