



RHS Britain in Bloom

Name of entry: Kingsbridge	Judging Date:
Category: Champion of Champions	Judges: Jon Wheatley & Su Maddocks

Introduction:

Congregations blab la, continued sustained efforts has not only maintained, but improved the range of initiatives undertaken by your excellent group. A group which engages with all sections of the community in your lovely town. You are a credit to the South West.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

		MAX	ACT.
A1.	Impact – design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation	20	
A2.	Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting	20	
A3.	Residential and Community Gardening – residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks	20	
A4.	Business Areas and Premises – retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.	20	
A5.	Green Spaces – verges, parks and open public spaces	20	
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A 50% of maximum points		100	

Areas of Achievement:

Clever design coupled with a thorough understanding and knowledge of the impact that plants can have in an estuary environment are a credit to you. Innovative and creative planting coupled with heritage features create some wonderfully interesting locations to visit along the route. Where you have used traditional bedding plants they are used to create a real WOW factor and given the difficult conditions of 2018, you clearly reached excellence throughout the judging tour.

Areas for Development:

Continue to look for new areas and implement ideas from the various communities you engage with. There are a number of examples particularly IYNs that you can base future development on.

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility

Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.

		MAX	ACT.
B1.	Conservation and biodiversity – <i>areas of natural habitat, wildlife and conservation sites</i>	10	
B2.	Resource management – <i>recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment</i>	10	
B3.	Local heritage – <i>management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage</i>	10	
B4.	Local environmental quality – <i>management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.</i>	10	
B5.	Pride of place – <i>management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping</i>	10	
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	

Areas of Achievement:

Your many volunteers had been along the route and there were no examples of noted of litter, fly-posting and detritus.

Heritage with your museum, your stories about your horses and the commemoration of the WW1 are all exceptional examples. Your conservation area is really interesting, and we note the many plans for future development of this area.

Areas for Development:

Continue to seek out new areas which you can highlight as ongoing developments for future tours.

SECTION C – Community Participation

Assessing year-round community participation

		MAX	ACT.
C1.	Development and continuity – <i>Development and sustainability of the local Bloom initiative and evidence of ongoing projects</i>	10	
C2.	Communication and education – <i>community awareness and</i>	10	

	<i>understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials</i>		
C3.	<i>Community participation – engaging a wide range of people across all areas of the community</i>	10	
C4.	<i>Year-round involvement – schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity (primary evidence to be presented in 15 minute presentation)</i>	10	
C5.	<i>Funding and Support – initiatives to secure ongoing support for the local Bloom campaign including local business support</i>	10	
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	
Areas of Achievement: Team Kingsbridge can be really proud of your collective efforts, you are without doubt one of the strongest community groups in the South West and probably the UK. Ensure that you keep detailed records of those involved and the number of community hours that you lavish on Kingsbridge.			
Areas for Development: Seek to involve as many school children as possible so as you provide a continuum for the next 30 years in joining what is one of the strongest Bloom groups in the South West.			
GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		200 <i>(max.)</i>	
MEDAL AWARDED		GOLD	