

Backing the bid!

Local people are backing Coventry's bid to win a gold medal again in the Heart of England Britain in Bloom awards 2008. Mr James McGowan, of Capmartin Road continues to plant rose cuttings to the lane at the rear of his house, which edges on to the Jaguar playing fields.

Mr McGowan first planted a six inch cutting 12 years ago, and has planted cuttings each year since, and now it has spread over 65 metres long.

Mr McGowan said: "A neighbour brought back a rose bush from Scotland, so I just took a cutting and planted it by the fence alongside the playing field. It just grew from there, and the white roses are in bloom for about three weeks each year."

Cllr Hazel Noonan, cabinet member for City Services, said: "This is a great example of local people having pride in both their environment and their city. The roses look very colourful and they are very fragrant, too."

Coventry's entry is in the Large City category and is a joint effort by the Council, CVOne and Whitefriars. Judging takes place on 15 July with results announced in September.

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