

London in Bloom Marking Sheet 2017

Ham and Petersham

Overall Impact	Max Points	Actual Points
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Impact – overall impact of horticulture, environmental management & community participation	20	19
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SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement	Max Points	Actual Points
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Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting. -Example: Local Authority or publically owned sites	20	17
Green Spaces – verges, roundabouts, central reservations, parks, country parks and public open spaces	20	18
Residential and Community Gardening – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting. Example: residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks	20	18
Business Areas and Premises – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting. Example: retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.	20	16

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility	Max Points	Actual Points
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Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.

Local heritage –management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage	10	9
Conservation and biodiversity – wildlife areas, natural habitats	10	9
Pride of place – management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping	10	8
Resource management – recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment	10	8
Local environmental quality – management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.	10	9

SECTION C – Community Participation	Max Points	Actual Points
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Assessing year-round community participation

Funding and Support – initiatives to secure on-going support for the bloom campaign including local business support, support in kind, voluntary support etc.	10	9
Year-round involvement – schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity (primary evidence to be presented in the portfolio)	10	8

Community participation – community involvement in the “Bloom” initiative	10	8
Communication and education – community awareness and understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials	10	9
Development and continuity - Development and sustainability of the local bloom initiative and evidence of on-going projects	10	9

Maximum Points Available	200
Total Points Awarded	174
Award Nomination	Gold

Justification & Report

Firstly may I thank Rachel Lipscomb, Jo Chambers, and Geoff Bond, for showing me around extremely efficiently. The timing was spot on to the minute and the briefing notes sent to me prior to my visit were very comprehensive and informative. Secondly, if it were not for these three enthusiastic people persuading the various volunteer groups in the area to get together, and put forward all their individual aims in one formal presentation, this entry may never have occurred. We realise this is a great skill of persuasion. I very quickly got confused with HPA, HUG, HAG, FOHL PHS, and PCC being the shortened initials of the various groups reporting. But not to worry as they were well represented by my hosts. The sea scouts, girl guides, cricket club, tennis club, riding school, and polo club all get a mention and I apologise if I missed one out. Also along the route I met representatives from the various groups that make up this unique London village. Unique because until 20th Century very little development took place and then only small housing developments within the grounds of larger properties. One such development in the 1950s is the Parkleys Estate which has been grade 11 listed for its architectural design. Bordered by Richmond Park to the east, and the Thames to the west, with Richmond town to the north and Kingston Council to the south. The railway never continued beyond Richmond and an act of Parliament safeguarded much of the open land to preserve the view from Richmond Hill. So the rural character has been preserved to the present day. It is charming and a very much sought after area to live in. Our three hour tour included examples of every aspect of life far in excess of what one would expect of a village. Children from all six schools participate in some form of community garden work and are actively involved in conservation and environmental projects in their own schools. Grey Court School has been extremely successful and it was the first place we visited. A village green, an allotment, a playground and an historical house (Ham house in this instance) is probably to be expected; but an abundance of forests and meadows surrounding it less so. Having succeeded in getting the many groups together and consulting schools, businesses, and faith groups, the way forward in working with, and influencing Richmond Council on future plans for the village, will be that much easier. Public meetings that have been held (two of which were attended by 250 residents) show how active the committee of the Ham & Petersham Neighbourhood Forum has been. A planned referendum on the accumulation of the work in drawing up a plan for the future of the village, is to be held in 2018. Finding volunteers to carry tasks is always a challenge but raising finance appears to be no problem. This has been a most enjoyable entry to visit and I look forward to hearing about its exciting future.

Results

Level	Description	Points
	Certificate	0 - 77
	Bronze	78 - 108
	Silver	109 - 138
	Silver-Gilt	139 - 169
	Gold	170 - 200