



BLOOM and Grow banner competition winner, Alistair Kelly, being presented with his certificate by Cllr Barbara Brownridge

Alistair blooms in arty contest

A HEALTHY message has won an Oldham youngster a hearty prize.

Alistair Kelly, from Royton Hall Primary School, won the Bloom and Grow banner competition after his drawing of a carrot with the message, 'Happy Heart, Happy Life', wowed the national Bloom and Grow judges.

The 10-year-old was presented with a certificate by Cllr Barbara Brownridge, Oldham Council's cabinet member for neighbourhoods and cooperatives.

His winning design will be showcased as a large format banner and displayed

in the town centre and Alistair will also receive a copy of his work. Bloom and Grow is Oldham's entry into Britain in Bloom and North-West in Bloom.

This year's theme was 'Health and Wellbeing' and children were encouraged to draw anything from their school garden, planting and growing their own herbs and vegetables or even what they enjoyed eating.

The campaign is more than just flowers, it's about the whole community working together to improve the town, neighbourhoods and gardens.

The initiative aims to help us all to feel proud of our neighbourhoods and to bring communities together. It aims to educate people so they can play a vital role in keeping the borough looking beautiful, clean and attractive to residents and visitors alike.

For more information about Bloom and Grow, visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/bloomandgrow.

Rogue landlord hell

ONE in ten private renters in the North-West has been victim to law-breaking landlords, figures show.

The most common complaint was landlords entering homes without permission, a survey by Shelter and YouGov found. Tenants' deposits were also not properly protected.

The equivalent of almost 10,000 renters reported a landlord cutting off their utilities without consent while 7,400 said their belongings had been thrown out and the locks changed.

Shelter's Danielle Goodwin, said: "Every day we speak to people at the end of their tether after a law-breaking landlord has caused chaos in their lives."

"Too many simply don't know their rights." Shelter's helpline is 0808 800 4444.

Oldham's Peace Week

Join us for events across the week including:

Peace Day event

Saturday 24 September, 1-4pm

- live music and entertainment
- an appearance by Roamer the Robot
- inspirational speakers

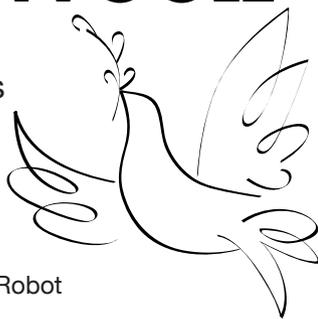
Gallery Oldham and Oldham Library

Family Peace Picnic

Sunday 25 September 1-3pm

Crafts and Face Painting (picnic packs on sale from cafe)

Dunwood Park and Cafe Mandels, Shaw, OL2 7UQ



For a full list of events visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/peaceweek



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2. EasyJet.
3. Let's Dance.
4. Andrew Davies.
5. Oldham Community Radio.