

Groomsport in Bloom 2016

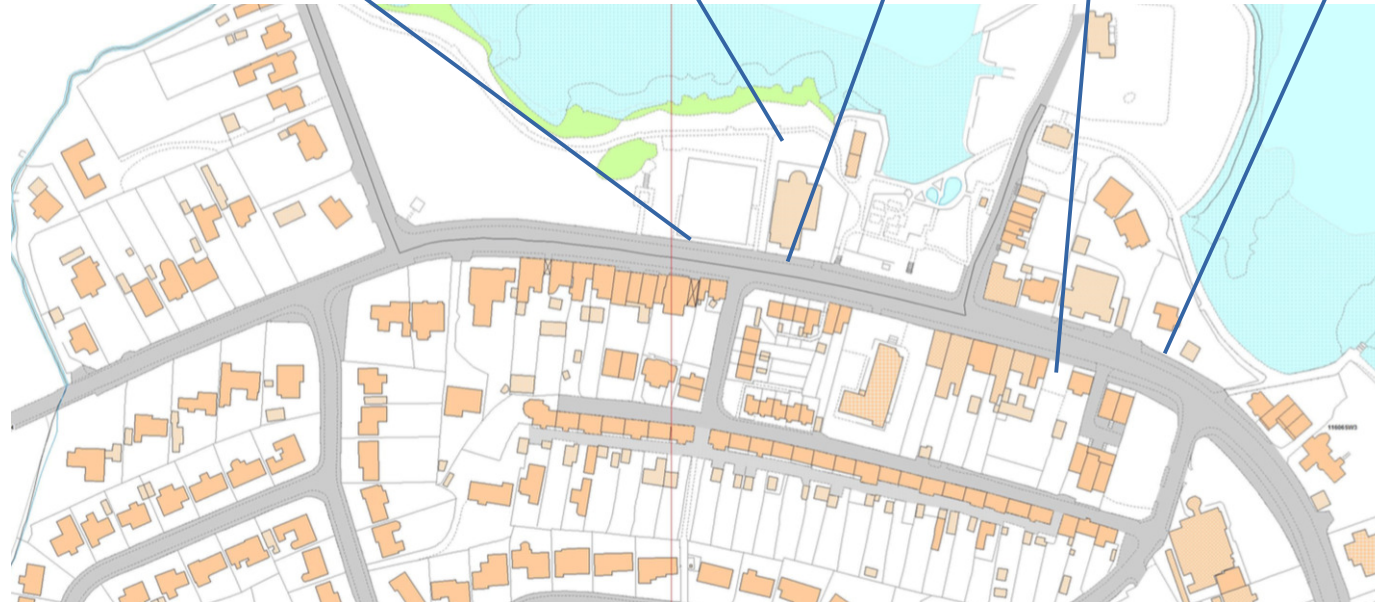
Sedum on Holme Field wall

Planting of rockery

Herb Garden

Vacant site

Bug Hotel



Tennis Courts

Walter Nelson Hall Presbyterian Church

Parish Halls

Groomsport in Bloom Developments 2016

1 Installation of a Bug Hotel on Main Street. This was designed and constructed by the young people and staff of the Groomsport Intensive Support Learning Unit (ISLU) in the former primary school.

2 Planting of the natural rockery between the Walter Nelson Hall and the coast. This was undertaken by both young and older people from the village on European Day of Solidarity between Generations in April 2016.

3 Groomsport Community Herb Garden. This has just been established in a planter in front of the Walter Nelson Hall. The Groomsport Village Association will be encouraging the propagation of herbs and their culinary use through publicity in its Newsletter and on its website. If the herb garden is a success, consideration will be given to using further planters or to relocating it to a permanent site convenient to the centre of the village.

4 Planting of sedum on the Holme Field Wall. The planting of the pilot site (about 20 metres) in September 2015 is a joint project of Ards and North Down Borough Council and Groomsport and District Gardening Club. The experiment will be assessed in September 2016.

5 With the assistance of Ards and North Down Borough Council with the permission of Transportni The Groomsport in Bloom Committee has purchased and placed **SIX** additional planters on Main Street. ***£10million liability insurance was requested by Transportni and purchased by Groomsport Village Association.***

6 Ulster in Bloom village signage. New signs have been placed at the two entrances to the village - beside the boat where the Groomsport bypass meets the Donaghadee Road and on the B511 (the old road from Bangor) at Islet Hill Farm. The signs are:



On-going activities

1 Regular work parties of volunteers have been weeding and tidying Main Street, around Cockle Row Cottages and others areas within the centre of the village.

2 In 2015, the Ulster in Bloom judges commented on the vacant site on Main Street opposite the Parish Halls. At this moment The Groomsport in Bloom Committee is trying to meet with the owner for discussions.