

## **GOOD FOR CHARMOUTH**

*From Charmouth Parish Council's  
Environment Group*

### **SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM**

Charmouth has been entered for this year! The competition, run by the Royal Horticulture Society, is one of eighteen regional/national competitions that make up Britain in Bloom.



As it is our first year there is much to learn. We have entered the Pennant Class and will be mentored by a local Britain in Bloom judge who will guide us through the process. We hope to establish a benchmark from which to grow and improve in future years.

The Judges will be keen to see the many environmentally friendly improvements the Parish Council are making – these include assessing mowing and strimming regimes to leave wilder areas where appropriate, aiming to stop the use of herbicides in weed removal, a compost area in the Playing field. They will be shown the village planting projects which are the Queen's Green Canopy trees at the playing field and cemetery, the Foreshore hedging around the reed bed at the beach and west green area, perennial planting in the street planters and the photographs of the crocuses donated by the Rotary Club, that flowered beautifully this spring. A large part of the Britain in Bloom campaign is looking at how local

communities manage their environments now and for the future. Charmouth has many concerned individuals who are keen to keep our village looking attractive and are establishing environmentally friendly projects and improvements. We have invited groups in the village to take part in this exciting project so we can all work together in years to come. If you would like to be directly involved and we have not contacted you, please contact the Parish Council  
([clerk@charmouthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charmouthparishcouncil.gov.uk))

### **BIG GREEN WEEK**

24 September to 2 October

The event, which will be discussed for approval at the next Committee meeting, will be aimed to showcase community action projects to tackle Climate Change and protect our Environment. Please look out for posters and notifications of this and other events happening during this week.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Could Charmouth have a community garden? We are starting to explore this idea and we know it is popular as residents of Charmouth suggested it during the Neighbourhood Plan preparation. We see it as a place to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers and for people to meet up, be together, feel relaxed and be active outdoors ..... and all while doing something worthwhile and enjoyable. Collating ideas from everyone who is interested will be an important part of the planning and setting up process.

*More information [www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening](http://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening)*

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