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Flowers in the towers

Residents in a city block are sky high after receiving a £2,500 grant to brighten up their homes.

Green-fingered gardeners living in Falkener House, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry, applied for and won the funds to install planters in the block and improve their communal garden area.

Heart of England awarded the residents with the cash grant via its community foundation while Blooms garden centre supplied planters filled with a mixture of summer bedding.

Whitefriars Housing Group agreed to provide the man power, in the form of its Homeworks team, to install the planters which will be filled with summer bedding plants and bulbs.

Resident Tony Maycock said: "We are all very pleased that the grant has been successful. We were also delighted that Whitefriars is installing the planters as it will encourage more residents to take pride in the planters and pride in the block

"It should all mean that Falkener House is a little brighter this summer. It will make a real difference to how the block looks to passers by."

Tony, along with John Moore and Ray Martin attended the special handover of the garden equipment including a planter which commemorates two of the stalwarts of the block who have sadly passed on since the bid.

Plantscape, of Derby, sponsored four flower towers, a flower seat and the planter all of which will be filled with a mixture of bedding plants and bulbs.

Sales manager Adrian Bunkle said: "We are delighted to support this unusual project to green a tower block and we hope the residents get many years of enjoyment from the work."

Customer involvement officer Joanna Selby said: "We are delighted that the residents have been awarded these funds. It will make such a difference to the look and feel of the block.

"With Coventry's recent City in Bloom success, we hope these planters will keep the city in flower throughout the year. We felt it was only appropriate to recognise the residents' work to apply for funding and their wish to make the city a little brighter.

"Thank you to both Blooms and Plantscape for their contribution to the project."

The residents' group in the block are hoping to build upon this success and get more people involved in the group. It aims to represent the views and interests of the block's residents and provide social activities.

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