

'BEST OF YORKSHIRE'

Covid Resilience Awards 2021



YORKSHIRE

RHS Yorkshire in Bloom

recognise the enormous challenges the last 12 months have had and are continuing to have on all our lives and especially the “bloom community” and although we have taken the very hard decision in 2020 and again in 2021 to cancel the competitive element of entering your individual community, business, or neighbourhood, into the regional campaign, we felt we had to celebrate all your hard work in keeping our county blooming. So, we are launching our

“Best of Yorkshire”

awards to help congratulate you on your community’s resilience from the effects of the Covid pandemic.

Based around the three main pillars of Bloom, Horticulture, Environment and Community.

These awards are open to everyone to nominate to.

They are FREE to enter and if successful you will receive a certificate of achievement to display in your community. These new awards will be for one year only and will replace our normal campaign which we hope will return for 2022.



11 Categories to choose from

Horticulture

- “Yorkshire in Springtime” :- award, for the best spring displays seasonal or sustainable (March to May)
- “Yorkshire in Summertime” award, for the most impressive summer floral or sustainable displays June to September (can even be wildflower meadows)
- “By heck that’s good” award for the best floral feature, can be for the most traditional carpet bedded feature or themed garden display, examples could depict the heritage of the area, or perhaps a themed display thanking NHS workers with innovative planting with either sustainable or traditional bedding plants

Environment

- “On a wing and a prayer” award for the most impressive War memorial, cemetery or place of worship, large or small can be maintained for wildlife or immaculately manicured flower beds and lawns.
- “Kind to nature wildlife project” can be a small wildlife friendly garden or a well-managed nature reserve, village pond or riverbanks.
- “Saving the planet” award for good examples of resource management, recycling projects or tree planting initiatives.

Community

- “Clap for the Community” award to the volunteer or team of volunteers who have kept going through the pandemic and helped their community get through the past year (not necessarily florally could be doing things like organising food banks, looking after the elderly or keeping spirits up within their area)
- “Community Litter Heroes” awarded to the individual or group who throughout lockdown have continued to keep their community clean by regular socially distanced litter picks or clean ups.
- “Wheels of Fortune” award to celebrate local transport centres, could be anything from a floral bus stop to a heritage railway station and anything in between
- “Heart of the Community” award for businesses who have supported their community by whatever means, anything from delivering meals for the elderly to donating materials for making face masks or helping the NHS staff with discounts or free materials or just blooming up to lift peoples spirits and making us smile.
- ‘Young Bloomers’ includes any project or activity encompassing resilience of young people. Can include, youth groups, schools, or individuals.

Self-nomination

- ❖ Each community/entry can put forward up to **five** of their best examples (out of the eleven).
- ❖ Each submission should have written evidence of between fifty and a hundred words accompanied by three (no more) photos, (each photo limited to 2mb size)
- ❖ All entries must be submitted by September the 12th 2021.

All entries via website page

<https://www.yorkshireinbloom.co.uk/bestofyorkshire2021>



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