

From the Chairman...

Welcome to East Midlands in Bloom autumn/winter newsletter 2012, and I can confidently state that this year has been the best we have ever had in our history, in terms of participation and success. I always say that 'Bloom' is the most inspiring and effective community campaign, and this year has proved it in our region!

55 'main Bloom' entries, 124 It's Your Neighbourhood entries, 24 schools participating and an encouraging number of 'special' entrants has made it a great year - so well done all of you!

The future is about engagement with young people; please encourage your local schools not only to be involved in the school garden competition, but also to get involved in the art and digital photography competition. Don't forget that these competitions are also open to individuals and to other young peoples groups, not just schools

I am also extremely pleased that our established sponsors have continued to recognise the importance of East Midlands in Bloom by sticking with us, and that we have gained several new supporters; without our commercial partners the campaign is not viable.

EMiB had its best year ever in RHS Britain in Bloom in 2012, with 4 Gold Awards (Belper, Loughborough, Market Bosworth - who were also all winners of their categories - and Cleethorpes - who were our representatives in the Champion of Champions Category) and one Silver awarded in Guernsey in October. Also present were representatives from Friends of Chaddesden Park (Derby) who were our regional recipients of the IYN Certificate of Distinction this year. All present were delighted to receive their awards from a firm favourite - TV's Matt Baker.

Next year we hope that Market Harborough, Oakham, Cleethorpes and three new representatives - Caistor, Grimsby and The Meadows (Nottingham) - will be celebrating on behalf of themselves and our region in Cleethorpes on October 12th. We had a fabulous EMiB Awards Ceremony in Cleethorpes in 2009, and fully expect the representatives in the RHS Britain in Bloom finals next year to have a similarly wonderful time in the lovely Lincolnshire resort. Sticks of gold rock all round?!

To conclude, thanks to all our participants, judges, assessors and sponsors for their efforts in 2012 and I wish you all another excellent year. As always I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in 2013. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Jeff Bates,

Chairman, East Midlands in Bloom



2013 EMIB DIARY DATES

- Wed 6th Feb** Closing date for Seminar reply slips and AGM nominations
- Wed 20th Feb** **EMiB Seminar**
Loughborough Town Hall, Market Place, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3EB
- Wed 20th Feb** **AGM** Venue as above
- Tue 30th April** Closing date for 'In Bloom', 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and EMiB Special Award entries
- Fri 7th June** Closing date for EMiB Best School Garden Entries
- Fri 7th June** Closing date for Children's Art Competition and Digital Photography Competition
- Mon 1st – Fri 12th July** **EMiB Judging Period**
- Mon 1st – Wed 31st July** **EMiB It's Your Neighbourhood assessment period**
- Wed 11th Sept** **EMiB Awards Presentation**, Grosvenor Hotel, North Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2TE

2013 SEMINAR

20th February, Loughborough Town Hall

This is our major biennial event, and will feature the following keynote speakers:

Helen Bostock from the Royal Horticultural Society, on wildflowers; *Jill Hood* from Stone in Bloom, on running a community-based Bloom entry; *Andy Crofts* from Nottingham, on the importance of the cleanliness of the street scene and how to maintain it; *Andy Rush* from Loughborough on getting successful media engagement.

There will also be workshop sessions with experienced judges and entrants for each of the main categories of the campaign, and an update on the National Bloom developments, with new initiatives.

In addition there will be opportunities to meet with other 'Bloomers' and to talk to some of our important sponsors, who will bring with them some of the products that are so helpful in brightening up our communities.

The cost is £12 per person, to cover the cost of refreshments and a buffet lunch. To ensure your place(s), please return your completed reply slip (on page 9 of this newsletter, or download a form from our website: www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk) by **Wednesday February 6th** to EMiB Secretary Irene Bates (see address below).

AGM

This will start after completion of the Seminar at approximately 3.30 pm. Each Community that entered the EMiB Competition in 2012 is entitled to have *one* representative attend the AGM. Please also inform Irene Bates, if you are intend to attend.

Any nominations for the *executive committee* must be received by Irene Bates not less than 14 days before the AGM (i.e. before Wednesday 6th February 2013). Please write with your nomination/s to:

Irene Bates, East Midlands in Bloom Secretary
64 Chaddesden Park Road, Derby DE21 6HD

Email: info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk

Tel: 01332 679598

www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk

Left: Solid Gold! - EMiB winners at Guernsey on Oct. 6th

East Midlands in Bloom 2012

We welcome new entrants Boston, Burbage, Burgh le Marsh, Darley Dale, Daventry, Evington, Louth, Theddlethorpe and Woodhouse Eaves to the In Bloom competition this year. We are also very pleased to welcome the return of Melton Mowbray and Mansfield.

Sponsors

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support in 2012, particularly Amberol, Plantscape, The Art Department, Derby College, GeViews, DART Training, Naylors Bulbs, Barcham Trees, Brooks Mayfield, East Midlands Airport and GreenSpace. Thanks also to Springfields Horticultural Society, South Holland District Council and Newark Town Council for their support.

Entry Forms:

All entry forms are downloadable from our website. Remember that you can also enter any of our four Special Awards: Frank Constable Award for best Front Garden; Best School Garden; Best Pub/Hotel Garden and Best Retail/Commercial Premises.

All 2012 results and reports are there too.



Above: Best School Garden Winner 2012, Lisle Marsden Primary Academy, Grimsby

Children's Competitions

We encourage all our young budding artists to enter our Children's Art Competition and Digital Photography Competition in 2013. There is so much talent in our region, and we would love to show them off, here are just a few of the entries:



Left: 'Sunflowers' by Erin Connor (aged 11) Glapton Primary School, Nottingham



Left: 'Ladybird on Bellis' by Emily Cook (aged 12) George Spencer Academy, Nottingham

Below left: 'Forest Giant' by Manak Kainth (aged 16) Beauchamp College, Oadby

Below right: 'In the Garden' by Libby Fawcett (aged 5) Spire Infant School, Chesterfield



Britain in Bloom Key Dates 2013

31 January	Finalist's Seminar (Harrogate)/Finalist's Manual distributed
April	Britain in Bloom/It's Your Neighbourhood Launch Month - Press Launch
6-7 April	Group Activities
13-14 April	" Edible Britain in Bloom " planting herbs and other edibles
15-20 April	National Gardening Week
5 July	Finalists' portfolios due
29th July-9th August	BIB judging fortnight
12 October	Britain in Bloom Awards (Cleethorpes)
13 October	Judges Surgeries (Cleethorpes)
November	RHS Dig Together Day (date to be confirmed)
30 January 2014	Finalists' Seminar

Notable themes for 2013/14

- Edible Britain in Bloom
- (2014) Anniversary of first Britain in Bloom campaign

"Edible" launch event, April 2013

'Edible' will be the theme for 2013's Britain in Bloom launch and we hope that groups will plant edible gardens in public spaces to help celebrate the launch of their activities and the start of the planting year.

The RHS will be offering all Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood groups registered with **East Midlands in Bloom** in 2013 the chance to apply for a free seed pack containing a selection of herb and vegetable seeds for planting at their April launch event. Seeds are likely to include: chives, parsley, coriander, dill, garlic chives, sage, thyme, red frills mustard, edible flowers: nasturtiums and marigolds, radishes, carrots, fennel, spring onions, spinach.

The full details of how to apply for your free edible seed pack will be included in the January issue of Growing Communities magazine. In the meantime, please do consider where you might be able to plant your edibles and how you could incorporate the theme more widely across your activities for 2013.

Being a 'Blooming' Village

Barton in Fabis lies just six miles south of Nottingham, but as the lane to the village only leads here, few people have heard of our small rural settlement – until we entered East Midlands in Bloom! Susan Davies, lifelong resident and local Parish Councillor, was the lady who had the foresight to see how this competition could be a great way to further enhance Barton, whilst raising awareness about important issues such as biodiversity, local heritage and sustainable gardening. That was just 18 months ago and our first tentative entry in 2011 won a Silver Award, which inspired us with all sorts of ideas for 2012.

After digesting the judges' useful feedback, we decided to focus on the churchyard with a view to transforming it into a haven for wildlife. Three borders were dug and set with a variety of plants, specifically chosen to attract pollinating insects from April through to October. An area under trees was cleared of creeping ivy, and planted with native shade-loving species to replicate a mini woodland edge. In late spring, patches of grass which were left unmown suddenly came alive with wild flowers, providing excellent habitats for beneficial insects. Around the village, a farmyard entrance was improved with herb filled containers and another nectar-rich border for bees, whilst the bus shelter and village hall were decked out with colourful bedding plants. Imagine our surprise and delight at the Awards Ceremony when Barton won 'Best Small Village in the East Midlands' with a Silver Gilt Award along with the Most Improved Entrant and A Special Judges Award for the Conservation Work in the Churchyard!

Although Barton has always been a very active community, organising many events including a Fruit and Vegetable Show, and a Flower Festival where residents open their gardens to the public, the Bloom Campaign enables the community to be involved in horticultural based activities throughout the year. These range from collecting leaves for composting in autumn, planting trees and shrubs in winter, to mulching borders in spring. Our latest project centred around local children who spent a sunny Sunday afternoon in October constructing a 'Bug Hotel' in the churchyard. This was made from 100% recycled materials, many of which were generously donated by John A. Stephens, a large builder's merchant in Nottingham. After a short talk about the importance of insects, particularly pollinators, they tackled the job with great enthusiasm and were extremely proud of their achievement. Come spring they will all be back to survey the different types of guest who are checking in and out! One young boy recently asked us what a bulb was, so we invited him to the following week's bulb planting event. Rest assured he now knows what a bulb is!

Bartoners firmly believe Britain in Bloom is a marvellous concept – many of us used to think it was just about the best bedding displays in town parks, but now we know better! It is a wonderful way of taking ownership of your community, giving it a stronger sense of place and opening up opportunities for everyone to get involved. Above all it has made us look at the village through the eyes of an outsider, seize the opportunity to make improvements and engendered even greater pride in this delightful little place which we call home.

Angela Plowright, Barton in Fabis



Above: A 'Blooming' judging day in July



Bosworth in Bloom: RHS Britain in Bloom finalist

A little disappointed that we had lost our East Midlands Large Village title by a narrow margin this year, though greatly encouraged to have been judged worthy of a Gold award for our efforts in the rain, we travelled with open minds to St. Peter Port in Guernsey to join 400 other delegates attending the RHS Britain in Bloom 2012 awards ceremony.

We had started the season with some innovative ideas for floral displays to celebrate both the Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. In line with RHS guidelines on sustainability and minimizing environmental impact, we were planning our planting scheme around drought-tolerant varieties and looking forward to trying more Mediterranean-style permanent planting.

Just as hosepipe bans were being imposed, the heavens opened and we experienced the wettest summer on record. From planting-out at the end of May until East Midlands judging at the beginning of July, it rained ceaselessly, and our troughs and baskets had made so little growth they looked almost the same as when we put them out.

But a few days of bright weather before the national judging on 2nd August brought on the floral displays and they made a splendid show. The day itself was dry and sunny; people were out and about to talk to the judges. In fact, conditions could hardly have been better; the judges clearly enjoyed their visit and everything we had to show them.

And then the long wait for the results, whilst life went on in Bosworth and the Bloom volunteers kept the village neat and tidy and the summer flowers in immaculate order right into October.

In Guernsey on 6th October, Market Bosworth was one of 72 UK finalists. Of the six entrants in our Large Village category, four won Silver Gilt and we were proud to learn that Bosworth was one of two to have been awarded Gold.

We were even more delighted when Market Bosworth was declared winner of the Large Village category, and we received a superb glass trophy with our name engraved within it.

The judges' citation read: "Market Bosworth, in the heart of the Leicestershire countryside, has a thriving local community. The local Bloom campaign is playing a major role in this by attracting visitors and tourists to the area who in turn support local businesses. From the moment you arrive you cannot fail to be impressed by the sheer volume and quality of the floral displays. A good balance between the traditional floral displays and more permanent, sustainable planting schemes is being developed. Bosworth Country Park is a real asset for the local community with some excellent wildflower and conservation areas. The Bloom group are to be congratulated on producing an entry which combines excellent active community support and achieves very high horticultural standards. The pride in the village and commitment of all involved is first class."

To be recognized nationally as a centre of excellence is something in which we all take great pride, and I would like to think that this is official confirmation of what we already know: Bosworth is a great place to live and a place people want to visit.

Chris Hooker
Chairman, Bosworth in Bloom



The Meadows in Bloom

Despite what the name conjures up, The Meadows is fairly typical inner city area with a combination of C19th terrace housing and 1960's council housing. However, The Meadows does have a long history of growing things.

The most delightful example of this is the terraces in the Old Meadows. Here residents have used hanging baskets, planters, benches, garden ornaments and fruit trees to transform the old terraced streets into little oasis' of colour and relaxation.

The different streets and individual house holds have been entering Nottingham in Bloom – the competition organised by the City Council – for many years, with many of the streets proudly improving over time. Last year – 2011 – it was decided to take the big step and enter East Midlands in Bloom in the Urban Community Section. This needed a greater degree of co-ordination involving the local schools, community projects, the local authority, Meadows Partnership Trust and Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens. No great hardship and everyone was justly proud of the things going on in the Meadows.

There is a John Lennon song with the lines "... life is what happens when you're busy making other plans ...". Well that's how it felt for our first entry into East Midlands in Bloom. The Environment Agency started work of the flood defences turning the Meadows main attractions, Victoria Embankment and the Memorial Gardens into a building site for the year. Not the best way to plan for a judge's visit!

But it was decided to take the big jump and enter. It was worth it. The Meadows walked away with the trophy in 2011, so it was assumed that we would enter again, which we did. The Embankment flood defences had been completed and with new planting were starting to look really nice again. Perhaps even an improvement. 2012 would be a doddle compared with 2011.

There is a John Lennon song with the lines "... life is what happens when you're busy making other plans ...". Well that is how the second entry to East Midlands in Bloom felt. Work started on the extension to the tram, which cut a swathe right through the heart of the Meadows! Chopping down 40 plus trees, digging up Queens Walk, the loss of one of the best kept roundabouts and the local park had to be used for storing some of the trunks of the felled trees which are to be used for a carving project in the future. Not the best way to plan for the judge's visit. Does that sound familiar? But we went ahead.

It was worth it. The Meadows won for the second year and went from a Silver to a Silver Gilt! But the biggest honour came when The Meadows was asked to represent the East Midlands in next Years Britain in Bloom! This came as a great surprise and still there is a sense of disbelief around the area that this little corner of Nottingham has been given the opportunity lock horticultural horns with Urban Communities from around the UK. We have already started work to improve the project and trying to get more people involved than ever before.

It looks like being an unusually busy winter down in the Meadows, but as a line from a John Lennon song says ...



Guy Jones
Senior Community
Engagement Officer
Meadows Partnership Trust



2012 - Loughborough's golden double year!

To be considered the best small city in Britain at its first attempt was an amazing and flattering honour for Loughborough that had only started on its Bloom journey in 2009.

A Silver Gilt award in East Midlands In Bloom 2009 turned to Gold in 2010. In 2011 Gold and the small city category win came. 2012 repeated the success of the year before and this was reward enough so it seemed, but this was capped thanks to a simple text message from Guernsey that Saturday evening in October.

2012 proved a pivotal year for Loughborough in many ways. The Bloom Board had to reinvent its management approach when our long time coordinator, Rob Cockburn, stepped down.

Drawing on the excellent partnership that existed between the Borough and County Councils, the town's business sector, Loughborough University and the plethora of 'It's Your Neighbourhood' community groups, the Board worked collaboratively and tirelessly to put together not only an entry for East Midlands but also for the rigour of the national judging round.

Both judging days, in July and August, came and went, rare rain-free nice days in such a lousy summer! All went well from the town's point of view and there was a general positive feeling that the judges had enjoyed the days and the arrangements had all worked pretty much as planned (we did do several dry runs to get it right!).

Then followed the East Midlands presentation ceremony in Spalding. In contrast to the judging days, the heavens opened, but it could not dampen the spirits of the assembled communities from across the region which massed in the exhibition hall.

First surprise of that day came with the Horticultural Excellence Award for Queen's Park in Loughborough.

Regarded as the green gem of the town, locals are rightly proud of the park which, this year, hosted the innovative legs of the 'sync or swim' sculpture designed by Loughborough University students as well as themed 2012 Games flower beds. The award for the small city category soon followed and to scoop the gold and the category for the second year running was greeted with great surprise and excitement by all concerned.

So to Guernsey and the national awards. The Board's deputy chair, Mike Jones and his wife, Marj, made the long trip to the Channel Islands optimistic that they could return with a silver award. So imagine the immense pride and shock when Loughborough was awarded the gold and overall best small city category winner. For the judges to comment that it was *"a true community entry which encompasses all that is best about Bloom"* was very welcomed and humbling.

The enforced rest from the national competition in 2013 will give Loughborough a chance to consolidate and build further on its success so far. We will continue to grow our IYN communities (currently at 23), work with our artistic colleagues at the University to develop new and exciting designs in Queen's Park, continue to increase our wild-flower meadows, work with partners to improve key new road junctions and embrace the 'Edible Britain' theme with some tasty ideas and projects!

Chris Common
Green Spaces Development Officer
Charnwood Borough Council



Top two:
Loughborough's
award winning
Queen's Park

Above: Harry
Cook's 'gold'
garden

Left: One of
Harry's themed
floral sculptures

Grimsby in Bloom

To be asked to represent East Midlands in Bloom in the Britain in Bloom competition – this came as such a big surprise to us, but we do all feel it is such an honour for us, and has given us extra pride in our area.

The Grimsby in Bloom committee members were all like children at Christmas when we received the email asking us; what a great feeling of excitement! Then we came back down to earth with a bump, and starting thinking it through with great care and attention. We discussed what a huge impact this would have on us as a committee; can we cope with the extra pressure? Can we deliver to the high standard that is needed? Why did they choose us? All these things were asked and we decided YES we can do this, and we will do everything that is possible to make Grimsby proud and East Midlands proud and do our best to bring Gold back for the region.

We must have done something right to gain a Gold award in the East Midlands competition and this was enough for the East Midlands to choose us to represent them. We are already planning how many improvements can be made to our route, how to work with existing and potential new areas; always exciting with plans afoot; and how we get more people involved, to take part or volunteer with work projects planned. We have discussed the judges' recommendations, we learn from them and how we can implement them for next year.

2013 is going to be a busy year for us all, but we are up for the challenge and will put 110% into everything we undertake. Planning is everything, fund raising is the key to provide us with the impetus to go on and improve areas, begin new ones for the benefit of all; we accept the challenge and look forward to delivering old and new areas to be judged, bringing colour and vibrancy into neglected areas, and enhancing neighbourhoods for the benefit of those living in and passing through the places that we bring to life.

Elaine Atkinson
Chair, Grimsby in Bloom



Blooming Marvellous Belper

They say things come in three's and it certainly has this year Belper received Gold Award and won the Large Town category in the RHS Regional and Britain in Bloom National Finals. The town was also nominated and won the Best High Street in Britain in the Daily Mirror awards.

The 'In Bloom Committee' started planning early and decided to have patriotic theme inline with the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The Union Flag in the Memorial Gardens on the High Street in the town centre was a real show stopper. We were really surprised and delighted to receive fantastic comments from visitors who had travelled miles to see the stunning floral displays in Belper.

Taking part in RHS Britain in Bloom has been a fantastic experience for all of us and credit must be given to the staff, volunteers and local businesses for all the effort put into making our town a more beautiful, greener and cleaner place to live. Being nominated for the finals was a fantastic honour and to win our section was unbelievable. Chairman of the In Bloom committee Councillor John Nelson personally thanked all the members of the community groups 'without them we could not have achieved the tremendous results'.

I can say that on behalf of the Council we are absolutely thrilled it means so much to everybody it is a truly wonderful reward for all our hard work. It has lifted the spirits of the whole town and will drive us to achieve even more next year. I am really proud of everyone who has taken part - it really is a dream come true and we hope that even more people come to our town now to wander through Wyver Lane Nature Reserve, Belper Parks, Belper River Gardens, Belper Memorial Gardens or just to marvel at the hanging baskets, tubs and bedding displays. Britain in Bloom isn't about winning, it's simply about people coming together to make their home a better place to live.

Roz Bullimore
Belper Town Clerk



New Entrants Workshop 2012

On a cold grey bustling market day in Newark on 15th February, delegates were warmly welcomed by the Mayor of Newark in the opulent Town Hall Ballroom and Bloom and IYN entrants and other interested delegates were treated to an interesting selection of talks and mini guided judging tours around the local area which later led to discussion and informative question and answer sessions.

A superb buffet lunch rounded off the event, and afterwards many of us took advantage of retail therapy in the market place and/or the superb butchers shop in the square - highly recommended by the Chairman and Secretary!

Next year will be our Biennial Seminar and will be held in Loughborough's Town Hall on Wednesday, February 20th. Please do get those reply slips in as soon as possible.



Awards Presentation 2012

Around 350 delegates attended the EMIb Awards Presentation at the Springfields Events and Conference Centre, Camelgate, Spalding, Lincolnshire on 12th September. It was our largest turnout yet and we were delighted to see so many guests and representatives from nearly all Bloom groups and quite a few local It's Your Neighbourhood groups too.

The Springfields Horticultural Society, headed by David Norton together with South Holland District Council pulled out all the stops to be as helpful and inviting as possible with bulb packs donated by Taylors Bulbs to entrants in addition to the ones the IYN Entrants received which were donated by our sponsor, Naylor's Bulbs. The tables were decorated with lovely flowers and all our guests enjoyed a splendid hot meal which was followed by a tour of the Springfields Gardens.

We were particularly pleased to see many Children's Art and Digital Photography winners travelling such long distances to be there. Fortunately the rain held off until the end of the event! Many thanks go out to the whole team for their support!

Next year it will be a sunny trip to the seaside, so brace yourselves - it will be at Skegness!



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Well, what a year it has been, the Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Torch relay, the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games quite a year for celebrations. The wonderful thing is that they all went like a dream and we all feel proud again to be British even if it is the wettest year on record since 1912.

It is quite amazing how enthusiasm is contagious. To see athletes who have put the work in day after day, year after year come out on top and walk away with a medal seems to put the world in the right sort of perspective to me. People who work hard deserve success but it isn't just the hard work it's the passion and desire to keep on going until you have won that makes the champions, the inner desire not to be beaten.

You "in bloomers" come into this category, I am sure that most of you have had a very difficult gardening season to deal with. I am equally sure that the displays throughout the country have been magnificent as usual, despite the public sector cut backs and the reliance on more and more volunteers. We at Amberol would like to thank you all for your excellent efforts in keeping your villages, towns and cities attractive and exciting places to visit.

We are all particularly delighted by Belper's triumph in the national finals by becoming the winner of the best large town category after beating some very stiff opposition especially Truro, Rhyl and Dumfries.

Belper was the birthplace of Amberol over 40 years ago when a certain Phillip Atkinson and Jack Williamson decided to go into business together and improve on the conventional wire hanging basket which they felt needed to be watered at least twice a day to keep it alive and create a good display. Water shortages were being forecast as the population was increasing rapidly and most of the water poured onto a wire basket finished up on the floor anyway.

They set about making a hanging basket with a reservoir in it and then developed a wicking and matting system to transport the water from the reservoir to the soil. This was tested and proved to give exceptional results by just topping up the reservoir twice a week. The next trick was to sell it but fortunately some enlightened horticulturists in Nottingham, Buxton and Birmingham could see the benefits and cost savings of such a system and so the Amberol range of self-watering Planters and Baskets was born and we are proud to think we helped Belper in some small way to achieve its title.

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2013 East Midlands in Bloom SEMINAR

To be held at Loughborough Town Hall, Market Place, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3EB on Wednesday 20th February. Registration from 10.00 am for 10.30 am start.

To reserve your place/s please complete and return this form NO LATER THAN **Wednesday 6th February**

Send to: *Irene Bates, EMIB Secretary, 64 Chaddesden Park Road, Derby DE21 6HD*

or by e-mail to: info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk

I wish to reserve: places @ £12 per person

Name/s of delegate/s: (please include any work roles)

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Please continue on reverse of slip if more places are required

Representing (name of entry, LA or community group)

Contact Address

e-mail address: Telephone:

I enclose a cheque (made payable to East Midlands in Bloom) for £

Signed Date



Car Parking at Loughborough

Loughborough has several car parks near to the Town Hall, the closest being Sital House (disabled car parking spaces available), and the next closest long stay car park is the Beehive Lane multi-storey where it is £4.90 for 5 hours (£6 maximum stay). The following are useful links for directions and parking:

Loughborough Town Hall: <http://www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/visit>

Beehive Lane multi-storey: <http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/beehivelanemultistorey>

I have found the following website to be extremely useful; it shows all the car parks at a glance, and their charges:
http://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/carpark/sital_house/le11/loughborough/

You are welcome to send in all entry forms as early as you like - please don't wait until April!
Looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you in February.

With Best Seasonal Wishes to you All
and for a
Blooming Good 2013!