

Ingleton

Introduction (introductory remarks from the judges):

Ingleton is a picturesque village in the corner of the north Yorkshire national park and surrounded by the park's natural beauty. The in bloom group that consists Angela and Pat (founder members) as well as up to 15 other people in the village they have the enthusiasm and community spirit will help it succeed. The in bloom team have added many floral features to the village and have more planned for both for summer and the following spring.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Areas of Achievement:

The barrier planters and tower planter at the community centre were full of colour and well maintained .

The park area is very well maintained with an abundance of spring colour from the spring bulbs.

There are some good spring flowering window box's and hanging baskets outside residences in the village and some good examples of front gardens/ window box's nursing home.

Seed hill B+B and plant nursery in the centre of the village had a very comprehensive range of locally grown stock that added colour and interest to the route.

The standard of maintenance at the bowling club was very good both the green and the surrounds.

Areas for Improvement:

Look into getting more businesses involvement with sponsorship or floral decorations for the spring.

Carry on with plans to revamp the shrub beds within the community centre.

The plans to buy half barrels that are to be positioned next to refurbished seats and planted up for summer are commendable but care must be taken to ensure that they are in fitting with the village.

Include the local scout group in more planting projects around the village.

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility

Areas of Achievement:

It was good to see that areas of the village had been left as natural as possible and that they were litter free.

Good evidence of recycling within the village having door step collection and bulk recycling centre at the community centre.

No litter or graffiti was found on the route.

The In bloom group have started to repaint the seats around the village and should have this done by summer judging.

The signage around the village is informative and points out the floral /fauna as well as local history.

The plans to try and put a roof on the swimming pool as well as solar heating to reduce running costs

The standard of the play area was good with cctv linked into a local shop for the safety of the users.

Areas for Improvement:

Carry on the seat refurbishment around the village.

Include more nature conservation on the route for summer.

Consider some woodland bulbs to compliment the natural woodland towards the scout hut

Carry on with the campaign to roof the swimming pool and add solar panels to reduce costs in the long term.

SECTION C – Community Participation

Areas of Achievement:

The amount of Funds raised by jumble sales to buy plants for the village.

The open gardens scheme held every July to raise funds for NSPCC.

The education programme held at the community centre where the in bloom certificates are proudly on display.

The press coverage shown on judging day.

Posters and in bloom judging day notices displayed around the village.

Areas for Improvement:

Carry on trying to identify funds for new schemes in the village

Look into linking up with local business for buying plants in bulk to reduce costs.

Look into having some space on other peoples advertising leaflets to promote in bloom within the village.

Try and get more press coverage for the campaign.