



YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM IN KIRKBY MALZEARD

Yorkshire in Bloom is a competition held throughout Yorkshire and Humberside and is open to communities of all sizes. Kirkby Malzeard enters in the medium-sized village category.

Each year judges assess our village using an official marking scheme. The judges visit twice a year, in April and July. The results are known in September. Entries are graded as Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver or Bronze. **In 2016, for the second year running, Kirkby Malzeard won Gold! We hope to do as well in 2017.**

A "Kirkby in Bloom" group coordinates Kirkby Malzeard's Yorkshire in Bloom activities. With the help of many people we plant and maintain many of the tubs and troughs in the village. We look after the Jubilee Rose Garden (opposite the surgery). This spring we sited a bench near the Green. We help with gardening at the village school. We fund-raise when necessary including running occasional village suppers. We organise visits to Yorkshire gardens. We hope to soon put up a heritage information board in the village. We would like to find a small piece of land for village allotments.

To keep up to date with Kirkby in Bloom have a look at our information window at the Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute, or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Kirkbyinbloom>, or the village website: <http://kirkbymalzeardareaguide.btck.co.uk>

Thank you to everyone who helps Kirkby in Bloom. We welcome people joining our coordinating group. Like many who live in Kirkby, we are simply people who enjoy growing plants and our proud of our village. We are not expert horticulturalists! Please consider joining us - you will be warmly welcomed. Phone 01765 658168.

What the Yorkshire in Bloom judges look at:

"The purpose of Yorkshire in Bloom is to encourage communities to make a positive and long lasting improvement to their local environment for the benefit of local people."

Marks are awarded for:

Horticultural Achievement (40% of marks) includes planting in private gardens visible from the road, business premises and in communal areas (the school, verges, village tubs etc.) Choice of plants and their care and maintenance are judged.

Environmental Responsibility (30% of marks) includes the village's involvement in encouraging wildlife and conservation, caring for streets and open grass areas, absence of weeds, litter and dog fouling. Also judged is promotion of local identity and heritage.

Community Participation (30% of marks) includes involvement by the whole community in Yorkshire in Bloom (not just a small group!), year around involvement, raising awareness, gaining funding and support, and long lasting developments.

Kirkby Malzeard in Yorkshire in Bloom

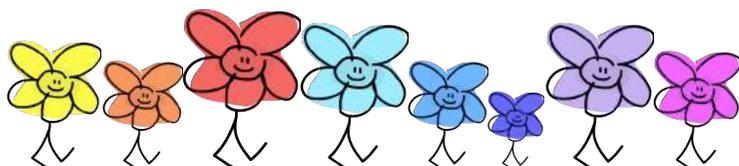
The 2017 spring judging will take place on
Friday 21 April from 9.30 am

Thank you to everyone who makes Kirkby Malzeard a tidy, attractive and colourful village and last year helped win a **GOLD AWARD** in Yorkshire in Bloom. This was the result of a real effort throughout the community.

We are asking for your help again before the judges come. Please would you make sure that your garden/house front is as tidy as possible and everything is looking at its best for the judging day. Picking up any litter, sweeping in front of your house and removing any obvious weeds would be very helpful.

The judges will be pleased to meet residents during their walk through the village.

“ Thank you ! ”



KIRKBY IN BLOOM!



**Preparing for Yorkshire in Bloom
2017**