

Information for new volunteers

How do we keep in touch?

There are two WhatsApp groups.

KIBchat for KIB business.



KIBchat 2 is for social chat. 💰



Give your mobile number to Gill Matthews (admin) to be added to these groups.

Information also goes out by email.

When are the working parties?

These are on Wednesday mornings. Occasional additional ones are organised. Details of these are all posted on KIBchat.

We meet on the Town Square at 9.30am (10.00am in December and January).

At 11am we have a coffee break.

What do I need to bring?

Hand tools and gardening gloves. Some large tools available e.g. forks, brooms. Large items of equipment e.g. trolleys, bowsers, electric wheelbarrow are owned by KIB.

Kit

This is available from Salcombe Embroiderers at Torr Quarry. Volunteers purchase this for themselves if they wish. We recommend you wear a Kingsbridge in Bloom hi vis vest which we supply.

Website

www.kingsbridgeinbloom.co.uk

Find us on:





Health and Safety

All volunteers are issued with hi vis vests which should be worn for safety reasons. Everyone must be aware of their own safety and that of the public. Stout footwear and gardening gloves are recommended.

First Aid

A first aid box is located in Quay House and in the Quay House garage. There is a defibrillator outside Wells Pharmacy.

Insurance

This is arranged through our affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society with £10,000,000 of public liability cover. Volunteers' personal effects are not covered.

KIB Year

We meet Wednesdays throughout the year. Winter planting is done in November and summer planting in May. The RHS judges come in July.

Committee - voted in during our AGM

· Adrienne Benton: Chair

Jackie Khosla: Secretary

• Piers Rogers: Treasurer

Jan Alen: Planting Team Lead

• Lis Smith: Social Secretary, Planting team

Gill Matthews: Photography, WhatsApp admi

Mary Rossiter: Planting Team

Sue Kinch

Elaine Curtis

Claudette Uff

History

KIB is a voluntary group formed in 2007. Our main purpose is to develop and enhance the planted environment in the town.

RHS

We enter the South West in Bloom competitions which is part of Britain in Bloom.

Funding

A regular income stream is the monthly draw run by Chris Barnwell. If you would like to join this, please speak to her. It is £24 a year with the chance of winning a monetary prize every month.

Other funding sources are donations, business sponsorship and grants.

What do we look after?

We look after all the flower beds on the Town Square and down the embankment. We also look after all the beds at the estuary end of the rec. There are some separate areas around the town such as the camellia bed and the containers in Duncombe Park. The baskets and containers on Fore Street are also ours!

If you would like to see more detail about our locations, then please ask for the maps showing all our planting. This is all available on our website.