

URBAN COMMUNITY

Electoral population 2,501 and over (Judging time 2 hours)

General Comments

The Meadows is an established multi-ethnic community close to the River Trent within the City of Nottingham. A tremendous community spirit permeates this area and this was greatly in evidence during our visit. Many great initiatives are currently progressing within the Meadows leading to a better life style and improved environment for all residents.

Judges – Martin Latimer and Geoff Spate

The Meadows Silver Award and Category Winner –146 points

Judged 6th July

*** Judges Award:**

For the children and teachers of Greenfield Primary School for their wonderful school gardens

The judges were particularly impressed by:

SECTION A

Colourful floral work and other planting along the terraces of the Old Meadows is to be commended. This does much to improve both environment and community spirit. Excellent work at Mundella Road Park such as wildlife areas, landscape improvements and an artistically created mural painted on the adjacent factory wall. The marvellously designed improvements to the Old Carnegie Library gardens providing an inspirational place to just sit or read. The fantastic AMC community gardens under the inspirational leadership of head gardener Rachel. Good luck with the bees!

SECTION B

The stunning wildlife areas within the Queens Road Rec are really successful. We liked the recycling philosophy and widespread use of mulching and compost heaps. The innovative use of a mural depicting the four seasons which is currently being installed around the unsightly sub-station on Queens Road Rec.

SECTION C

We enjoyed seeing and experiencing the total community involvement on our visit. Your portfolio was excellent and was well complemented by a DVD presentation. The beneficial support from the City Council by way of grant aid and other help. There was evidence of good press coverage and publicity.

Areas suggested for future development:

SECTION A

The community is driving this entry and higher standards will be certainly be achieved in future. Success builds success!

SECTION B

There was some evidence of dog fouling on a few streets. Try to encourage further responsible dog ownership, please.

SECTION C

An excellent first attempt into the Bloomkeep building on your success!

A=70 B=37 C=39 TOTAL 146

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Littleover is a pleasant leafy suburb located to the west of Derby city centre. Both judges much enjoyed revisiting this community and seeing the numerous improvements achieved by the enthusiastic Bloom group ably lead by Jan Jackson. Evidence of your good work shows across the whole community.

Judges – Martin Latimer and Geoff Spate

Littleover Silver Award –132 points

Judged 6th July

* Judges Award:

For the successful shop fronts competition run as part of the Bloom entry

The judges were particularly impressed by:

SECTION A

Successful shop front competition with awards presented by the Mayor of Derby on the day of our visit. Numerous colourful planters displayed at strategic points throughout the community including an additional one this year provided through a Co-op community grant. Excellent flower troughs provided by Littleover School cared for by pupil Tom.

SECTION B

Attractive improvements and general upgrading to street furniture via the "Be Inspired" scheme. This is all most agreeably carried out. An interesting pond rediscovery project in the old grounds behind historic Littleover Hall. We look forward to future developments in this former Barron's landscape. Nice to see children involved with your litter picking initiative this all helps towards a tidier street scene.

SECTION C

The judges considered that there was increasing community involvement in this entry since their previous visits. Particularly through Scouts, schools and businesses. The "Carlyle against crime" initiative appears to be very beneficial in helping with potential neighbourhood disorder. A well-produced portfolio complemented by an excellent presentation from Jan at the conclusion of the tour.

Areas suggested for future development:

SECTION A

Some beds were a little thin on plant material and would benefit from an earlier seasonal establishment to improve the appearance of the displays.

SECTION B

The judges are looking for more information about composting and recycling in this community.

SECTION C

Keep up the good work and give us more of the same next year!

A=68 B=30 C=34 TOTAL 132