

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM 2021

Period **01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021**

Charity Name **Leominster in Bloom**

Charity No: **1178381**

Charity's principal address:

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

C/O LEOMINSTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOC

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The Objects of the CIO are

- 1) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY.

Type of governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation adopted 18th May 2018.

How the charity constituted: Constitution for a CIO with a voting membership (in addition to the charity trustees)

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting as stated in the constitution.

Trustees

Geoffrey Crofts	Chair	Appointed: 14.11.2018
Councillor Felicity Norman		Appointed: 22.03.2018
Gillian Ding	Secretary	Appointed: 18.01.2018
Vivien Melia	Treasurer	Appointed: 15.01.2021

Achievements and Performance.

This year has once again been a challenge to everyone but the town has looked quite wonderful and the Stay Vacation theme was a great success. The innovative ideas and thought that goes in to the whole scheme are quite remarkable and what a team we have. To each and everyone who has helped in anyway I say a big thank you.

The end result with our third consecutive Gold Award shows just how good all can be even in difficult times.

I think this year Helena and the school entries of Postcard designs was so good and certainly brightened up the windows of some otherwise pretty dull and dirty windows. Thank you to the various owners who gave us the use and allowed the putting up of all those cards, although I think it was a challenge at times when they kept falling off.

In Your Neighborhood was also a success and with some new entrants and interest, I hope that we can build on that for the future

The continued support of Philpotts Nursery certainly makes the bus and planters look so good and such wonderful colours, so a huge thank you to Romey for her planning and also a wonderful effort in contacting the businesses and with Viv they are a formidable team. Once again the sponsors were so generous and it is much appreciated.

We will be looking at Peat Free Compost for the future but of course that comes at a price, to be discussed at our December meeting.

Other fund raising has also been very good and once again thank you to Cynthia for her work in putting on a great Flower Fayre.

Gill has managed to keep us in hand and makes a good job of being our secretary, as well as promoting us through her job at the TIC. we are grateful for the support offered to us by the Leominster Town Council and for the endless watering of the plants.

When results were announced we had a very successful coffee and chat morning in the Secret Garden, again thanks to all that helped. Another event was the Coffee Morning held also in the Secret Garden in aid of Bertie Bargates!! I think we should thank Viv and Chris Hodson for spearheading the project and it looks like we are almost there with fundraising as well as the refurbishment much of which was undertaken by Ross Chance and friends, thank you.

Julia has once again been busy in keeping everyone informed of when we are meeting, when working or generally keeping us organised.

I know it is dangerous to mention people individually but I shall mention Mo who works so hard on the Aldi bed, Kaye who seems to pull the rabbit out of the hat and with the help of Freewheelers 9Inner Wheelers) and friends provided us with so much bunting. The Railway Station had a bit of a makeover as indeed did the Benches around the town. So many lovely complimentary comments from people as indeed we have so often, our work does not go unnoticed.

It was with much sadness that Mike Thornhill died just a few weeks ago, he had Leominster very much at heart and put a lot of time and effort into the various

organisations in which he was involved. He will be greatly missed but I am sure his legacy will live on.

We now look forward to our new year and the "Wool in Leominster" theme being able to be carried out, I know there are so many sheep and squares already done, so onward and upwards

Apologies if I have missed anyone specifically but it is a great big team effort, each and every one of you is appreciated. I look forward to my final year as chairman, if indeed I am re-elected

Geoffrey Croft

Chair

Leominster in Bloom

Plans for 2022

Theme	Wool in Leominster, encompassing our connection with Ryeland sheep. Queens Platinum Jubilee and Queens Green Canopy.
Planting scheme	Red, white and blue blooms. Sustainable planting where possible. Investigating peat free compost options.
Schools	A variety of art projects engaging with local schools. Work displayed around the town.
Shops	Window displays relating to the themes.
Projects	<p>Queens Green Canopy: planting at Ginhall Green, The Nut Grove and Sydonia with Leominster Town Council.</p> <p>Coningsby Road bed replanted with B & Q.</p> <p>Re-painting of town benches.</p> <p>Knitting and crocheting flowers to be used as red, white and blue bollard covers around the town. This project is headed up by Leominster Free Wheelers.</p> <p>Making sheep and trees to be displayed around town, with local groups of Cubs and Brownies.</p> <p>Leominster cubs planting herbs in beds adjacent to Etnam Street car park.</p> <p>Bertie Bargates Defibrillator in a kiosk project continues.</p>
Buttercross	Community project transforming the Buttercross into a county lane. Headed up by ECHO, also Bupa and Norfolk House.
Community	Involvement with all our projects and activities
Publicity	Local newspapers, RHS newsletter, local radio stations, LIB website, Facebook, Twitter, Co-op board and word of mouth
Environment	<p>Introduction of peat free compost. Self watering planters, use of upcycled planters.</p> <p>Composting with Grange Court.</p> <p>Litter picking/street weeding, cleaning with other groups.</p> <p>Bee/insect friendly planting. Improving areas.</p>
In Your Neighbourhood	Encourage new entries and offer support where possible to all entrants.
Funding	<p>Sponsorship of planters by businesses and groups.</p> <p>Grants where available</p> <p>Revenue from Plant and Craft Fairs. Market stalls. Supermarket collections</p>
A bit of fun.	Look out for flocks of sheep as you follow our town trail.

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM
BREAKDOWN OF 2021 INCOME & EXPENDITURE
31st December 2021

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 165.00	
DONATIONS	£ 700.00	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£ -	
MARKET STALLS	£ 448.39	
PLANT FAIR	£ 2,044.93	£ 115.00
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£ 443.81	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£ 21.19	
SPONSORSHIP	£ 7,750.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£ -	
JUST GIVING	£ 4.70	
SUNDRIES	£ -	
BERTIE BARGATES	£ 3,191.21	
BANK INTEREST	£ 0.76	
RHS EXP		£ 175.00
EQUIPMENT		£ -
PRINTING		£ 261.72
STATIONARY		£ 118.85
WEBSITE		£ -
PLANTING		£ 7,240.45
SPONSOR SIGNS		£ 522.00
TOMBOLA PRIZES		£ 148.70
SUNDRIES		£ 136.19
BERTIE BARGATES		£ 338.32
TOTAL	£ 14,769.99	£ 9,056.23
	31.12.21	31-12-20
CASH IN HAND	£ 50.90	£ 58.01
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 1,002.27	£ 382.16
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ 9,102.65	£ 4,001.89
TOTAL FUNDS	£ 10,155.82	£ 4,442.06
£ 2,852.89	Ring fenced for Bertie Bargates Defibrillator Project. Leominster in Bloom funds.	
£ 7,302.33		

Independent examiners report.

I report in respect of my examination of the Leominster in Bloom accounts

I have completed my examination following Charity Commission guidance CC15d. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or

the format of the accounts is not correct

I have recommended to the Treasurer that the organisation move to an imprest petty cash account in order to enable both an easier understanding of the accounts to be reached and as part of a system of recommended financial controls.

Signed



Diana Emes

18/3/2022

Declarations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name:

Position:

Date: