

Leominster in Bloom – Chairman's Report

AGM – 11 March 2026

I think I can safely say that this has been another excellent year for Leominster in Bloom, with our **Gold Award** once again being the well-deserved result. Achievements like this are only possible because of the wonderful volunteers who make everything happen. It truly is a team effort.

Since becoming your Chairman, I feel we have grown into a very efficient and supportive group. However, that strength has developed over time thanks to the commitment of so many people – committee members, volunteers and supporters – who all contribute in their own way. The success of Leominster in Bloom certainly isn't down to any one individual. It is the combined effort of everyone involved that makes us such a strong and effective group.

There are, of course, a number of individuals whose work deserves particular mention. I am very grateful to **Viv**, who keeps our accounts in such an efficient and reliable manner, and we are fortunate to have **Diana Emms**, who helps ensure we remain on the right track.

Viv also works closely with **Romey** in securing the sponsorship that is so essential to our work. Their efforts help ensure we can continue working with the wonderful **Philpott's girls**, whose planting always looks absolutely fantastic. We are also very grateful for the planning Romey does beforehand – her choice of plants consistently produces beautiful displays and many positive comments from around the town.

Cynthia is not only a tireless worker but also an excellent organiser. The planning she puts into our Flower Fairs ensures they are always well supported, and it is wonderful that so many stallholders return year after year.

Helena must also be mentioned for the fantastic success of our competitions. She works closely with local schools and young people, resulting in incredible numbers of entries and so many imaginative and creative ideas.

Since introducing the WhatsApp group, communication has improved greatly and we are kept well informed about activities, work parties and events. There are many names that appear regularly and, at the risk of leaving someone out, I will mention just a few: **Sheila, Jan, Midge, Romey, Dennis, Viv, Cynthia, Eve, John, Julia, Jill, Kathy, Marcus, Virginia and Gill Ding**.

These are only a few names, and there are many others who turn up time after time and contribute so much to the success of the group.

We have also had great support from the workers at **S & A**, along with other groups, nursing homes and the incredible **Pom Ladies**, all of whom play their part in helping us achieve what we do.

Judging Day is always a focal point of the year. The route is carefully planned so that we can showcase the many projects and partnerships that demonstrate how widely the community is involved in Leominster in Bloom.

An important part of the judging process is our **Portfolio**, which highlights everything we have worked on throughout the year. This year we were delighted to welcome **Kathy** to the team, and I am very grateful for the hard work she put into presenting our year so effectively. With the help of the many photographs taken by members throughout the year, Kathy produced an excellent portfolio.

Once again we worked with **The Priory**, where we were also able to hold our Judging Day celebration.

The **Town Council** supported us again through planter sponsorship, and Stuart and his team did a fantastic job keeping the planters watered during what was an incredibly hot and dry summer. Their help was very much appreciated.

Communication is vital in keeping everyone informed about what is happening. The WhatsApp group has certainly helped with this, but I would also like to mention two people who do an excellent job in this area. **Julia** keeps everyone up to date with regular emails and messages, and **Gill**, as our Secretary, does a fantastic job keeping us organised. On a personal note, I would like to thank Gill for keeping me on the straight and narrow!

Finally, I would simply like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy and enthusiasm to Leominster in Bloom. Whether you help with planting, organising events, supporting competitions, fundraising, or simply turning up when help is needed, every contribution matters. What we achieve together really does make a difference to our town and to the sense of community we share. I am very proud to be part of such a dedicated group and I look forward to working with you all again as we move into another exciting year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Leominster in Bloom

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leominster in Bloom for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in

accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the

2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by

the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that **no** material matters have come to my attention in

connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to

which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Diana Emes

Address: 37 Pinsley Rd, Leominster, HR6 8NN

Date:

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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending **31 December 2025**.

Income

Total income for the year amounted to **£16,514.99**.

Our largest source of income continues to be **sponsorship**, which generated **£12,775.00**, demonstrating the fantastic support we continue to receive from local businesses and organisations.

Other important sources of income included:

- **Market stalls:** £1,583.77
- **Plant Fair:** £1,315.00
- **Donations:** £270.75
- **Bucket collections:** £161.10
- **Bank interest:** £149.57
- **Subscriptions:** £110.00
- **Sundries:** £90.00
- **Easyfunding/Amazon:** £59.80

Compared with **£16,431.07 in 2024**, overall income remained very similar, reflecting a stable level of community support.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was **£12,181.49**.

The main area of spending was on **planting**, which totalled **£9,692.01**. This represents the core work of Leominster in Bloom in enhancing and maintaining the town's floral displays.

Other expenditure included:

- **Sponsor signs:** £502.20
- **Tombola and market costs:** £334.00
- **Advertising:** £274.32
- **Stationery:** £261.65
- **Competition prizes and gifts:** £357.37
- **Printing:** £180.00
- **Equipment:** £144.94
- **Sundries:** £110.00
- **RHS entry:** £200.00
- **Grant expenditure:** £100.00
- **Plant Fair refunds:** £25.00

Total expenditure in **2024 was £12,453.71**, so spending in 2025 was slightly lower.

Surplus

The year ended with a **surplus of £4,333.50**, which is slightly higher than the **£3,977.36 surplus recorded in 2024**. This healthy surplus helps ensure the group remains financially stable and able to plan future planting and community projects.

Funds Held

As of **31 December 2025**, total funds held by Leominster in Bloom were **£20,619.01**, made up of:

- **Savings Account:** £19,761.60
- **Current Account:** £813.39
- **Petty Cash:** £44.02

These funds include:

- **Bertie funds:** £277.95
- **Leominster in Bloom general funds:** £20,341.06

Conclusion

Overall, the financial position of Leominster in Bloom remains strong. The continued support of our sponsors, stall holders, and the wider community enables us to maintain and develop the floral displays and projects that benefit the town.

I would like to thank everyone who supports our fundraising activities and especially Diana Emms, who has examined the accounts for us again this year and has confirmed that she has no concerns and has come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report. Also, thanks must go to our volunteers and sponsors, whose contributions make such a significant difference to what we are able to achieve each year.

Prepared by the Treasurer, Leominster in Bloom.

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BREAKDOWN OF 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE at 31.12.25

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	Full Year 2024	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£110.00			£85.00	
DONATIONS	£270.75			£ 700.00	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£0.00			£ -	
MARKET STALLS	£1,583.77			£ 650.92	
PLANT FAIR	£1,315.00			£ 2,066.40	
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£161.10			£ 56.74	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£59.80			£ -	
SPONSORSHIP	£12,775.00			£ 11,430.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£0.00			£0.00	
JUST GIVING	£0.00			£0.00	
SUNDRIES	£90.00			£34.20	
BERTIE BARGATES	£0.00			£0.00	
GRANT FUNDING	£0.00			£ 1,230.00	
BANK INTEREST	£149.57			£ 177.81	£ 16,431.07
	£16,514.99			EXPENDITURE	
RHS EXP		£200.00		£ 200.00	
ADVERTISING		£274.32		£ 259.00	
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£25.00		£ 50.00	
EQUIPMENT		£144.94		£ 1,053.17	
PRINTING		£180.00		£ 234.99	
STATIONARY		£261.65		£ 145.24	
WEBSITE		£0.00		£ 151.20	
PLANTING		£9,692.01		£ 8,669.99	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£502.20		£ 266.73	
TOMBOLA & MARKET PRIZES		£334.00		£ 136.01	
SUNDRIES		£110.00		£ 175.64	
BERTIE BARGATES		£0.00		£ -	
Expenditure from grants		£100.00		£ 985.99	
Competition Prizes & Gifts		£357.37		£ 125.75	£ 12,453.71
GAIN/LOSS		£12,181.49	£4,333.50		£ 3,977.36
Petty Cash	£44.02			£ 15.00	
CASH IN HAND	£0.00			£ -	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£813.39			£ 658.48	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£19,761.60			£ 15,612.03	
TOTAL FUNDS	£20,619.01			£ 16,285.51	
Bertie funds	£277.95			£277.95	
LIB funds	£20,341.06			£16,007.56	
Shed Deposit	£0.00			£0.00	
Website to Jun 26	£0.00			£100.80	
TOTAL FUNDS	£20,619.01			£16,386.31	



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Trustees Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report 2025

Signed: 

Full Name: GEORGEY CROFTS

Position: TRUSTEE + CHAIR

Date: 13-5-26

Signed: 

Full Name: FELICITY MARY NORMAN

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 9.5.26

Signed: 

Full Name: GILLIAN DING

Position: TRUSTEE + VICE CHAIR

Date: 13.5.2026

Signed: 

Full Name: VIVIEN ANN MERIA

Position: TREASURER & TRUSTEE

Date: 13/5/2026