

To consider agreeing to commission locally based, landscape designer Mr Sean Murray of Garden Narratives<sup>1</sup> to design schemes and maintenance schedules for the floral displays listed, with an overall emphasis on a distinct town design. To agree the brief, and any amendments, and agree to seek a cost associated with carrying out the work.

Please note that this includes design only, delivery of the schemes will be agreed separately following a tendering process.

### **Eighteen Floral Beds on Station Road (One way section - Grand Corner to Wansbeck Square)**

Eight beds to the north side and ten beds to the south side with an emphasis on:

- ✓ High impact, all year-round colour
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Nature friendly
- ✓ Low maintenance
- ✓ In keeping with a distinct town design
- ✓ Re-using plants where possible, plants available locally

### **Four Entrance Features (on the B1334 and A197)**

Four separate entrance features that contribute to the appeal and approach at each gateway, with emphasis on:

- ✓ High impact, all year-round colour
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Nature friendly
- ✓ Low maintenance
- ✓ In keeping with a distinct town design
- ✓ Re-using plants where possible, plants available locally

### **Thirty-two Towers and Planters**

These planters are at various locations around the town. They are currently planted with seasonal plants. The brief could include providing suggestions to enhance seasonal planting to bring the displays in line with the distinct town design suggested for Station Road and the entrance features.

Any additional planters purchased or used around the town would be expected to follow the same theme.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr Murray is an award-winning landscape architect who focuses on sustainable and nature friendly planting. Mr Murray has won a number of awards most notably the BBC & RHS 'The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge' and designed and built an award-winning garden at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. Mr Murray has also recently worked with Pegswood Parish Council. This included working with the local community to design and develop a community garden in the centre of the village which received significant positive feedback. Mr Murray's landscape designs have a clear focus on sustainable solutions which has symmetry with the Town Council's Climate Change & Environmental Working Group.

**Ashington Memorial Garden**

This scheme is tidy and well thought out but could be enhanced. The brief could include providing suggestions to bring the displays in line with the distinct town design suggested for Station Road and the entrance features.

**Doves Corner, Churches Estate Roundabout, Holy Sepulchre Church and Bothal War Memorial**

Seasonal Planting is delivered by Northumberland County Council under an SLA. This includes watering and maintenance. The Clerk is seeking information relating to expired costs.

**Station Road lamp columns and Station Bridge flower troughs**

Seasonal Planting is delivered by Plandscape Ltd. under contract from 2022-2024. Watering and maintenance are carried out in-house.