



East Midlands in Bloom

Spring 2018

Chair's Introduction

Welcome from Sharon Sutton the new Chairman of East Midlands in Bloom: I've been involved with East Midlands in Bloom since 2003, I have met so many wonderful people over the years who have inspired me to become more involved so here I am ready to lead a fresh team of dedicated volunteers to ensure your experience of East Midlands in Bloom is an enjoyable one.

If you're a new 'Bloomer' we hope that you will enjoy your first experience of in Bloom, and that this will be the beginning of a long and happy time with us, our many long-standing entrants find the Bloom to be a rewarding experience, and many, go on to represent our Region in the national RHS Britain in Bloom campaign, this year we are being represented by Elmton, Draycott, Immingham, Northampton, Evington and Market Bosworth. Our National RHS Britain in Bloom entrants will, we hope, have a great year; your judges will give you some immediate feedback after your EMiB judging, which you can use to 'tweak' your route or presentation to get the most from your day with the RHS judges in August.



Bloom Entries and Judges

We have received all the entries and all the judges have been assigned, so we are now looking forward to a long warm fun-filled summer of blooms and community spirit, judging takes place as usual in the first two weeks of July starting on 2nd and concluding on Friday 13th - lucky for some!

Don't forget to put the Awards Presentation in your diaries which will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at Newark Showground. It's Your Neighbourhood presentations are organised locally and usually take place in November each year, look out for updates.





Britain in Bloom on BBC2

Did you manage to catch any of the recent Britain in Bloom programmes on BBC2?

What a fabulous reflection of all the hard work and great fun that occurs as part of the In Bloom campaign and a really good focus on some of our fabulous groups, judges and communities!

Based on the success of this one, another series is being produced and entrants have already been selected from 15 different communities across the UK.



Organisation

Following the retirement of chairman Jeff Bates and secretary Irene Bates and recognising the huge amount of extra work they did, the management committee have decided to further split down the many and varied tasks that are involved in running EMiB. These changes have been recognised in the constitution that was adopted at this year's AGM. The management committee are:

Chairman: Sharon Sutton

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Treasurer: Simon Lucas

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Vice Chair: Dave Bramwell

Promotion: Helen Mitchem

Lead Judge: Richard Stephen

The aforementioned constitution also recognises that whilst the management committee are charged with the day to day operation of EMiB, the main decision meeting body is the General Committee and that the voting participants of the committee are our members i.e. you! Each bloom group can send one voting representative to the General Committee meeting to join judges and I.Y.N assessors in making decisions on how EMiB moves forward. Our next General Committee meeting is on 13th June, 10am at Long Eaton Town Hall we hope you can join us. An agenda will be distributed nearer the time.

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