

Category 2D

Name of entry - Goole

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Introduction

Although Goole in Bloom is a relatively new group, it is evident it is becoming receiving great support within the wider community. The involvement of the many partners to improve the environment is paying dividends and could be further developed to enhance this historic port even further. The many projects being planned, together with support from all the agencies could help move this entry onto greater achievements – Well Done!

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Areas of Achievement:

The high standard and levels of floral displays at the Parish Church are to be commended.

The interesting and innovative designs to improve the quadrangles of Goole College are promising.

The allotment site is well managed and maintained to a high standard.

Grass verge maintenance was to a high standard.

Areas for Improvement:

There is plenty of scope for further bulb planting in the many open spaces within the Town.

The Memorial Gardens, although suffering from the previous winters extremes, did lack quality of planting; perhaps look to completely re-vamping this important area.

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility

Areas of Achievement:

The excellent initiatives being taken to enhance and develop the Sobriety Waterway Museum, building on the heritage of this historic port.

The re-cycling facilities at the cemetery are a good example others could follow.

The involvement of the Green Team, especially at the allotments, involving good examples of re-cycling and sustainable gardening.

Generally the area was litter free with excellent measures in place for controlling litter and detritus.

The impressive recycling figures as pointed out in the portfolio.

Areas for Improvement:

There were several instances of graffiti evident in high profile areas.

It would be prudent to involve examples of conservation areas on future Spring tours.

SECTION C – Community Participation

Areas of Achievement:

The involvement of the Green Team is a fantastic example of the community working together.

The involvement of the E2E students and staff to improve Goole College are to be commended, this project although in it's infancy has great potential and demonstrates strong business support working with the college to improve the Town.

The excellent initiatives to involve youngsters to clean up and repaint the Towns railway station.

Areas for Improvement:

After the initial period of support from the Town Council, it is now probably time to engage with the wider community to encourage greater participation from individuals, by expanding the Bloom initiative to a greater cross section of the community.

Although Eastgate flats is a good example of sustainable planting and wildlife conservation, on future tours perhaps spend slightly less time here to allow time to view other areas of community involvement

Spring Medal Position - Silver