

JUDGES REPORT 2010

Entrant: Godmanchester Category - Small Town Award -Low Silver Gilt

Godmanchester has taken great strides forward. The number of local residents, shops and public houses participating has increased since 2009. It is clear that the Team and the many volunteers are doing much to preserve the natural character of this picturesque town for the benefit of residents and visitors. Having taken on board the suggestions made by the Judges and the evidence of winter tree planting there is evidence that Godmanchester is destined to make further progress in the future.

Areas of Achievement:

- The larger floral bed.
- The encouragement given to youth organisations to participate in tree and bulb planting.
- The achievement and joy of the volunteers and special needs children at Park Lane Community Nursery Project and the enthusiasm for horticultural work and landscaping.
- Well-cultivated allotments despite the signs of a lack of rainfall.
- The introduction of an apiary close to the allotments, an encouraging sign of the way projects are moving forward
- The floral and vegetable planting by the residents at Oak Tree Court and McCartney House showing plants can be enjoyed by all ages.
- The on-going project at Judith's Field.
- The number of very good play areas for all ages.
- The town was very clean.
- The sponsorship and donations featured in the portfolio, along with evidence of competitions.

Areas for Improvement:

- It would be beneficial to prune the young chestnuts on the road verge by the allotments.
- Consider the creation of a wild area within Judith's Field.
- A small amount of debris visible in the pond by the new Chinese bridge needs to be cleared
- Some litter bins and some seats would benefit from maintenance to prolong their life span.
- It would help if more notices of 'In Bloom' activities were in place over the entire town in order to encourage more volunteers.
- Continue working with the residents of Windsor Road to improve the area.

Well done to Godmanchester In Bloom