

Laxey plans Bloom boom

'PLANT in time for 99' is Laxey Commissioners' response to being told Laxey has been chosen to represent the Island in the large village class of next year's Britain in Bloom competition.

In a statement at last week's monthly meeting, chairman Andrew Smith said over the years the commissioners had invested a considerable amount of time and expense in soil preparation and floral displays.

He said: 'Laxey benefits from natural beauty and, together with the skill and experience of Raymond Clague, the commissioners' only manual employee, proves to residents and visitors alike an exceptional example of horticultural splendour.'

Mr Smith said he was sure residents would give their full support to the commissioners as they rose to meet the challenge of representing the Island.

'It is important that all feel a part of what is a major event and that each contributes either singly in their own gardens or collectively,' continued Mr Smith.

'Plant in time for 99' being the message, the commissioners say now is the time to start preparations and they will welcome any achievable ideas from members of the community.

Businesses are being urged to get involved and, with that in mind, the commissioners are to contact Laxey Traders' Association.

The commissioners say they hope that everyone will treat the competition with energy and enthusiasm and by doing so give Laxey and the Isle of Man the best chance of winning the prize.

Mrs McMullen said a reminder should be given next spring to prompt people it was planting time.