

SETTLE

The enthusiasm and commitment shown by this well organised team shines through. It was good to meet so many of the volunteers and see how they have improved areas in the village. The number of projects currently being undertaken is now starting to develop into well established features and it was good to see the team are not trying to rush this entry but working at consolidating the current work before taking on the further projects already identified. This is a very good entry with a huge future potential.

SECTION A – FLORAL DISPLAYS

The judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The standard of the displays
2. The Royal Oak and businesses in the main square as well as the wildlife area in the church yard.
3. Settle Station, the Millennium Garden and the Cenotaph
4. The 50 volunteers signed up to „Cultivating Settle“

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Continue with the good work
2. Look to encouraging further businesses in the main square
3. Consider showing the judges the work you have completed at the entrance to the village on the roundabout
4. Continue with the excellent work at encouraging people from all sections of the community to become involved.

For future it may be worth considering varying the routes from spring to summer to enable you to cover other points of interest.

SECTION B – PERMANENT LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING SHRUBS

The judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The memorial garden and the work completed by the Settle Gardening Club has really enhanced this area making it somewhere where people come and sit.
2. The high standard of residential gardens and the use of perennial planting in the millennium garden
3. The encouragement of Settle Youth Council to become involved with the Youth Shelter

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Consider increasing the number of times the grass is cut.
2. Encourage businesses to use more permanent planting in their displays
3. Continue to encourage and support all your volunteers

SECTION C – CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING

The judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The wildlife stripe at the Millennium Garden and the wildlife area in the churchyard as well as the use of plants to encourage wildlife in the Memorial Garden
2. The water conservation at the poly tunnel and the recycling of grass cutting for compost

Areas suggested for future development:

1. It would have been good to have spent a little time at the church yard wildlife area. Consider an interpretation board describing the wildlife and plants in the Millennium Garden
2. Consider using mulch at the Memorial and Millennium Gardens.

SECTION D – LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The judges were particularly impressed by:

1. Considering the judges visited on Market day the village was very clean and tidy
2. The village litter pick

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Continue to encourage the high standards and consider using local youth groups to create a poster re keeping Settle tidy.
2. As has been stated previously, there is a huge community involvement, continue to encourage and support.

SECTION E – PUBLIC AWARENESS/PUBLICITY

The judges were particularly impressed by:

1. The power point display and the Cultivating Settle website
2. Good fundraising and local support

Areas suggested for future development:

1. Consider posters and plaques to advertise the work of the group
2. Continue with the good work at attracting funding