

# EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2010

## REPORTS

### Special Award for Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display

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#### **Rules:**

- A Special Awards Entry form has to be submitted by the closing date (end of April) in order to be eligible for this award. From 2011 non-registered entries will no longer be judged. All 2011 forms will be available on this website.
- A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for judging and this time is in addition to that allocated to your 'In Bloom' judging route.
- If the entire 15 minutes is not used, the time remaining is NOT transferable to your 'In Bloom' judging route.
- Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display Special Award and Best Retail/Commercial Premises entrants do not need to be nominated by an 'In Bloom' entry and can enter independently as long as there is no other entry from the same village, town etc. in the same year. To check this please contact the EMIb secretary.

#### **Criterion:**

- **SECTION 1: Attractiveness of planting (temporary/permanent)** maximum marks **40**  
e.g. Colour schemes; design to function; use of scent;  
duration of attractiveness across seasons; innovation
- **SECTION 2: Sustainability:** maximum marks **20**  
e.g. use of low-peat composts; mulching; composting;  
water retaining gels; use of species tolerant of dry conditions
- **SECTION 3: Quality of care and maintenance:** maximum marks **40**  
e.g. edged up lawns; minimal weeds; mulching;  
health of plants; lack of pests and diseases;

Total maximum marks obtainable = **100 (100%)**

#### **Awards:**

85%+	Gold
75-84%	Silver Gilt
60-74%	Silver
50-59%	Bronze
0-49%	Certificate of Achievement

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## Special Award Category: Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display

*In alphabetical order:*

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### **Browntoft House Bed & Breakfast**

Browntoft Lane, Donington, Lincolnshire PE11 4TQ

This pub/hotel was entered by Gill Lunn and was registered as part of Donington's 'In Bloom' entry

#### **SECTION 1:**

This large garden is designed as a series of distinct garden areas, creating seclusion and interest at all seasons. There are areas of fruit, trained on the perimeter walls; a wildlife area; water features; open lawns.

#### **SECTION 2:**

The garden includes comprehensive composting of all garden waste and all plants are appropriate to the location.

#### **SECTION 3:**

The garden is well cared for, but at the time of the visit is in part in transition, where some areas are being cleared to allow for the eradication of perennial weed and a change from old – now removed – trees.

**Judged on 6<sup>th</sup> July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher**

**69 % Silver award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
28	15	26	69

## Carre Arms Hotel, Sleaford

1 Mareham Lane, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7JP

This hotel is linked to Sleaford's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

Predominantly seasonal planting

Permanent mixed climbers on frontage of building.

Planting densities are good.

Inner courtyard has planting in tubs of Ficus, Phoenix palm and ivy.

Rear car park uninspiring planting.

The seasonally planted horse cart in the front of the building requires repositioning away from the adjacent lamp column.

Planters at ground level on left hand boundary of car park on entry brighten up the fence but really are out of scale (too small).

### SECTION 2:

Peat based compost, no evidence of water retaining gel in compost.

Planters in rear car park being changed for permanent beds to reduce watering.

### SECTION 3:

No weeds present in containers.

All plants look healthy and full of flower where appropriate.

Climbers tied in to supports.

**Judged on 12<sup>th</sup> July by Chris Beal and Richard Tomlinson**

**75% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	11	32	75

## Cross Inn Guest House

Alford Road, Mablethorpe, LN12 1PX

This pub/hotel was entered by Valerie Corkell and was registered as part of Mablethorpe's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

A most attractive garden comprising in part an area of hedged and lawned 'sites' for touring caravans, but also an attractive perennial border on the side of the road and a very cheerful courtyard planted with fragrant herbs and floral baskets and containers.

### SECTION 2:

Good use of planting appropriate to the area, minimising water requirements.

### SECTION 3:

Very well cared for throughout; all plants healthy, no weeds, lawns in good condition.

**Judged on 7<sup>th</sup> July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher**

**76% - Silver Gilt award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	14	32	76

## Dovedale Hotel

Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes, N E Lincolnshire

This pub/hotel was entered by Lee Beckett and was registered as part of Cleethorpes' 'In Bloom' entry.

A limited frontage has been very well designed to present an attractive 3 dimensional floral feast. This has been achieved with the liberal use of planted containers up to second floor level. At ground level the flowers are complemented by very good, well designed hard landscaping. Mainly summer planting but some all year round features are present including permanent planting and an interesting new herb area. Well maintained by the hotel staff who plant, feed and dead head. A very colourful well designed display, making creative use of the limited space available.

**Judged on 13<sup>th</sup> July by Doug Stacey and Sharon Thomas**  
**80% - Silver Gilt Award**

## Fox & Hounds Public House, Blidworth

Blidworth Bottoms, Blidworth, Nr Warsop, Nottinghamshire

This pub/hotel was entered by Geoff Stocks and is linked to Blidworth's entry.

### SECTION 1:

There were baskets to the front, side and back of the pub, as well as big barrel planters to the front and troughs at the side and back patio. They were full of colour with a variety of plants species all of which complemented each other.

### SECTION 2:

The baskets were watered by an irrigation system that to save watering was manually controlled. Feeding would start in the next week or so.

### SECTION 3:

All the baskets were dead headed, full of flower and no weeds were present.

**Judged on 9<sup>th</sup> July by Dave Bramwell and Jo Tarrant**  
**80% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
35	15	30	80

## Millfields Hotel, Grimsby

Wellholme Road, Bargate, Grimsby, N E Lincolnshire DN35 8JT

This hotel is linked to Grimsby's entry.

### SECTION 1:

The displays were not the most attractive  
No colour theme of design  
Some permanent planting  
Understood additional works are planned for the outside in coming year.

### SECTION 2:

Hanging basket displays kept watered.

### SECTION 3:

You are greeted by a sign relating to CCTV affixed to the main tree cherry in the centre of the car park together with pea lights. This distracts from the benefits of the tree.  
Maintenance could be much improved Bind Weed was seen twisting around the Phormium stems to gain height in the side garden.

**Judged on 5<sup>th</sup> July by Peter Benham and Debbie Scott**  
**25% - Certificate of Achievement**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
10	10	5	25

## Ringwood Hall Hotel

Brimington, Chesterfield S43 1DQ

This hotel was entered by John Ramsey, and was registered as part of Chesterfield's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

Cannot see anything from the road!

This hotel has baskets and features on all sides.

The hotel is set in 29 acres the grounds and each of terraces are very well maintained.

The colours used are bright and proportional to the size of this historic building.

### SECTION 2:

The floral baskets are watered and fed daily, no automatic watering here.

Shrubs are planted to extend the displays.

### SECTION 3:

Maintenance is to a high standard to ensure every wedding and event is shown off to its very best.

Although established there are still projects being undertaken in and around the garden.

**Judged on 17<sup>th</sup> July by Peter Benham and Debbie Scott**

**80% Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
35	10	35	80

## Rose and Crown, Creswell

Sheffield Road, Creswell, Derbyshire

This Public House was entered by Cllr R H Glassey and was registered as part of Creswell's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

There were baskets to the front, side and back of the garden, plus a low planted area around the outdoor seating area. The colour schemes were nice and the baskets were full.

### SECTION 2:

The baskets had an irrigation system.

### SECTION 3:

The baskets had an irrigation system.

**Judged on 9<sup>th</sup> July by Jo Tarrant, Dave Bramwell and Jo Tarrant**

**60% - Silver Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	15	15	60

## Spinney Hill Public House, Northampton

Kettering Road, Northampton

This Public House was entered by Richard Gold and was registered as part of Northampton's 'In Bloom' entry. The contact is Grace Murston.

This large pub has extensive grounds right around the property. To the front, facing the highway, a permanently planted border and seasonal baskets behind this on the front wall, with outdoor dining/drinking facilities between. To the rear a large and very pleasant pub garden comprising lawn, mature trees and many permanent plants, some in containers and some in beds and borders. The presence of a badger sett was incorporated into the management arrangements. Grace Murston, the landlady is creating an attractive venue, has lots of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. There is no doubt this entry will continue to improve in future years.

**Judged on 15<sup>th</sup> July by Doug Stacey and Sharon Thomas**

**70% - Silver Award**

## The Bulls Head Public House, Rosliston

Burton Road, Rosliston, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE12 8JY

This Public House was entered by Caroline Alston and was registered as part of Rosliston's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

High impact baskets with a lovely scent from the double petunias, adorned and complimented this well kept pub. This contributed well to the village environment.

Climbers and some shrubs in the car park and on buildings softened the area well.

### SECTION 2:

No peat or pesticides are used.

P4 granules are used to conserve water.

Consideration for the collection of water in an appropriate type of container could be considered.

### SECTION 3:

All of the areas were well maintained and clean and tidy.

**Judged on 16<sup>th</sup> July by Mel Henley and Ian Cooke**

**78% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	14	32	78

## The Elmtree, Elmton

Elmton, Derbyshire

Entered by Cllr R H Glassey and registered as part of Elmton's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

This pub demonstrated good quality floral displays with an appropriate choice of plants

### SECTION 2:

Significant efforts were made in this area, with green composting being taken off site, water conservation and re-use (The plants may taste of beer dregs though but looked happy enough on it).

No peat or pesticides are used.

Mulching of permanent planting areas should be considered.

### SECTION 3:

The area was large and represented a significant commitment by the landlord particularly as the field was available for village functions and general use.

There were some small areas that were a little unkempt with some dead plants present

**Judged on 15<sup>th</sup> July by Mel Henley and Ian Cooke**

**72% - Silver**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
32	16	24	72

## The Garden Hotel, Uppingham

Uppingham, Rutland

Entered by Karen Emery and was registered as part of Uppingham's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

The Garden was full of planters, baskets and interesting floral displays. As well as beds and borders full of shrubs perennials and even more annuals

### SECTION 2:

There was some evidence of mulching in the gardens

### SECTION 3:

All the baskets tubs and displays were dead headed, and well maintained. Feeding was evident and there were no signs of pests or diseases.

**Judged on 14<sup>th</sup> July by Dave Bramwell and Jo Tarrant**

**80% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
35	10	35	80

## The Grange Hotel, Newark

73 London Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 1RZ

This hotel is linked to Newark's 'In Bloom' entry.

♥ **Winner, 2010 Best Pub/Hotel Garden or Display**

**Silver Gilt Award**

**A special Winners' plaque sponsored by Civic Pride is presented.**

### SECTION 1:

Full floriferous hanging baskets with an array of colour.

A well balanced mix of seasonal planting permanent shrubs, herbaceous and trees.

Many structures, statues and water features within the garden compliment the plantings.

The varied hard landscaping compliments the garden.

The herbs from the herb bed are used within the hotel kitchen

No colour theme.

### SECTION 2:

Peat based composts used

Water retaining gel in the compost

Watering by hosepipe

Drought species not well used

### SECTION 3:

The large garden is all self maintained.

Lawns are all edged

Minimal weed in the lawns

No weeds visible in the borders

No pest & disease showing

**Judged on 5<sup>th</sup> July by Chris Beal and Richard Tomlinson**

**82% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
35	12	35	82

## The Swan, Ridgeway

Main Road, Ridgeway, NE Derbyshire

This Public House was entered by Janet Poole and was registered as part of Ridgeway's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

Lovely colourful, high impact baskets brightened up the building and the centre of the village.

Climbers also adorned the building and were well maintained.

Perhaps some permanent planting even in tubs in the car park would further enhance this entry.

### SECTION 2:

The landlord was unfortunately not present, however we were assured that efforts were being made in this area.

For future judging it would be good to be able to meet the landlord in order to understand more fully how this area of the criteria is being met and verify actions.

### SECTION 3:

The building, car park and floral displays were well looked after.

**Judged on 15<sup>th</sup> July by Mel Henley and Ian Cooke**

**72% - Silver Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	10	32	72

## The Tavern, Tansley

Tansley, Derbyshire

This pub/hotel is linked to Tansley's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

The floral displays had good impact and appropriate choice of plants. They were well maintained and enhanced the pub and entrance to the village.

### SECTION 2:

Unfortunately the Landlord was not present, however we were informed that efforts were being made in this area. It would be useful for Judges to be able to speak to the Landlord to understand more fully and properly verify how this criteria is being met.

### SECTION 3:

The permanent planning areas were in some areas weedy and required "gapping up".

**Judged on 14<sup>th</sup> July by Mel Henley and Ian Cooke**

**60% - Silver Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	10	20	60

## Three Swans Hotel

High Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 7NJ

This hotel is linked to Market Harborough's 'In Bloom' entry.

### SECTION 1:

Annual bedding has a red colour theme running throughout the array of baskets and planters.

Trailing geraniums quite heavily used.

Topiary swans in tubs adjacent to main door.

Water feature adds sound to the area.

Minimal permanent planting.

### SECTION 2:

Compost 50% peat free and 50% peat

Water retention matting used in baskets and planters

Automatic irrigation system in place for baskets and wall mounted planters.

Controlled release fertiliser in compost.

All plants composted at end of season.

Trailing geraniums able to withstand drought conditions better than many traditional bedding plants.

### SECTION 3:

Baskets and planters all full and floriferous.

Permanent planting maintained by hedge cutter to retain compactness in a small area.

Beds weed free

Baskets / planters all dead headed

The site is clean and litter free.

**Judged on 9<sup>th</sup> July by Chris Beale and Richard Tomlinson**

**76% - Silver Gilt Award**

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
30	18	28	76

## The White Hart Inn

South Street, Caistor, North East Lincolnshire LN7 6UB

Entered by Deborah Barker and was registered as part of Caistor's 'In Bloom' entry.

Proprietor, Mrs Mary Sandham.

### SECTION 1:

The pub had a cheerful display of hanging baskets on the frontage and a rear garden terrace with containers and baskets of annuals. There was no indication if a display took place during the winter / spring as well.

### SECTION 2:

Whilst planting was appropriate to the location it was not possible to determine if significant sustainability was in place.

### SECTION 3:

Plants were in good health and effectively maintained, though the front baskets were some way from fully grown at the time of the visit.

Judged on 6<sup>th</sup> July by Jeff Bates and Alan Fletcher

46% - Certificate of Achievement

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	TOTAL MARKS
20	8	18	46

## CRITERION

### Category: Hotel/Pub Garden or display

#### Criterion

1. Attractiveness of planting

e.g. Colour schemes; design to function; use of scent; duration of attractiveness across seasons; innovation

2. Sustainability

e.g. use of low-peat composts; mulching; composting; water retaining gels; use of species tolerant of dry conditions

3. Quality of Care and Maintenance

e.g. edged up lawns; minimal weeds; mulching; health of plants; lack of pests and diseases

### Category: Retail/Commercial

#### Criterion

1. Attractiveness of planting (temporary / permanent)

e.g. Colour schemes; design to function; duration of attractive-ness across seasons; innovation

2. Sustainability

e.g. use of low-peat composts; mulching; composting; water retaining gels; use of species tolerant of dry conditions

3. Quality of Care and Maintenance

e.g. edged up grassed areas; minimal weeds; mulching; health of plants; lack of pests and diseases; quality of pruning