

## Dunblane in Bloom Group in 2010



DiB Volunteers at Fling by the River in May

Photo : Gerard Hastings

As always the Dunblane in Bloom Group has been busy during the first half of the year.

The Group has started to reduce the area of bedding plants in the flower bed at the end of Smithy Loan on the Perth Road. A small circular drystone raised bed was constructed and a cherry tree donated by Stirling Council (Tai Haku - Great White) was planted. The plants are begonias reclaimed from Stirling Council at the end of the flowering season.

Earlier in the year, we decided to create a rock garden, down by the river next to our community garden, on the site exposed when Stirling Council removed the overgrown laurel bushes. We are working on the hard landscaping and building a metre high retaining wall. Stirling Council has assisted with a grant from the Landfill Tax Fund. We have also been promised support from the Rock Garden Society. It is hoped to have some of this garden planted later this year but this will be an ongoing project for some time.

Our floral displays are once again in evidence about the town, creating a pleasant environment. Producing this display does involve a considerable

amount of work and dedication and it is a credit to the volunteers who give their time willingly to carry out this work. First Scotrail, who sponsors the barrels on the platform, this year provided funds for five hanging baskets which are secured to the station building on the Town side.

When there is time the DiB volunteers also carry out litter picking, weeding, strimming and general tidying around the place.

The Dunblane Development Trust encourages the traders to participate in the floral displays and awards three cups for specific categories. It is encouraging to see each year more and more of the traders taking the trouble to put on their individual displays.

Sandy MacKay August 2010