

RHS Britain in Bloom Marking Sheet



Name of entry: CRICKLADE	Judging Date: 14th. July 2009
Category: AYRE CUP	Judges: Lesley Jelleyman Don Waterhouse

Introduction (*introductory remarks from the judges*): This was a good entry in which all the requirements of the competition were covered. The first impression was one of cleanliness and colour but the most striking thing was the enthusiasm of the in Bloom group which was reflected in every person that we met on our tour.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

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

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

Areas of Achievement: *All that had been achieved in previous years had been well maintained or improved. The new Waylands Community Garden is well designed and will develop into an attractive feature and, typically, already has a team dedicated to its management.*

The involvement of community groups adds industry in all projects is good.

The Leisure Centre is a success story. It is clean, tidy, attractive, useful and profitable whilst its former owners failed miserably.

Work has started on a completely new site where allotments are to be opened.

Areas for Improvement: *There is so environmental work in and around the town, especially in the schools, that the very special North Meadow hardly got a mention in the portfolio.*

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SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility		
Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.		
		MAX
		ACT.
B1.	Conservation and biodiversity – <i>wildlife areas, natural habitat</i>	
B2.	Resource management – <i>recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment</i>	
B3.	Local heritage – <i>management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage</i>	
B4.	Local environmental quality – <i>management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.</i>	
B5.	Pride of place – <i>management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping</i>	
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B <i>25% of maximum points</i>		
<p>Areas of Achievement: <i>There is a lot of environmental work in and around the town, especially in the schools, but the very special North Meadow hardly got a mention in the portfolio.</i></p> <p><i>The recycling covers a very wide range of items and the group uses recycled materials in its planting areas. The result of using recycled materials can be seen in the high quality of the plants</i></p>		
<p>Areas for Improvement:</p> <p>No areas for improvement just finishing touches</p>		

