

PENRITH GEARING UP TO 'BLOOM AGAIN'

Following Penrith's amazing successes in the 'Cumbria' and 'Britain in Bloom' campaigns in 2018, Penrith has been selected once again to take part in both the regional and national 2019 competitions. The 'Penrith in Bloom' Team (see our Facebook page) are looking forward to this year's Cumbria and Britain in Bloom challenges, and to welcoming both sets of judges to the town later in the year.



As in previous years, Penrith Town Council, will

co-ordinate both the 'in bloom' entries and the judges visits, and will fund planters around town as well as several new projects, including the planting of an additional 12 new trees at Fairhill, a historical Richard I Ild theme for Great Dockray, and a children's after school gardening project at St Catherine's RC School.

Penrith volunteers are busy preparing plans and creative themes: 'Seedy Saturday,' encouraged local people to share seeds, floral and edible plants and in-depth horticultural and environmentally friendly knowledge. Penrith's edible trail, which began 6 years ago, is being extended this year to encourage people to grow their own vegetables and fruit and learn more about what they are eating and how to include local produce in healthy recipes.

Penrith Bid are planning their greening initiative, while the Community Gardeners are busy developing new planting themes at different locations around town: replacing trees that have been removed, donating 6 apple trees to local schools and planting new fruit and walnut trees.

The Methodist Church are planning a 'Sew to Grow' weekend of plant exhibitions, displays related to heritage, remembrance and history as well as a plant sale. Penrith & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association are hosting 'Gardeners Question Time' at the event.

Penrith's inspirational volunteers help the environment, increase economic sustainability, improve the visitor and pedestrian experience and raise the level of community spirit.



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