

Agreement between Liskeard Town Council and Liskeard in Bloom (2026/27)

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 2026/27 are:

1. The Town Council will continue to purchase spring/autumn plants and sundries (compost, slow-release fertiliser, etc) This will be done in line with the Town Council's financial regulations i.e. 3-quotes and based on the plant recommendations of Liskeard in Bloom. This year the Town Council is again looking increase the number of perennials/pollinator-friendly plants in the larger planters and/or 'garden areas' to improve environmental sustainability. Slug pellets and other pesticides are no longer be allowed in Council-owned planters. 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. through 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. 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 2026.

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 will be undertaking some essential repairs and maintenance at the Pipe Well in 2026/27.

The Fountain is set for major repairs in 2026/27. The work will include fixing or replacing damaged stonework, re-pointing, removing the water tank and pump, cleaning, and upgrading the electrical system. Because of this, only temporary, free-standing planters will be allowed at the Fountain — and this will continue to be the case in the future to help conserve the listed structure.

The Town Council’s intention in 2026/27 is to rationalise the number of WBF planters – grouping them together for ease of maintaining and watering 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 and not likely before April 2027

_____ Signed on behalf of Liskeard in Bloom

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