

Seaton Valley Council

A Community Council

Title	Floral Planting Contract October 2025
Reference	SVC-FP-001-2025
Contract	Experienced contractors are invited to bid for the provision of seasonal floral planting and maintenance services across designated public areas within the Seaton Valley area for an initial period of the 2026-2028 growing seasons.
Location(s)	Floral planting beds in the five villages of Seaton Delaval, Holywell, Seaton Sluice, Seghill and New Hartley.
Scope of Work	The successful contractor will supply all plants, compost, and equipment necessary for planting and maintenance and be responsible for: • Supplying and planting summer bedding, wildflower swathes and perennial plants. • Maintaining planters, hanging baskets, towers, raised gateways and flower beds. • Ensuring regular watering, feeding, deadheading, and upkeep including litter removal. • Removing spent plants and preparing beds for changeover.
Specification(s)	Seaton Valley Council is undertaking a strategic transition from traditional annual bedding schemes to perennial, sustainable planting across its public spaces. This initiative aims to:  Enhance long-term value by reducing the need for seasonal replanting & associated costs.  Support biodiversity through pollinator-friendly species and varied planting structures.  Reduce waste by minimising plant turnover and promoting compostable materials.  Improve climate resilience with drought-tolerant, low-maintenance species adapted to changing conditions. The new planting approach will prioritise native and perennial species, eco-conscious maintenance practices, and multi-sensory designs that evolve naturally throughout the seasons. Contractors and suppliers are encouraged to align proposals with these sustainability goals and demonstrate innovation in ecological landscaping. All materials must be of high quality and suitable for public display.
Budget	Floral Planting Budget for 2026-2028
Timeline	Deadline for submissions: Midnight on Friday 14th November 2025. Internal review: Week commencing 17th November 2025. Final decision: Wednesday, 21st January 2025. Start date for project: 01 April 2026. Completion date: 31 March 2028.
Submission Requirements	A submission form (provided) should be submitted by the deadline. Information requested on the form includes company profile, summary of relevant experience, detailed description of work to be completed, equipment to be supplied, safety standards and regulations, availability and timeline for all aspects of the work, and a quote detailing the individual cost of each element. Applicants are encouraged to visit the villages independently before submission.

Evaluation Criteria	Submissions will be scored based on (not in priority order): • Price: Overall cost-effectiveness, including value for money and transparency of pricing. • Quality: Proven quality of plants, materials, and workmanship. • Design: Visual appeal, creativity, colour coordination, and enhancement of spaces. • Environment: Eco-friendly practices, peat-free compost, and pollinator-friendly species. • Experience: Previous experience and proven track record in similar projects with references. • Maintenance: Clarity and reliability of maintenance schedule, responsiveness to issues. • Communication: Ability to liaise with council officers and provide updates or reports. • Safety: Evidence of risk assessments, insurance, and safe working practices. • Timeline: Realistic and achievable schedule for planting and maintenance. • Clarity: Submission is concise, well-structured, and avoids excessive wordiness.
Contact Details	Submissions should be emailed to: Admin – admin@seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk For further information about Seaton Valley Council visit: Website – https://seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/