

Portishead in Bloom held their Celebration Evening at the Folk Hall, High Street, Portishead on Friday, 16th November. The evening was well attended by "Friends", winners of garden awards and participants in the Open Gardens weekend held in June. The Chairman of the Town Council, John Clark, spoke of the huge amount of work that is done by Portishead in Bloom to keep the town looking beautiful and special guest, Tony Moore, gave an outline of the work that is expected by the South-West in Bloom judges in order to achieve a gold award in the competition. Our town has now been awarded this for the fifth year running.

Edna and Mike Burt were awarded the John Daws cup and a cheque for £100 which was donated by the North Somerset Times. Edna and Mike always step in to help others out in any way they can and especially so at the Jubilee Day Care Centre. They are committed to assisting various local organisations such as the Horticultural Societies in Portishead and Redcliffe Bay and are always willing to give lifts to people who can't get around so easily. The Portishead in Bloom group felt that Mike and Edna were very worthy recipients of the award for their unfailing dedication to those people in need.

Other special awards went to Beryl Windibank, who together with her husband Ken, gets around the town tending shrub and flower beds and any other jobs that are needed to keep the town looking lovely. "Sandy" Sandford was also given a special award for his daily efforts in keeping the Lake Grounds free of litter. The P.I.P. group meet every first Sunday in the month to litter pick around the town, details of the next session can be found on P.I.B's website.

Portishead in Bloom said goodbye to Nicky Barraah and Dave Ridout but welcomed new members, Angela Cooper and Ken Windibank.