

Kingsbridge in Bloom 2018

GREEN GARDENING IN KINGSBRIDGE – SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

Kingsbridge in Bloom has a well developed Environmental Policy, aimed at **working in sympathy with nature, conserving valuable resources and enhancing the environment for people and wildlife alike.**

Key features

PLANT MANAGEMENT

To Reduce our purchase of new plants

- We *use perennials* in our planting schemes and wild-flower areas, as far as possible
- We *propagate* - taking cuttings and growing them on.
- We *collect seed* from year to year, germinate and grow on our own plants.
- We *protect vulnerable plants* over the winter in poly-tunnels and greenhouses
- Where possible we *over-winter* plants in situ to avoid unnecessary expense and labour

We Re-use plants by

- *Recycling* bulbs and plants for re-use in different locations

WASTE MANAGEMENT

We Recycle by

- *Composting* appropriate waste material in the compost area in the recreation ground, and taking other waste to the local Recycling Centre
- *Returning* plant-pots and trays to the suppliers or the recycling centre.
- *Using reconditioned compost* either donated or bought locally; if we buy, we buy **peat-free**.
- *Re-using spent compost* as **mulch**.
- *Using brown bins* where available

WATER USE

We Reduce our demand for treated water by

- *Using water storage* such as butts, which are located on the Town Square, at the Community Garden, Museum and elsewhere.
- *planting drought-tolerant* species, where possible
- *using* baskets and containers *with reservoirs*.

CARING FOR WILDLIFE/WORKING WITH NATURE

Our planting is designed to attract all sorts of pollinating insects including bees, which are essential to horticulture but under threat from disease and modern agricultural practice.

- We *encourage wild-flower planting* in public spaces and elsewhere
- We *encourage all forms of wildlife*, by providing appropriate homes and habitats.
- We *avoid the use of chemicals, and limit our use of plastics and pollutants*, to protect water courses and wild-life

Remember -

Plants/waste/water/wildlife

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