

Parish in Bloom

This is an opportunity for Parish's to receive a visit and be assessed under a simple non-competitive criteria. To receive an external third-party validation from an organisation that has been assessing and judging Villages, Towns, Cities and community groups for well over 40 years and who is part of Britain in Bloom.

This assessment is designed to cause the least disruption to the business of managing the Parish. Just a question of identifying the many well-managed features that make up a Parish and providing feedback suggesting areas of improvements or developments and of course to receive recognition for the achievements.

The category is:

- Is free to enter
- Non-Competitive
- No need for major preparations before a visit (unless you wish to)
- No special arrangements made for the visit
- Visits up to one and a half hours depending on the size of entry
- The entry can be walked or a combination of walking and driving as required
- Assessments will take place from Mid-June to Mid July 2019
- Receive recognition at a Regional Award Ceremony

What the assessors would like to see:

Community Involvement

- Assessors would like to understand the level of involvement from the community or voluntary groups or individuals especially in the areas of gardening and conservation.
- Are local people involved in decision-making about the appearance of the Parish and how decisions are communicated & implemented?
- The level of partnership working with local groups and local organisations (i.e. police, environmental groups etc.)

Environmental Responsibility

- What action is being taken to conserve the natural & built environment particularly the protection of local habitats, & heritage buildings?
- Examples of local composting either collected wastes or community composting,
- Evidence of the creation or the maintaining or improving green spaces (Village Greens, parks & pocket parks, verges, woodlands, churchyards etc.).
- The Parish Council is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as the control of Fly-tipping, Fly-posting, Litter, Graffiti & Dog fouling.

Maintenance - Gardening, Horticulture & Tree Maintenance, Street Furniture

- Evidence of delivering good gardening, horticultural and tree management practices.
- The Parish Council encourages residents to care for their gardens, allotments, shop and business frontages etc.
- Residential gardens are generally cared for and enhance the parishes appearance.
- Parish signs and entrances are welcoming
- Parish street Furniture (seating, Bins, signage etc) is well maintained.

South & South East in Bloom - Parishes in Bloom 2019

Section A - Community Involvement (40% or 40 points)

The Parish is working towards things such as:

Being inclusive of local people, including Local ownership

Making a difference to local people & Involving local people in decision-making, communication & implementation

Representative of the wider local community

Planning for the future

Working in partnership with local groups and local organisations (i.e. police, environmental groups etc).

Working towards access for all.

Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)

Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)

The Parish is engaged in environmental activities such as:

Conserving local habitats & heritage (wildlife, natural landscapes & built environment)

Home or community composting, Green Recycling

Creating, maintaining or improving green spaces (Village Greens, parks & pocket parks, verges, woodlands, churchyards etc.).

The Parish is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as the control of Fly-tipping, Fly-posting, Litter, Graffiti & Dog fouling.

Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)

Section C - Gardening/Horticulture/Conservation Achievement (30% or 30 points)

The Parish Council is employing good gardening, horticultural and tree management practices.

The Parish Council encourages residents to care for their gardens, allotments etc.

That residential gardens are generally well maintained and mostly enhance the parishes appearance.

Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)

GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED

LEVEL ACHIEVED

Areas of achievement:

Suggestions for future improvement:

Results

Level	Points
Highly Commended	0-36
Bronze	37-52
Silver	53-68
Silver Gilt	69-85
Gold	86-100