

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2010

REPORTS

Special Award for Best Retail/Commercial Premises

Rules:

- A Special Awards Entry form has to be submitted by the closing date (end of April) in order to be eligible for this award. From 2011 non-registered entries will no longer be judged. All 2011 forms will be available on this website.
- A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for judging and this time is in addition to that allocated to your 'In Bloom' judging route.
- If the entire 15 minutes is not used, the time remaining is NOT transferable to your 'In Bloom' judging route.
- Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display Special Award and Best Retail/Commercial Premises entrants do not need to be nominated by an 'In Bloom' entry and can enter independently as long as there is no other entry from the same village, town etc. in the same year. To check this please contact the EMiB secretary.

Criterion:

- **SECTION 1: Attractiveness of planting (temporary/permanent)** maximum marks **40**
e.g. Colour schemes; design to function; duration of attractiveness across seasons; innovation
- **SECTION 2: Sustainability:** maximum marks **20**
e.g. use of low-peat composts; mulching; composting; water retaining gels; use of species tolerant of dry conditions
- **SECTION 3: Quality of care and maintenance:** maximum marks **40**
e.g. edged up grassed areas; minimal weeds; mulching; health of plants; lack of pests and diseases; quality of pruning

Total maximum marks obtainable = **100 (100%)**

Awards:

85%+	Gold
75-84%	Silver Gilt
60-74%	Silver
50-59%	Bronze
0-49%	Certificate of Achievement

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**Independent entry*

Special Award Category: Best Retail/Commercial Premises

In alphabetical order:

Bates Environmental

58-64 Station Street, Donington, Lincolnshire, PE11 4TA

These commercial premises were entered by Gill Lunn and were registered as part of Donington's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

The planting is entirely temporary and seasonal, being based on hanging and fence-mounted baskets and containers of startling quality.

SECTION 2:

Water retaining gels are used and the old plants and growing media is composted

SECTION 3:

Fabulous condition; all plants in full bloom and effectively dead-headed, and in excellent health.

Judged on 6th July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher

77% - Silver Gilt award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	12	35	77

Cable Taxis

Pasture Street, Grimsby, N E Lincolnshire, DN 32

These commercial premises were registered as part of Grimsby's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

Very colourful the whole display is Impatiens.

Winter pansy used in spring.

No all year round permanent plantings.

Display below last year's quality.

SECTION 2:

Watering and gel.

Plants grown in Fish boxes above premises.

Impatiens are drought tolerant plants.

SECTION 3:

Some sleeves not planted.

Needs a sweep.

N.B. This company is to be congratulated on how they support the local Bloom competition

Judged on 5th July by Peter Benham and Debbie Scott

75% - Silver Gilt award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	15	30	75

Chapman's Nurseries

Rosliston, Derbyshire

These commercial premises were entered by Caroline Alston and were registered as part of Rosliston's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

There were very colourful displays at the entrance and a large permanent bed in the middle of the car park. The latter was due to be re-designed and Judges thought that this will greatly enhance this area.

SECTION 2:

Pesticides are used but attempts are made to minimise this.

Peat has not been used in most displays.

Thermal screens are not always utilised however the growing season is managed to reduce heating requirements.

Watering is undertaken by hose and not sprinklers.

Consideration to completely eradicate the use of herbicides would enhance the scores and the same is the case for peat.

SECTION 3:

Consideration to detail in the standards of maintenance would enhance the scores of this entry. Edging and in some cases weeding and dead plants, sadly took a bit away from what otherwise would have been a high impact and scoring entry.

Judged on 16th July by Ian Cooke and Mel Henley

60% - Silver Award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
26	12	22	60

J Stamp & Sons

Funeral Directors, "The Chestnuts", 15 Kettering Road, Market Harborough, LE16 8AN

These commercial premises were entered by Anne Cowan and are linked to Market Harborough's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

Colourful seasonal display in the island in the front drive to the premises. Mature trees adorn the frontage of the premises. Large lawns on the frontage.

No colour theme but good intense colour.

To the rear a good mix of seasonal. Permanent planting and trees surrounded by grass.

Mini vegetable plot adjacent to the stone mason's workshop.

SECTION 2:

Peat based compost

No evidence of water retaining gel in compost.

No composting facility so bedding disposed off site at end of season

Very nice planters outside rear doors recycled after being saved from a skip.

SECTION 3:

All grass is very nicely mown and neatly edged.
 There is minimal weed in the lawns.
 All seasonal and permanent has been dead headed.
 Hedges surrounding the site are neatly maintained.

**Judged on 9th July by Chris Beal and Richard Tomlinson
 80% Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	12	36	80

Market Rasen Racecourse

**♥ Winner, 2010 Best Retail/Commercial Premises
 Gold Award**

A special winners' plaque sponsored by Civic Pride is presented

Legsby Road, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire LN8 3EA
 Entered by Hannah Butler, Operations Manager, Market Rasen Racecourse.
 It is an independent entry.

SECTION 1:

The stunning grounds of the racecourse, set on the top of the Lincolnshire Wolds, comprise seasonal floral colour and permanent hedges, trees and shrubs to separate areas and create delineation and shelter. Baskets and containers are placed at appropriate areas around the administration areas and on the dining areas. All seasonal planting is 'bedded out' twice as the course races all year round, as well as having a conference and touring caravans on the site. Remarkable and unusual features include the low run of espalier apples on the way from the course to the winners enclosure. Outstanding!

SECTION 2:

Chris Allen, the enthusiastic gardener who is responsible for all of the decorative grounds and planting, ensures that all plant material is composted (and most is also grown and propagated on site) and that no peat is used in any containers. Composted waste is returned to borders to improve fertility and water retention.

SECTION 3:

It is in almost perfect condition! All the container-plants and bedding are healthy and well-grown; roses are superb; hedges carefully and regularly trimmed; apples well-pruned, healthy and fruitful. The only minor issue was some goosegrass in a topiary privet.
 Fabulous – despite the cold and wet weather!

**Judged on 12th July by Jeff Bates and Irene Bates
 94% Gold Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
38	18	38	94

Mill Street, Oakham

Mill Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15

These commercial premises were registered by Derek Bilby and are linked to Oakham's in 'Bloom' entry.

This large pub has extensive grounds right around the property. To the front, facing the highway, a permanently planted border and seasonal baskets behind this on the front wall, with outdoor dining/drinking facilities between. To the rear a large and very pleasant pub garden comprising lawn, mature trees and many permanent plants, some in containers and some in beds and borders. The presence of a badger sett was incorporated into the management arrangements. Grace Murston, the landlady is creating an attractive venue, has lots of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. There is no doubt this entry will continue to improve in future years.

Judged on 8th July by Doug Stacey and Sharon Thomas

75% Silver Gilt

Nelson Distribution

Goods Road, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1UU

These commercial premises are linked to Belper's entry.

SECTION 1:

The entrance to the site is planted with seasonal bedding, mixed fibrous begonias, supplemented by trees and grass.

The beds around the office again contain mixed begonias.

Hanging baskets / planters are in-situ on the buildings.

Planting densities are good.

SECTION 2:

The owner was unsure of the compost whether it was traditional peat or an alternative.

SECTION 3:

There were no weeds in the beds. Evidence showed the areas were being irrigated to ensure survival.

The grass had been recently cut to a nice level but the edges of the grassed areas could be improved.

Judged on 7th July by Chris Beal and Richard Tomlinson

55% - Bronze Award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
20	10	25	55

Seal Sanctuary and Nature Centre, North End

North End, Quebec Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire LN12 1QG

These commercial premises were entered by Valerie Corkell and are linked to Mablethorpe's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

Planting on the entrance to the attraction is a mix of appropriate coastal and exotic, leading into the grounds of the reserve, where plants are used to guide visitors around the site as well as provide shade and shelter for the many birds and animals that are cared for.

SECTION 2:

There is little requirement for additional watering etc as planting is all permanent and suitable for this windswept location.

SECTION 3:

Given the constraints that apply, the site is well kept and attractive. Plants are healthy and suitably pruned, and maintenance is appropriate.

Judged on 7th July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher

72% - Silver Award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	15	25	72

Sealord, Caistor

North Kelsey Road Industrial Estate, Caistor, N E Lincolnshire LN7 6PX

These commercial premises were entered by Deborah Barker and were registered as part of Caistor's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

Most of the planting is newly established, in an unusual and appropriate range of containers. This supplements the existing garden and pond, with attractive lawns and some woody planting. The use of beach cobbles and featuring of an anchor as part of the new works links effectively with the company's activities.

SECTION 2:

Good use of appropriate plant material for the site and in appropriate places good use of 'stone' mulches is in place.

SECTION 3:

Everything was very well-cared for and in good health. The container planting was new and so not yet fully established. Lawns were good and tidy.

Judged on 6th July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher

76% - Silver Gilt award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	13	31	76

Shoosmiths Solicitors, Northampton

5 The Lakes, Northampton

These commercial premises were entered by Richard Gold and are linked to Northampton's in 'Bloom' entry. Contact is Tracey Thomas.

Very good, well landscaped grounds to a large solicitors' offices. Positioned in the lower lying watery landscape of the Lakes Area development, the grounds have been appropriately designed in a naturalistic water garden style. They feature ponds, fountains and water loving planting and are well maintained by professional landscape contractors for the business. Overall they provide tranquil and beautiful gardens for enjoyment by the staff and make a very positive contribution to the wider and excellent Lakes area business park.

Judged on 15th July by Doug Stacey and Sharon Thomas

75% Silver Gilt Award

Springfields Outlet and Festival Gardens

Camelgate, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6EU

These commercial premises are linked to Spalding's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

Hanging baskets in the shopping parade were magnificent with a red / white & blue theme with a hint of pink.

Planters within the precinct consisted of herbs, although lacking colour the scent when knocked made up for that.

Permanent planting complimented the baskets around the shopping area. IN the Festival Gardens, bedding seemed to be behind many other places. Some areas were still waiting to be planted out.

SECTION 2:

Peat free compost is used in the baskets.

Most baskets are on automatic irrigation systems with a small number requiring manual watering.

The Festival gardens contain a home composting demonstration to encourage visitors to recycle at home.

Permanent plantings at the shopping centre mulched with a variety of materials.

SECTION 3:

The baskets looked very well maintained.

There was no weed to be seen.

Grassed areas are cut well.
The wire netting to keep the rabbits off spoils the displays.

Judged on 12th July by Chris Beal and Richard Tomlinson
77% - Silver Gilt Award

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32	15	30	77

The Craft Centre

Ridgeway, NE Derbyshire S12

These commercial premises were entered by Janet Poole and are linked to Ridgeway's 'In Bloom' entry.

SECTION 1:

The craft centre displays are colourful, well maintained and compliment both the buildings and centre of the village.

The choice and variety of plants in a small area is excellent.

SECTION 2:

No pesticides are used on the site, however it is understood that some peat is used.
Green waste is recycled off site.

Water collection should be considered in an appropriate style of container and water retention granules could also be considered.

SECTION 3:

All displays and areas were well maintained and clean and tidy.

Judged on 15th July by Ian Cooke and Mel Henley
78% - Silver Gilt Award

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
34	12	32	78

The Winners Fish & Chip Shop

8 – 10 Margaret Street, Immingham, N E Lincolnshire DN40 1JY

These commercial premises are linked to Immingham's entry.

SECTION 1:

A very good variety of plants on display. Excellent colour co-ordination. Baskets and cones were full with plants. A superb effort on a very difficult and very busy location. Particularly enjoyed the dense planting on the roof.

SECTION 2:

No mulching / composting required with this display. The whole display was in containers / hanging baskets. Plant selection was not particularly conducive to dry conditions. No evidence that water retaining gels were used.

SECTION 3:

No grass areas relating to this site. The hard landscaping around the building was fairly clean and tidy. The planting in the hanging baskets / wall cones and roof were all of a good quality. The plants were obviously being 'dead headed' regularly. No evidence of pests and diseases could be seen in any of the displays.

Judged on 14th July by Richard Stephen and Martin Latimer
86% - Gold

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
36	16	34	86

CRITERION

Category: Hotel/Pub Garden or display

Criterion

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2. Sustainability

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3. Quality of Care and Maintenance

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Category: Retail/Commercial

Criterion

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