CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2022Period start date to 02/10/2023 Period end date
Charity name: Colne In Bloom Charity registration number: 1193203

Objectives and Activities

As set out in the Colne.in Bloom Constitution the group continues to promote horticulture and floriculture for the benefit of the public by the promotion of floral displays, shrubs and trees in places visible to the public. It aims to increase the education of the public in conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
The group organises gardening sessions throughout the year that encourages the whole community to be involved in planting, weeding and caring for the town's floral displays. It helps to attract a greater variety of wildlife into the built environment and encourages members of the community to create wildlife welcoming environments.

Achievements and Performance

The importance of being an environmentally sustainable organisation with a low carbon footprint has been emphasised over the last year.

As usual, in the autumn, we planted the town's barrier troughs and towers using the spring bulbs and polyanthus from previous years. Peat based compost, polystyrene packaging are no longer purchased and as much reusing/division of the plants from the floral displays, as possible, has been undertaken. The Town Council is to provide a polytunnel to help overwinter plants that are susceptible to frost.

In May the town's summer floral displays and public spaces were planted and attracted more helpers, some of whom came to our weekly spring and summer gardening sessions too. This meant that the throughout the year our town looked fantastic. Volunteers have reported a boost to their mental health and raised fitness levels after undertaking gardening related activities. Visitors to the town also express their appreciation and thanks needs to go to Colne Town Council for purchasing the plants and arranging the watering of them.

Businesses have been encouraged to set up additional floral displays or provide plants to improve neglected areas**.** More hanging baskets than in 2022 were ordered.

With Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group we held the annual Daisy Chain and Growing Together Environmental Competition, where nominated community groups and residents were presented with certificates and prizes of bulbs, seed or chocolates for their commitment to promote environmental/gardening activities. The gardening team at St Bartholemew were presented with the Maureen Arnold Trophy and The Derek Gascoigne Cup was won by the group, sponsored by Tubbs, who have created a roadside garden.
Schools took part in an environmental poster competition and the winners were awarded a certificate and book token at the award ceremony in the Town Hall.

We raised funds for possible future new projects not funded by the Town Council or grants and promoted the group's activities in a bid to gain more volunteers.

Structure, Governance and Management

Colne in Bloom is a CIO with the relevant governing constitution. Trustees are proposed, seconded and elected by the members of the group. Officers to include Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Trustees.

We confirm that the activities undertaken by Colne In Bloom are in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Colne In Bloom does not have any concerns with funding its current level of activities. It mainly works in partnership with Colne Town Council who purchase all items required for the volunteers to plant and maintain the town's floral displays. It encourages local businesses to purchase and donate plants too. The costs of the Environmental Competition are met by two fund raising events and support from the Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group.

Financial Statement for the year ending 02/10/23 **Colne In Bloom Charity Number 1193203**		
Barclays **£3,156.70**	Skipton Building Society **£174.21**	Float/Petty Cash **£185.07**
Monies paid in Nil	Monies paid in Nil	Monies paid in £105 Christmas Tombola £125 Easter Tombola
Monies paid out Nil	Monies paid out Nil	Monies paid out Raffle tickets £3.00 Daisy Chain Competition £21 Plants £20.93
Total monitory assets as at 02.10.23	**£3,515.98**	

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Colne In Bloom
Other name the charity uses	Colne Bloomers
Registered charity number	**1193203**
Charity's principal address	StableCross 4 Knotts Lane Colne Lancs BB8 8AD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity					
Number	**Trustee Name**	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not whole year**	**Name of person (or body entitled to appoint Trustees**	
1	**Alice Mann**	**Chair**			
2	**Mary Wooltorton**	**Sec/Treasurer**			
3	**Linda Strickland**				
4	**Sue Pollitt**				
5	**Michael Moffit**				

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alice Mann	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	14/09/24	