

# **Comber Horticultural and District Society**

**presents**

COLOUR

COMBER









# THE BAD









# A few goodies:







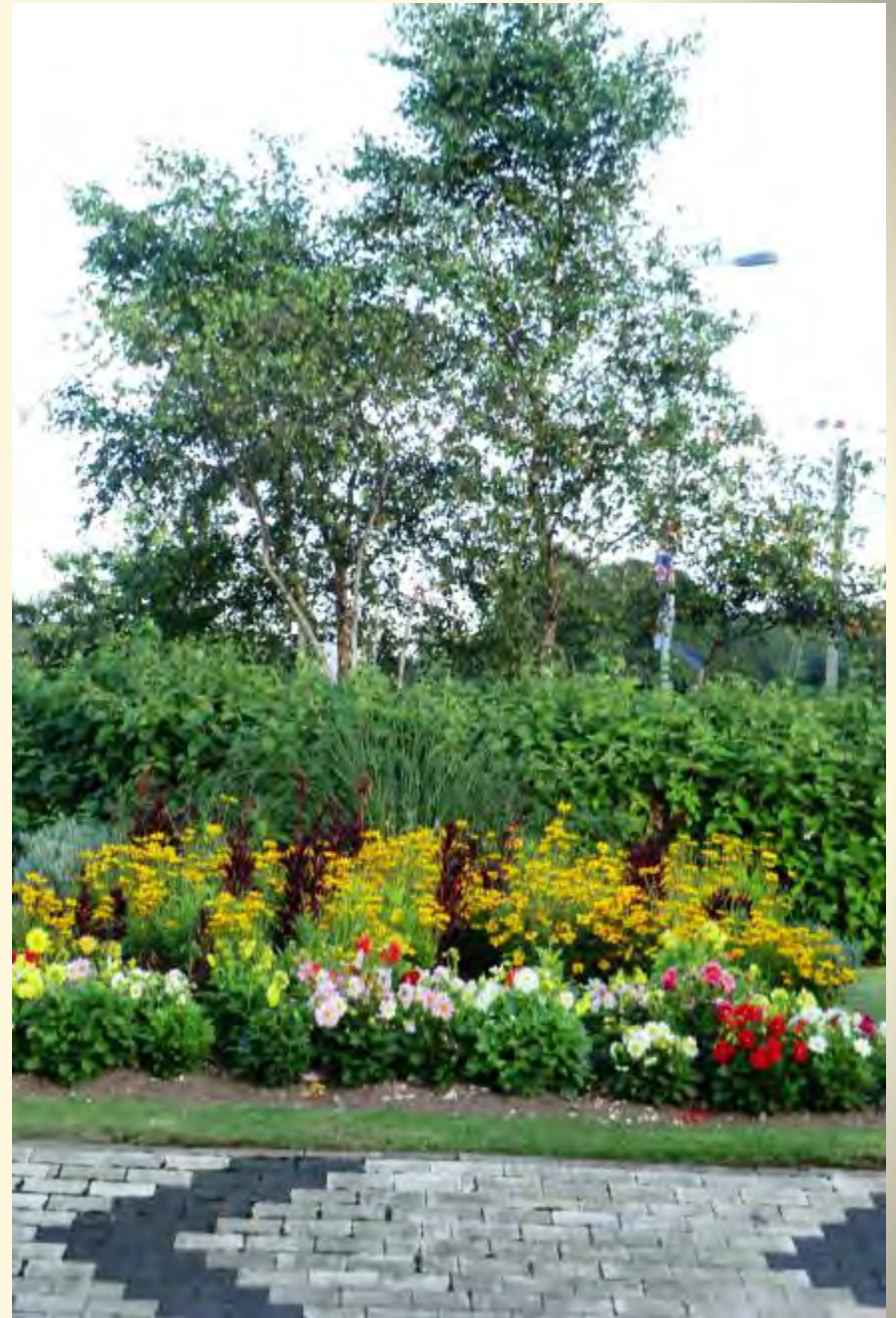
















Killinchy Street



High Street















## Garden Judging Competition







[www.growcomber.com](http://www.growcomber.com)

## Comber Show





# Lots of baddies:





Bridge Street Link





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Tesco





Newtownards Road



Castle Lane





Mill Street



Mill Street





Braeside



High Street



**Don't look!**

**Here come the ugly ones**





Castle Street





Castle Street



Castle Street





Castle Street



Castle Street



**What can we do?**

# Good examples to follow:

## **CARRICKFERGUS - [www.carrickfergusinbloom.org](http://www.carrickfergusinbloom.org)**

- Sunflower competition
- Ulster in Bloom: Winner 'Roses in Towns' 2012

## **BUSHMILLS - Brighter Bushmills Project - 2012**

- Derelict shop frontage lifting

## **CASTLECAULFIELD - Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society**

- Derelict shop frontage lifting
- Ulster in Bloom: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Village Category 2011 and 2012

## **STARBECK - [www.starbeckinbloom.co.uk](http://www.starbeckinbloom.co.uk)**

- Yorkshire in Bloom: Gold in Urban Category

## **AHOGHILL**

- Ulster in Bloom: Gold in Small Town Category 2012

## **BROUGHSHANE**

- Ulster and Britain in Bloom: Gold in Large Village Category

Lucky enough Comber belongs to the Town Category



# What these places have in common?

- These villages / towns in Bloom were formed 15-25 years ago after a depressing spate of **vandalism or sectarian attacks**. Morale was at an all-time low and a **small group of people and businesses** decided to brighten the shops by putting some flowering tubs on the street and organising a garden competition.
- From that small act they **grew and grew**, eventually they entered **Ulster / Britain in Bloom**.
- In many cases the committees are very small but they call on **help from all sectors of the community** and never get a refusal! Horticultural Societies, Brownies, Guides, Brigades, Scouts, Church groups and schools all play their part. **Donations** of money came from local people, businesses and the community fund and they receive unstinting help from the Councils.



# Bushmills

## Brighter Bushmills Project

- 17 shops.
- Total cost: £30,000 plus VAT.
- 75% of the grants came through the European Union.







**Bushmills**



**Castlecaulfield**





**Castlecaulfield**



**Ahoghill**



# Broughshane





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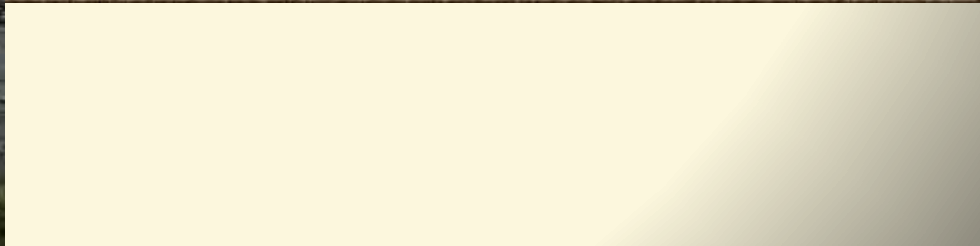


**Starbeck**  
(Yorkshire)



**The future**



















**The dream**



# WANTED



**The end**