

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM 2006 SUMMER JUDGING COMMENTS AND RESULTS CATEGORY 1C – LARGE VILLAGE

INGLETON - BRONZE

There has been encouraging progress in several areas since our spring visit. It was interesting to see more of the village this time and appreciate the efforts made by the villagers in tending their own gardens and the increased participation of businesses. We hope some agreement can be reached with the Highways Agency to provide entrance signs on the A65 so that many more visitors find their way to Ingleton to enjoy its unique natural attractions.

SECTION A FLORAL DISPLAYS

The judges were impressed by:

1. From the entrance beds the village centre, floral colour is making an impact.
2. The Three Peaks residential park wonderful small gardens around each home.
3. The flower tower of climbing pelargonium colour exactly right against the background of the tree foliage.
4. Children encouraged to enter classes at the horticultural show.

Suggestions for future development:

1. Continue to enhance sites were appropriate.
2. Encourage participation by other businesses to continue colour in main street.
3. Perhaps two flower towers one each side of the church gateway.
4. The planned children s design for the flowerbed is eagerly awaited.

SECTION B PERMANENT LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING SHRUBS

The judges were impressed by:

1. All the well cut park areas.
2. The many and various gardens.

Suggestions for future development:

1. We await planting in the play area.
2. Support is needed for care of the Millennium Gardens perhaps a dedicated team to keep up the maintenance.
3. Encourage continued involvement of the schools wherever possible.

SECTION C CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING

The judges were impressed by:

1. The gently managed riverside areas.
2. The Three Peaks Residential Park good all round recycling of water and green waste.

Suggestions for future development:

1. On-site information boards in natural areas and more encouragement to involve children perhaps to do their own survey of wildlife and flora in the riverside area.

SECTION D LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The judges were impressed by:

1. The cleanliness of the Waterfalls Walk reception area, swimming pool and village streets.
2. Good housekeeping was very much in evidence in most areas.

Any other comments – A pleasure to see the previously mentioned eye-sore sight cleared of accumulated waste.

Suggestions for future development:

1. Dedicated attention to the Millennium Gardens to keep them clear of discarded glasses and cans overspill from The Three Horseshoes? Suggest remove the vandalised lighting from the Millennium Garden.
2. Involve children in producing anti-litter posters to display in appropriate areas.

SECTION E PUBLIC AWARENESS

The judges were impressed by:

1. The committed In Bloom group have a sound grasp of the elements of the In Bloom ethos and work hard to spread the message.

Suggestions for future development:

1. Would like to see children's posters, etc displayed to encourage participation on a wider base.
2. Possibly raise funds for interpretative boards (possibly displaying the new logo that the school is designing) for the riverside walk.