



Heart of England in Bloom Marking Sheet 2018

Name of entry: Newport in Bloom	Judging Date: 16th July 2018
Category: Town	Judges: Roger Bache & Mark Wiltshire

Introduction A very warm welcome back into the campaign to Newport in Bloom. As always, the judges were treated to a faultlessly timed judging tour. This formidable group have certainly not stood still in the past two years, there are numerous new projects and others which have now been completed, which is particularly pleasing. Some of the finest maintained floral containers to be seen anywhere underpin the horticulture section, supporting other projects such as The Memorial Garden, The Fish Bed, Barbara's Bed and a large number of high quality residential gardens. The bloom group have excellent links to schools, youth groups and the "Junior Bloomers Allotment" is an absolute gem, many an experienced allotment holder would be jealous! The Blooming Buddies initiative is helping improve all areas of the town and making this entry a well deserved category winner.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

		MAX	ACT.
A1	Impact design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation	20	19
A2	Horticultural practice cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting	20	19
A3	Residential and Community Gardening residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks	20	19
A4	Business Areas and Premises retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.	20	19
A5	Green Spaces verges, parks and open public spaces	20	19
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A		100	95
50% of maximum points			

Areas of Achievement:

Many splendid hanging baskets and containers throughout the town centre

A very well maintained Cemetery would put some parks to shame

The residential gardens at Cornmell Lea

The maturing Barbara's Bed

The Blooming Buddies allotment

The recently completed Three Fish Bed

Areas for Improvement: Consider lifting the tree canopies in the square, the hanging baskets are hardly noticeable			
SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility			
Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.			
		MAX	ACT.
B1	Conservation and biodiversity areas of natural habitat, wildlife and conservation sites	10	9
B2	Resource management recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment	10	9
B3	Local heritage management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage	10	9
B4	Local environmental quality management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.	10	9
B5	Pride of place management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping	10	9
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B		50	45
25% of maximum points			
Areas of Achievement: The Canal Basin Self watering hanging baskets The Newport Community Litter pick team The spotless streets throughout the route The Three Fishes Number of unused containers recycled in other areas			
Areas for Improvement: The last stop on the tour, the Canal Bridge appeared to appease the volunteers, there were weeds in evidence and the street furniture was in need of painting and repairing. This spoilt an otherwise perfect section			

SECTION C – Community Participation			
Assessing year-round community participation			
		MAX	ACT.
C1	Development and continuity - Development and sustainability of the local Bloom initiative and evidence of ongoing projects	10	10
C2	Communication and education community awareness and understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials	10	10
C3	Community participation engaging a wide range of people across all areas of the community	10	9
C4	Year-round involvement schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity (primary evidence to be presented in 15 minute presentation)	10	10
C5	Funding and Support initiatives to secure ongoing support for the local Bloom campaign including local business support	10	10
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C		50	49
25% of maximum points			
<p>Areas of Achievement:</p> <p>An incredible number of ongoing projects</p> <p>Excellent communication with local youth groups, schools and a wide section of the community</p> <p>The new web site and ongoing Facebook site</p> <p>An excellent presentation by Jenny</p> <p>The large amount of sponsorship and funding through numerous initiatives</p> <p>Welcome posters for the judges along the route, advertising judging day</p>			
<p>Areas for Improvement:</p> <p>You cannot improve upon perfection</p>			
GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		200 (max.)	189
MEDAL AWARDED		Gold	