

- ⊗ The high quality residential gardens throughout the route in particular Mr Howells contemporary garden
- ⊗ Increased basket uptake by the businesses
- ⊗ Hanging baskets on Warwick Clock Watches
- ⊗ Sustainable planting on sponsored islands
- ⊗ Improved floral displays in Nicholas Park
- ⊗ The Myton Pool project
- ⊗ St John's Nature Brook Garden
- ⊗ Improved litter management
- ⊗ Signage and interpretation boards in general were very good
- ⊗ Heritage, Town Hall, Lord Leicester Hospital, Medieval castle, original Victorian post boxes Westgate School
- ⊗ Work by Friends of Myton Pool gaining funding
- ⊗ Warwick Gardens weekend
- ⊗ Better working relationship with Warwick District Council
- ⊗ Commitment towards bloom.

#### Wellesbourne in Bloom

#### Gold Award

##### Small Town

##### Judges: Roger Bache & Trish Willetts

There might only be six members of the In Bloom Committee in Wellesbourne, but there is an army of willing volunteers to support them from the local community. From Michael Twite Landscapes helping with removing rubbish and offering his machinery to move planters around the town, to Mr. O'Malley making up the baskets for the Medical Centre, there is a team of 112 different individuals and companies making Wellesbourne in Bloom the complete community success that it is today. Thousands of bulbs have been planted throughout the Town giving vibrant Spring colour to all its visitors. The In Bloom team has also helped resolve real community issues which have helped engage more residents into their campaign as they are making a significant difference to the town. Another fantastic effort for all involved!

##### Areas of Achievement:

- ⊗ The abundance of Bulbs around the whole of the town
- ⊗ The "Dog Beds" and Watering pump floral beds
- ⊗ The Methodist Church and Parish Council Office floral beds
- ⊗ Sustainable planting outside the Pre-school at the Church
- ⊗ Mr. O'Malley's spectacular garden
- ⊗ Planting outside the Medical Centre and New Library
- ⊗ The increase in recycling from 38% to 60% at the Household Waste Transfer station and commitment of the staff on site
- ⊗ The art and landscaping taking place around the church and the fantastic sensory boards for the pre-school children to use
- ⊗ The local resident who ensures the grass cutting around the shops at Newbold Road and by the "Dog beds" is kept on a weekly cut cycle to ensure that the quality of grass cut looks immaculate at all times



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- ⊗ Warwickshire Wildlife Trust supporting the team in a big lottery fund to gain £48,000 of funding for the Churchyard project
- ⊗ Outstanding Community Participation where 112 groups and individuals have come together to improve Wellesbourne and prove that "In Bloom" is all about partnership and community working and is an example of Best Practice
- ⊗ The Probation service working tirelessly throughout the village showing the residents that crime does not pay and that these individuals really are giving something positive back to the community

**Willenhall in Bloom  
Urban Community**

**Bronze Award**

**Judges: Ken Whittaker & Trish Willets**

When the Judges met Diane Mansell this year it was obvious how much had been achieved since last year. We Visited the Memorial Park and talked to the fishermen and "The Friends" group who are working together with the park staff, we walked into the back-streets to the Cenotaph, and then turned a corner to find a Community Leader running several groups from a post-war prefabricated unit. We saw the shopping areas with their new hanging-baskets, and were pleased to feel that there is a positive air about the place. We finished our tour at St Giles' Community Garden, a project in its infancy and with so much potential. Whatever will we find next year? Well done Willenhall.

**Areas of Achievement:**

- ⊗ Willenhall Memorial Park with it's Green Flag status
- ⊗ St Giles Community Garden with it's 'Willow Ant'
- ⊗ Thirty new hanging-baskets around the shopping area, added to the new planters of last year
- ⊗ Cleanliness across the new and old parts of town is commendable
- ⊗ The ongoing recycling ethic is biting home.
- ⊗ Friends of Willenhall Memorial Park are an enthusiastic band of stalwarts who work with the local fishermen and the park staff to help keep the Park a haven for both wild-life and visitors
- ⊗ The newly acquired Bell Pub, which is undergoing sympathetic renovations, and has joined The Three Crowns to become a welcome oasis of colour
- ⊗ The St Giles Community Garden has shown how much can be achieved when Communities work together.

**Wolverhampton City Council  
Large City**

**Gold Award**

**Judges: Mike Garwood & Trish Willets**

The sun shone in Wolverhampton as the local media gathered to mark the start of the judging route for the city. Partnership working is clearly evidenced throughout with the contractors, local businesses, schools and the community all working together at an abundance of sites and events. The City celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has clearly built and developed its In Bloom campaign year on year. The judges were shown the