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BEST VILLAGE IN BLOOM 2017

This is the competition that celebrates community achievement, where the initiatives of both residents and business combine to enhance the commonly shared environment. Entry is invited, not from individuals, but from community groups.

**LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES:
SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017**



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IDEALLY A VILLAGE IN BLOOM IS ONE WHERE:

- The public street scene features welcoming hanging baskets on the lamp columns or barrier troughs at junctions.
- Buildings and shop fronts display floral baskets or blooming window-sill containers.
- Pubs, hotels, estates and residential blocks bring colour and bloom to their buildings and surrounding grounds.
- Residents beautify their house frontages and gardens with year-round greenery and seasonal floral display.
- Public open spaces and the grounds of community buildings are planted up through local initiative.

WHAT IS A VILLAGE?

At the end of 2010 Richmond Council sent every household a survey and followed this up with a series of village planning events. As a result, the Council created 14 Village Plans. Each plan describes a vision for the village area and identifies what the Council will do and what local people can do to achieve the vision together. The village areas are based on the areas that residents most identified with in the All in One survey. They are fluid and reflective of the way people live their lives; residing, working, studying, and enjoying the borough.

The Village Plan areas are: Barnes, Kew, Mortlake, East Sheen, Richmond, Whitton and Heathfield, East Twickenham and St Margarets, Twickenham, Teddington, Strawberry Hill, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Hampton and Ham/Petersham. They are explained in more detail here: www.richmond.gov.uk/village_plans.

As those of us living and working here know, some of these 'Villages' are a conglomerate of smaller subsidiary areas. For example, Hampton and Teddington are both divided by the railway line into two separate halves, and Barnes has a commercial shopping centre and a separate village pond area. These smaller areas are sometimes the focus of their own community group, perhaps a retail; business association or residential estate.

Ideally, each 'Village' will be represented in this competition by one community group which works to promote bloom throughout all sectors, both residential and business. But we know that not every 'Village' has such a group. Therefore this year we are inviting entries in all 15 'Villages' not just from one community group but from up to three. By this means it is expected that their work will combine to provide an eye-catching entry for the 'Village' overall.

Each community group entry is required to supply an outline plan of the local village area to be covered – and judged.



HOW WILL EACH VILLAGE BE ASSESSED?



The Village as a whole will be marked, after judges are shown round the areas entered by each community group.

Each entrant group is invited to provide for the judges a written statement of activity throughout the year, including if available photographs of earlier floral displays, e.g. Spring bulbs in flower.

This information will be taken into account with the judging on the day.

There can only be one overall winner of the Best Village in Bloom trophy. But recognition of the different standards of achievement, judged in line with the Royal Horticultural Society, will be awarded with certificates. These grades are according to marks achieved:

0-77	Certificate of Recognition
100-129	Bronze
130-159	Silver
160-189	Silver Gilt
190-220	Gold

The overall winner is the Village with the highest marks. However, no Village is eligible to win two years consecutively, but is eligible to repeat its win after that.

MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

- Community participation – including residential and business initiatives
- Horticultural achievement – including impact and soft landscaping
- Environmental responsibility – including quality of maintenance and local heritage
- Special commendation – including improvement from previous year, and/or overview of action report and photographic record of seasonal planting.



A copy of the judges' marks sheet, showing the breakdown of marks available in each section, will be sent to the co-ordinating contact person at each community group entered.

The comparative size of each Village, or the smaller local area submitted for judging, is not a relevant factor. Each community entrant is assessed on its own individual merits, not in competition with any other.

TERMS OF ENTRY



1. The entry form must be received by June 24th 2017.
2. A co-ordinator from the group entrant, with contact details, must be named.
3. A plan of the area being entered for judging must be enclosed with the entry, comprising outline sketch and description.
4. The co-ordinator (or stand-in) must be available to escort judges round the area entered.
5. The decisions of the judges are final.



ABOUT US

Richmond Borough in Bloom, founded in 1990, is an independent community group committed to enhancing the natural beauty of the borough for the benefit of all who live, work or visit here. Our competitions not only reach out to residents and businesses but also to schools for the special encouragement of children to appreciate all forms of bloom.

Our committee represents all 'villages' within the borough, including residential associations and business groups, and works in co-operation with the Borough Council. There are sometimes vacancies, so if you are interested in taking part please contact any of our members listed here.

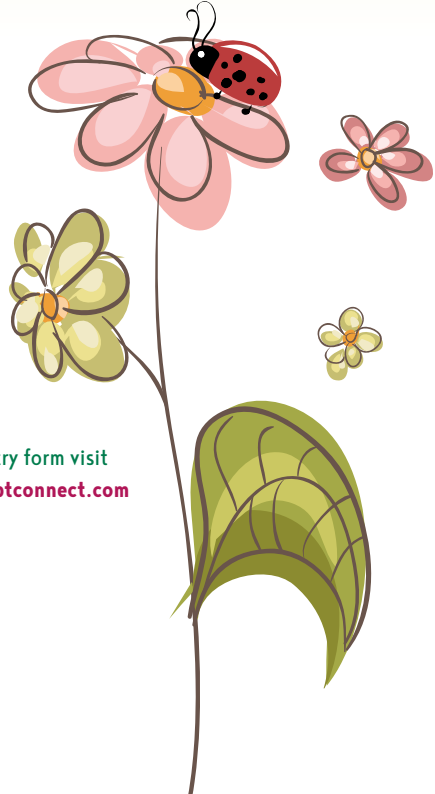
Richmond Borough in Bloom is an important component of the borough's participation in London in Bloom and its qualification for entry to Britain in Bloom and has been instrumental in it achieving prestigious awards at both levels in recent years.

COMMITTEE

Helen Abate, Hampton Hill	8979 7946
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For information about our activities or to download copies of this entry form visit
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ENTRY FORM

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

NAME OF VILLAGE

AREA REPRESENTED. If only part of the village please provide brief description and enclose outline plan

COMMUNITY OR BUSINESS GROUP

CO-ORDINATOR/REPRESENTATIVE

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

EMAIL

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

EVENING PHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

Last date for receipt of entries is Saturday 24 June 2017

Please complete and send this Entry Form to:

**RICHMOND BOROUGH IN BLOOM
c/o 7 STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD
TWICKENHAM TW1 4QB**

IMPORTANT DATES

21 February	Open for entry
24 June	Last date for receipt of entry
5-7 July	Judging period – village representative must be available to escort judges

If you would like further information on any point please contact:

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