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Cupar in Bloom, would like to nominate the Royal Burgh of Cupar which dates back to the 14th Century and has, at its heart, our Mercat Cross at the junction with St Catherine Street, Crossgate and Bonnygate (Photo 1). St Catherine Street links our beautiful Haugh Park with its well-appointed playpark, exercise area, riverside walk, bandstand and War Memorial - affectionately known as 'The Angel' (Photo 2) and also features the historic County Buildings, recently restored Burgh Chambers and the Corn Exchange. To the south of the Mercat Cross is the Crossgate, which hosts monthly farmers markets, the annual Christmas Lights switch-on and leads on to a pedestrian community space with floral displays and seating well used by locals and visitors alike (Photo 3).



Fife Council and Cupar in Bloom worked together this year for the Glow for Gold Campaign, as reflected in the colour scheme for the Council themed beds in the Haugh Park and Cupar in Bloom's 160 hanging baskets. Cupar in Bloom also maintain the planting at Cupar Railway Station which includes a Heritage Garden with sustainable planting and a small "help yourself" herb bed. A hat trick of awards, (Gold, Best Medium Town and Horticultural Achievement) were won at the Beautiful Fife Competition by the group.



Cupar has many strong community groups such as local Scouts, Guides etc, the 'Y' Young Gardeners Club, Cupar Rotary Club, Sustainable Cupar, CDT, Cupar Heritage as well as active primaries, and the secondary school hosting an annual ECO day in which the local SEN school participates. The townspeople are always supportive of any group which holds events in the town, anything from the annual duck race to apple pressing. Cuparians are a great bunch and they love their town!