

INGLETON

Angela and Pat met us on a wet morning, their enthusiasm and commitment to in Bloom helped the judges to forget the weather and concentrate on their efforts to improve this lovely village. The team is a very small one, though it seems clear there is the community spirit to succeed. These are early days for Ingleton in Bloom and they have done really well so far, with more help and support we are sure this is a village that can, in the future, achieve further success in the competition.

SECTION A – FLORAL DISPLAYS

Judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The drifts of daffodils and the use of different species in the play area. The millennium garden
2. It is good to see business are becoming involved with the initiative
3. The Laundry Lane and Community Centre planters has been planted well giving a good impact
4. For a relatively new group, it is good to see the different networks the team are working with

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Consider a broader range of spring bulbs and bedding plants such as grape hyacinths
2. It would be helpful if more emphasis be given to showing the judges some of the residential gardens on the route
3. We look forward to the completion of the Laundry Lane feature.
4. Continue with the work started to encourage schools to become involved, perhaps by designing a floral bed.

SECTION B – PERMANENT LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING SHRUBS

Judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The park area is very well maintained with well thought out planting and the Millennium Garden.

2. Good use of local material blending in well with the environment
3. The work of the Local Parish Council in helping with in Bloom

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Consider, as a project, identifying under used small areas for planting shrubs.
2. Consider natural edging (stone) for the bed by the Community Centre and possibly consider growing honeysuckle to disguise part of the building
3. We appreciate how hard it is for the team, in these early days of Ingleton in Bloom, to encourage Youth Groups, however continue with your hard work, we are sure it will pay off in the end!

SECTION C – CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING

Judges were particularly impressed by:

1. Encouraging of wildlife with log piles
2. Council recycling and local collection points

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Consider some woodland bulbs to compliment the natural woodland, also perhaps sponsorship of bird and bat boxes
2. Look to encouraging residents to use mulch on their beds. Also consider applying for grants for water butts.

SECTION D – LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The overall impression is of a litter free village
2. The number of locals who readily volunteer to litter pick

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Look for ways to treat weeds on pavements in the centre of the village
2. It may be worth considering running a competition for a poster to 'Keep Ingleton Tidy'

SECTION E – PUBLIC AWARENESS

Judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The linking of the Ingleton in Bloom website to other websites
2. The good support already given by local businesses and the impressive jumble sale to raise funds.

Areas suggested for future development:

1. It would have been nice to see an example of the articles printed about Ingleton in Bloom.
2. Look to obtaining further funding for projects.