

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2017



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This year's East Midlands in Bloom Awards Presentation was held at St Botolph's Church (The Boston Stump), Boston, Lincolnshire on Wednesday 13th September.

This year we welcomed 57 village, town and city Bloom groups to enter East Midlands In Bloom from across the six counties, as well as a record number of 182 smaller 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award groups.

Each Bloom entry was judged during July on horticultural expertise, the maintenance of the local environment and the involvement of all sectors of the local community.

The standard of Bloom awards this year has improved with 20 Gold, 18 Silver Gilt, 15 Silver, 3 Bronze and 1 Certificate of Achievement.

Special Awards are also presented to communities to highlight outstanding achievements in cleanliness, conservation, horticultural excellence, the best front garden, pubs, hotels and business premises.

This year East Midlands in Bloom had 18 schools entering our "School Gardens Competition" with seven of them attaining a tremendous Gold Award standard. East Midlands in Bloom also seeks schools and community groups to encourage children of all ages to take an active interest in their local environment by promoting their own painting and digital photography competitions.

Jeff Bates, Chair of East Midlands in Bloom says: "This year we saw yet more new groups enter the regional East Midlands in Bloom competition, joining established entrants, all of which want to improve and maintain their locality. The awards are given in recognition for all the hard work, time, and dedication to enrich the environment where we all live. We are also very grateful for the support from business, which enables us to continue each year".

Further information about the competition can be found on the [East Midlands in Bloom](#) website.

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IN BLOOM RESULTS

Small Village sponsored by FCC Environment

<i>Entry name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Medal</i>
Elmton	160	Silver Gilt & Category winner
St Crispin Village	158	Silver Gilt
Tattershall Thorpe	156	Silver Gilt
Little Cawthorpe PC	136	Silver
Ranby	134	Silver

Judges Awards:

Elmton	The renovation of the Carriage House and creation of the community orchard
Little Cawthorpe PC	The renovation of the pond area
Ranby	The newly refurbished Chequers Inn pub and beer garden
St Crispin Village	The tireless efforts of Beryl and her garden helpers
Tattershall Thorpe	Judges having an opportunity to ride on a model railway around a residents' garden

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Middleton-by-Wirksworth	169	Silver Gilt & Category Winner
Habrough in Bloom	153	Silver Gilt
Lark Hill Village	152	Silver Gilt
Eastoft Gardening Club	136	Silver
Friends of Dallington Village	129	Silver
Wessington PC	123	Silver

Judges Awards:

Eastoft Gardening Club	The hard work and dedication to install the boat floral feature
Friends of Dallington Village	The village group who worked very hard to get and install the new village sign on the green
Habrough in Bloom	The adoption of the train station and floral displays on platform and railings
Lark Hill Village	Residents' individual allotment plots
Middleton in Bloom	The volunteers who helped maintain the Rising Sun pub through a period of closure
Wessington PC	The children of Wessington School for producing educational posters about good dog ownership

Large Village sponsored by FCC Environment

Market Bosworth (Bosworth in Bloom)	186	Gold & Category Winner
Barrow in Bloom	151	Silver Gilt
Laceby in Bloom	144	Silver
Burgh Le Marsh	129	Silver

Judges Awards:

Barrow in Bloom	Carolyn and helpers for grass cutting and planting of the busy road junction of College Road
Burgh Le Marsh	The window dressing of the Spar convenience store and vacant shop windows
Laceby in Bloom	For John's Patch, where grass and borders are maintained to a high standard
Market Bosworth	Bosworth Rotary clubs for cleaning of the road signs throughout the village

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Small Town sponsored by Amethyst Horticulture

Draycott in Bloom	180	Gold & Category Winner
Uppingham in Bloom	177	Gold
Holbeach in Bloom	175	Gold
Quorn	175	Gold
Darley Dale in Bloom	171	Gold
Desford in Bloom	171	Gold
Long Sutton in Bloom	165	Silver Gilt
Bakewell in Bloom	160	Silver Gilt
Blidworth PC	153	Silver Gilt
Winterton TC	144	Silver
Breaston in Bloom	129	Silver
Alford	114	Bronze
Waddington PC	110	Bronze
Brigg in Bloom	97	Certificate of Achievement

Judges Awards:

Alford	Alford Manor House Gardens
Bakewell in Bloom	George Challenger for his long term commitment to Bakewell in Bloom and his historical knowledge
Blidworth PC	Blidworth Oaks Primary School Garden
Breaston in Bloom	Breaston Women's Institute for the new wildlife garden and seat
Brigg in Bloom	Brigg Women's Institute for the Angel bed
Darley Dale in Bloom	Caroline Dale-Leech MBE, for her sustained support to Darley Dale in Bloom
Desford in Bloom	Desford Community Primary School
Draycott in Bloom	The colourful front gardens in Mapleton Drive
Holbeach in Bloom	The refurbishment and improvements to All Saints Churchyard
Long Sutton in Bloom	The stunning entrance to St Mary's Church
Quorn	For the Memorial Gardens
Uppingham in Bloom	Uppingham School for their continued support and commitment for Uppingham in Bloom
Waddington PC	The excellent roadside frontage planting of Cliff Cottage
Winterton TC	Landscaping of Roxby Road Industrial Estate entrance

Town sponsored by Amethyst Horticulture

Immingham in Bloom	185	Gold & Category Winner
Earl Shilton in Bloom	166	Silver Gilt
Oakham in Bloom	164	Silver Gilt
Bourne	138	Silver
Desborough in Bloom	117	Bronze

Judges Awards:

Bourne	Peter Ellis and his commitment to the development of the Elsea Meadows Conservation Area
Desborough in Bloom	The outstanding levels of weed control in hard-surfaced areas
Earl Shilton in Bloom	The 'Summer of Love' theme and how effectively you showed it
Immingham in Bloom	The outstanding team effort that is 'Immingham in Bloom'
Oakham in Bloom	The ongoing commitment of the Bloom Group

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Large Town sponsored by *Amethyst Horticulture*

Belper	181	Gold & Category Winner
Boston in Bloom	176	Gold
Newark	175	Gold
Market Harborough in Bloom Volunteers	174	Gold
Spalding in Bloom	174	Gold
Ilkeston	173	Gold
Long Eaton	171	Gold
Melton in Bloom	164	Silver Gilt
Gainsborough in Bloom	153	Silver Gilt
Syston TC	135	Silver
North Hykeham TC	132	Silver

Judges Awards Large Town:

Belper	Transforming Calders Corner into an area that is welcoming and very attractive to visitors
Boston in Bloom	The inspiring gardening undertaken by the 'Your Day, Your Say' group in Central Park
Gainsborough in Bloom	Colin, for his enthusiastic gardening maintenance and colourful planted boxes at the John Copeland Hospital
North Hykeham TC	Gill, Emily and Tomas for planting and maintaining the entrance sign on Meadow Lane
Ilkeston	Victoria Park, the friends group and council staff who work together to provide this wonderful park, well used and much appreciated by residents
Long Eaton	The Planet Garden, West Park - a unique idea for a series of beds each representing a planet in the solar system
Market Harborough	To Staff and pupils of Market Harborough Church of England Academy for the Peace Garden, planters, pond and natural area that encourage pupils to get close to nature
Melton in Bloom	The Poppy Painting Project – Boyes Wall
Newark	Newark Gardening Club for transforming the Town Lock Park into a beautiful open space
Spalding in Bloom	For renovation of Spalding Railway Station. An exciting new project that aims to improve the area inside and around the railway station
Syston TC	Syston Cemetery for the high standard of maintenance and the strong working partnership between Paul and his hard-working volunteers Tim, Barry, David and Simon

Small City sponsored by *Amberol Ltd*

Loughborough in Bloom	184	Gold & Category Winner
Oadby & Wigston	175	Gold
Chesterfield in Bloom	173	Gold
Grimsby in Bloom	144	Silver

Judges Awards:

Grimsby in Bloom	Elaine Atkinson, for her continued support and enthusiasm for the Bloom campaign
Loughborough in Bloom	The Friends of Stonebow Washlands for the ongoing work at the Local Nature Reserve
Oadby & Wigston	The imaginative and creative use of an outdoor space by the Timber Street Centre
Chesterfield in Bloom	The sensitive management and conservation of Holmebrook Valley Park

City sponsored by *Amberol Ltd*

Northampton BC	170	Gold & Category Winner
Mansfield in Bloom	168	Silver Gilt

Judges Awards:

Mansfield in Bloom	Artist Mark Mathers for the innovative wood carvings on the Millennium Green
Northampton BC	The Oasis Centre for the hard work and dedication to help homeless people

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Urban Community *sponsored by Amberol Ltd*

Evington in Bloom	156	Silver Gilt & Category Winner
Littleover in Bloom	142	Silver
Old Clee in Bloom	133	Silver

Judges Awards Urban Community:

Evington in Bloom	Mayflower Primary School for polite & enthusiastic students throughout the school
Littleover in Bloom	Friends of Littleover Parks who protect, enhance and organise events on the local open spaces
Old Clee in Bloom	Rev. David Ian Walker, Rent-a-Vicar, for his new book on the history of Old Clee

Coastal Resort *sponsored by Amberol Ltd*

Cleethorpes	174	Gold
Mablethorpe in Bloom	158	Silver Gilt

Judges Awards:

Mablethorpe in Bloom	Linkage Green horticultural students led by head gardener Ian for consistently achieving a high standard of craftsmanship and horticultural practices
Cleethorpes	NAVIGO for their Wood Garden located on Sea Road, Cleethorpes

Business Improvement District - John Williamson trophy *sponsored by Amberol Ltd*

Mansfield BID Company Ltd	166	Silver Gilt
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Judges Award:

Mansfield BID	The Peace Garden and Tesco Valley improvements - a bio diverse retreat for busy shoppers
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BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2017

East Midlands in Bloom Regional Finalists

Market Bosworth
Uppingham
Belper
Oadby & Wigston
Littleover
Mansfield BID

Results to be announced on Friday 27th October at the BiB National Awards in Llandudno

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Name of Award	Awarded to
East Midlands in Bloom Award for Horticultural Excellence within Parks	Memorial Garden, Quorn
East Midlands in Bloom Award for Best Wildflower & Conservation Area	Straws Bridge Nature Reserve, Ilkeston
Taylor's Bulbs East Midlands in Bloom Award for the Most Improved Entrant	Ranby <i>Sponsored by O. A. Taylor & Sons Bulbs Ltd.</i>
East Midlands in Bloom Award for the Least Littered Environment	Desborough
East Midlands in Bloom Barcham Trees Award for the Best New Permanent Landscape	Lands' End Way Flower Bed, Oakham <i>Supported by Barcham Trees Ltd. with plaque supplied by The Art Department</i>
Frank Constable MBE Award for Best Residential Garden	Jonathan & Amanda Brookes, 46 Scotland Road, Market Harborough LE16 8AX
East Midlands in Bloom Committee Award	Harry & Pat Cook, Loughborough
East Midlands in Bloom Committee Award	Clive Hebdon, Ranby
East Midlands in Bloom Best Floral Entrance Display	Clay Cross
East Midlands in Bloom Best School Garden 2017	Blidworth Oaks Primary School <i>Plaque supplied by The Art Department</i>
East Midlands in Bloom Best School Wildlife Garden	Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, Newark
East Midlands in Bloom Best School Ornamental Garden	Desford Community Primary School, Desford, Leicestershire
East Midlands in Bloom Best School Fruit & Vegetable Garden	St John the Baptist C of E Primary School, Spalding
East Midlands in Bloom Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display	The White Lion Inn, Whissendine, nr. Oakham <i>Plaque supplied by The Art Department</i>
East Midlands in Bloom Best Retail/Commercial Premises	The Wheatsheaf Courtyard, Market Bosworth <i>Plaque supplied by The Art Department</i>

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM BEST SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD 2017 *Plaque supplied by the Art Department*

Name of School	Bloom Entry	Medal	Award
Bleasby C of E Primary School, Bleasby, Notts.	n/a	Silver Gilt	
Blidworth Oaks Primary School	Blidworth	Gold	BEST SCHOOL GARDEN 2017
Cobden Primary School	Loughborough	Silver Gilt	
Coomb Briggs Primary School	Immingham	Gold	
Delapre Primary School	Northampton	Silver	
Desford Community Primary School	Desford	Gold	Best Ornamental Garden
Gosberton House School	Spalding	Gold	
Holy Trinity Catholic Academy	Newark	Gold	Best Wildlife Garden
Leighfield Primary School	Uppingham	Gold	
Long Sutton County Primary School	Long Sutton	Silver Gilt	
Lyncrest Primary School	Northampton	Silver	
Market Harborough Church of England Academy	Market Harborough	Silver Gilt	
Merton Primary School	Syston	Cert. of Achievement	
Oak Field School & Sports College, Nottingham	n/a	Silver Gilt	
Rosliston C of E Primary School, Rosliston, Derbyshire	n/a	Silver Gilt	
St John the Baptist C of E Primary School	Spalding	Silver	Best Fruit & Vegetable Garden
St. Peter's Church of England (VA) Junior School	Littleover	Gold	
The Dixie Grammar School	Market Bosworth	Cert. of Achievement	

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EMIB Frank Constable MBE Award for Best Residential Garden (visible to the public)

Trophy supplied by John & Andrew Constable

Bloom Entry	Address of Residential Garden entry	AWARD MEDAL
Alford	5 Hallam Close, Alford, Lincolnshire LN13 0PU	Silver
Burgh Le Marsh	33 Ingoldmells Road, Burgh Le Marsh, Lincolnshire PE24 5HD	Silver Gilt
Earl Shilton in Bloom	29 Masefield Drive, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire LE9 7GS	Gold
Evington	1 Thurnview Road, Evington, Leicester LE5 6HL	Silver
Hatton	20 Marston Old Lane, Hatton, South Derbyshire, DE65 5DY	Gold
Holbeach in Bloom	23 Fairfields, Holbeach, Lincolnshire PE12 7JE	Gold
Littleover	10 Eastwood Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 6BQ	Bronze
Loughborough	154 Forest Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3HU	Gold
Mansfield	5 Appin Road, Mansfield NG19 6RN	Silver Gilt
Market Bosworth	Rainbow Cottage, 1 Shenton Lane, Market Bosworth CV13 0LA	Gold
Market Harborough	46 Scotland Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 8AX	Gold & CATEGORY WINNER
Melton in Bloom	Flat 38, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 1LZ	Silver
Newark	1 Chester Place, Boundary Road, Newark NG24 4AY	Silver Gilt
Northampton	9 Methodist Homestead, Homestead Way, Northampton NN2 6JH	Silver Gilt
Oadby & Wigston	37 Thirlmere Road, Wigston, Leicestershire LE18 3RS	Silver
Oakham	86 Burley Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6DL	Silver
Old Clee in Bloom	2 Clee Crescent, Old Clee, Grimsby DN32 8LX	Silver
Quorn	27 Beardsley Road, Quorn, Leicestershire LE12 8UX	Silver
Spalding	14 Ambleside Drive, Spalding, PE11 1JU	Silver Gilt
Uppingham in Bloom	2 London Road, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9TJ	Silver Gilt
Waddington	High House, Rectory Lane, Waddington, Lincoln LN5 9RS	Cert. of Achievement

East Midlands in Bloom Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display *Plaque supplied by the Art Department*

Bloom Entry	Name of Hotel/Pub entry	AWARD MEDAL
n/a	Thoresby Hall Hotel, Ollerton	Silver Gilt
Evington	The Dove	Bronze
Alford	Half Moon Hotel and Restaurant	Certificate of Achievement
Blidworth	Fox & Hounds	Silver Gilt
Market Harborough	The Three Swans Hotel	Gold
Old Clee in Bloom	The Spider's Web	Bronze
Newark	The Clay Tavern	Silver
Uppingham in Bloom	The Falcon Hotel	Silver Gilt
Little Cawthorpe PC	Royal Oak Inn (The Splash)	Silver
Oakham	The Wheatsheaf	Gold
Market Bosworth	Ye Olde Red Lion Hotel	Silver Gilt
Holbeach in Bloom	Horse & Groom	Silver
Melton in Bloom	The Kettleby Cross	Silver Gilt
Draycott	Coach and Horses	Silver
Quorn	Quorn Grange Hotel	Gold
Breaston in Bloom	Chequers Inn	Silver
Earl Shilton in Bloom	Dog & Gun	Gold
Immingham	County Hotel	Silver Gilt
Littleover	The White Swan	Certificate of Achievement
Burgh Le Marsh	The Bell Hotel	Silver
Spalding	The Punch Bowl	Gold

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Bloom Entry	Name of Hotel/Pub entry contd.	AWARD MEDAL
n/a	The White Lion Inn, Whissendine	Gold & CATEGORY WINNER
n/a	Angel Inn, Blyth, Notts.	Gold
Winterton	The George Hogg	Bronze
Chesterfield	Ringwood Hall Hotel	Gold
Dallington	The Wheatsheaf	Silver Gilt
Ilkeston	The General Havelock	Bronze
Waddington	The Horse and Jockey	Silver Gilt

East Midlands in Bloom Best Retail/Commercial Premises *Plaque supplied by the Art Department*

Bloom Entry	Name of Entry	AWARD MEDAL
Alford	Angelene's Patisserie	Bronze
Draycott in Bloom	The Courtyard	Certificate of Achievement
Earl Shilton in Bloom	Chris's Fish & Chips	Gold
Gainsborough	Marshalls Yard	Gold
Holbeach in Bloom	G R Merchant Ltd	Bronze
Immingham	Port of Immingham	Silver
Immingham	Immingham Community Recycling Centre	Silver Gilt
Long Eaton	Brooklands Court	Gold
Market Bosworth	Wheatsheaf Courtyard	Gold & CATEGORY WINNER
Market Harborough	J Stamp & Sons Funeral Directors	Gold
Melton Mowbray	Richard Barnes Funeral Directors	Silver Gilt
Newark	Bowbridge Court Care Home	Silver
Oadby & Wigston	Leicester Racecourse	Silver Gilt
Oakham	Lands' End UK	Silver Gilt
Old Clee in Bloom	Tip Top Toe Beauty Salon	Silver
Quorn	Great Central Railway Quorn and Woodhouse Station	Silver
Spalding	Springfields Outlet Shopping & Festival Gardens	Gold
Uppingham in Bloom	Uppingham Gate	Silver

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