

Yorkshire in Bloom

Summer Judging Comments 2009

Category 1C Large Village

Ingleton Silver Rose Award

Spring: Silver Rose Award Summer: Silver Rose Award

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 some of which was included on the In Bloom route. The in bloom group that includes Angela and Pat (founder members) as well as up to 15 other volunteers in the village they have the enthusiasm and community spirit to help it succeed. The in bloom team have added many good floral features to the village and have more planned for next spring to help enhance this good entry.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Areas of Achievement:

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

There are some good summer flowering window box's and hanging baskets outside residences /shops in the village and some good examples of front gardens/ window box's. The floral displays at the 3 peaks residential caravan site were a credit to the residents and would be a worthy entry in its own right. Some good summer planting/baskets shown on the route at Public houses such as the Masons arms and the 3 horse shoes. The open spaces within the village such as Miners corner were well maintained and planted with summer colour.

Areas for Improvement:

Look into getting more businesses involvement with sponsorship or floral decorations for next spring /summer. Carry on with plans to revamp the shrub beds within the community centre to generate more colour. Include the local school in more planting projects around the village and include the school grounds on the route for next spring (look into planting some bulbs with the children for next spring).

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility

Areas of Achievement:

It was good to see that areas of the village had been left as natural as possible to blend in with the adjoining landscape 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 repainted most the seats around the village as part of a rolling program and added flower displays next to each bench. This is raising the profile of the campaign within the village. The inclusion of southerscales limestone pavement on the route and its different habitats for flora/fauna within yards of each other was a joy to see and reflected the areas heritage and biodiversity which provided a good addition to the route. Good to see all the static caravans at the 3 peaks site collecting rain water in water butts and growing veg as well as flowers.

Areas for Improvement:

Carry on refurbishing the seats around the village. Look into some more sponsorship for the floral displays around the village to raise the profile and fetch in extra funds. Work with the school on some environmental project in the schools grounds and around the village such as bird box making.

SECTION C – Community Participation

Areas of Achievement:

The amount of Funds raised by jumble sales to buy plants to enhance various sections of the village.

The competition at Ingelton middle school to design a logo for the in bloom group which is to be used on all future publicity. Its good to see some of the youth planting and maintaining some of the floral features within the village. The number of in bloom posters in windows along the route.

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. Look into having an 'in bloom display' at businesses outside the village to draw people in off the A65. Try and get more press coverage for the campaign.