

## **Charmouth Environment Group**

### **Annual report 2025-26**

Our greatest triumph was in helping Charmouth achieve a Gold award in the South West in Bloom competition. The structure of the scoring system covers the three categories of horticulture, environment and community. So it has been very helpful over the past three years to implement and encourage activity under these three headings which creates a holistic approach.

Following the ground work done in previous years, we concentrated on improving the displays in the various planters strategically positioned around the village, enhancing the depth of Spring flowers with more bulb planting and revamping the vegetation near the public toilets on the foreshore.

In addition, the Group provided input to the design of an information plaque placed near the entrance to the playing field. Also, a selection of photographs of plants in bloom was posted on the Parish Council's web site during each month of the calendar year.

The Group was pleased to be able to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Council's revised mowing schedule and the responses made to Dorset Council's consultations on a new draft of the Local Plan and the Dorset National Landscape Management Plan.

Plans for 2026/7 include a new planting scheme at the cemetery, extending the community orchard in the playing field and developing plans for a community garden at the former bowling green.



SOUTH WEST

South West in Bloom is proud to present

**Charmouth Parish Council**

with the 2025

**GOLD Award in the Mary Mortimer Trophy**

Sponsored by



*John S. Winstanley*

Chairman

