

## **Draft Agreement with Liskeard in Bloom (2025/26) – Updated 01.10.2024**

Liskeard Town Council recognises the valuable contribution of Liskeard in Bloom to the town each year and the hard work and dedication of its many volunteers.

Each year the Town Council allocates a budget for hanging baskets, planters, window boxes and 'garden' areas. The Town Council provides access to water from the Fountain, the Guildhall and Dean Street toilets at an estimated value of £400 per year. The Council also provides and maintains the water bowser.

The proposed arrangements for 2025/26 are:

1. The Town Council will continue to purchase spring/autumn plants and sundries (compost, slow-release fertiliser, etc) from the preferred supplier (currently Browns Nurseries). This will be done in line with the Town Council's financial regulations and based on the recommendations of Liskeard in Bloom (the budget allocated to spring and autumn plants in was £4,000). This year the Town Council will look to replace some of the bedding plants with perennials/pollinator-friendly plants in the larger planters and/or 'garden areas' to improve environmental sustainability. The Town Council will take delivery of plants direct from the nursery and store them until required for planting (or negotiate with the nursery for storage).
2. Going forward, the Town Council will water only its own floral displays at the Public Hall, Foresters Hall, Guildhall, Fountain, Dean Street toilets and 'garden' spaces at the Parade and Dean Street gardens, and Welcome Back Fund planters. This will be achieved by employing a casual worker for the summer season (roughly June-September). The Town Council will continue to provide free use of water and the bowser to Liskeard in Bloom so they can water displays around the town. Liskeard in Bloom and the Town Council will coordinate watering duties to ensure equipment is available when needed and to provide holiday cover, etc.
3. The Town Council will make a fixed sum of £1,500 available to Liskeard in Bloom each year to help them meet their wider aims and objectives. This will include the planting and maintenance of the Town Council's floral displays at the Public Hall, Foresters Hall, Guildhall, Fountain, Dean Street toilets, 'garden' spaces and Welcome Back Fund planters. The Town Council will take over the preparation of the 'garden' spaces on the Parade (both sides) and Dean Street, including removing a layer of old soil and replacing with new compost, removing and disposing of unwanted plants. Liskeard in Bloom will continue to plant and look after the 'garden' areas. This annual contribution would be subject to the requirements of the Town Council's Community Grant fund, specifically a copy

of latest accounts, evidence of insurance, and an undertaking to acknowledge the support of Liskeard Town Council in all promotional and/or marketing material. The financial support will be made available from the annual facilities committee budget and will be paid to Liskeard in Bloom in April 2025.

**Other Notes:**

The floral displays and any project work in other areas of the town , including Fore Street is funded by Liskeard in Bloom with support from individual participating businesses. Liskeard in Bloom will continue to maintain the planter/s at the Pipe Well.

The Town Council is in the process of rationalising the number of WBF planters – grouping them together for ease of maintaining and watering in 2025/26 with a view to passing them on to a suitable community group and/or organisation in following years.

The Town Council and Liskeard in Bloom are keen to work together to develop a proposal for the roundabout adjacent to Pets at Home, but this is outside the scope of this agreement.