

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

22nd January 2024 Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Cllr: D Brown, R Chadwick, G Williams, H Seddon, S Mead
Volunteers: P Pinto, B Edwards, M Gartside, S Conway,
Officers: R Burgess

- **Apologies for Absence:** None where received

- **Declarations of Interest:**

David Brown- Cheshire East
Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG
Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership, FoCG, Astbury Mere Trust
Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, Astbury Mere Trust
Sue Conway – FoCP, FoCG
Heather Seddon- CEC
Russell Chadwick -CEC

- Judges Feedback report

See appendix A – for full report,
Total Score 96/100 Overall medal Award Gold,
Score broken down :
Horticulture 38.5 / 40
Environment 28.5/30
Community 29/30

Opening sentence on report feedback “ Jewel to Northwest Crown “

- Update from North West In Bloom

- a. Entry fee remaining the same
- b. Theme – Friendship and bringing people together
- c. Finalist put forward from NW to RHS Finals – Chippenham In Bloom, Hesham, Ainsdale, Altrincham, Spotland and Falinge,
- d. Bolton Stadium for 2024 awards days
- e. Urban Show 18-21 April Tatton Show 17-21 July
- f. IYN Scrapbooks for the judges as memoir
- g. Looking into a new school category with Ann Gunning
- h. Looking into options of vouchers scheme or further initiative for 5 years at level 5
- i. 5 x IYN groups across each region to be put forward for further recognition

- AOB

- Celebration events for the 60 years of RHS date to be set for event Garden Festival in Congleton Park suggested date of individual event on 30th June or joint event on 27th May 12-5pm
- Posters to be put in all shops re- celebrating 60 years RHS
- Organised trail around the different IYN groups for national gardening week April 29th – May 5th
- Bed by play area park gate to be dedicated to RHS 60 years

- Tesco Express Roundabout and Fire station planters – dedicated to 60 years
- St Stephens Entrance to bowling green bridge to be wild flowered
- Part of the regeneration working group via Cllr Chadwick to report any broken street furniture and public realm issues as they are looking into repairs
- Town Tidys: 10am – 12pm
 - 2nd March – Community Garden
 - 6th April – New life Church
 - 4th May – Congleton Park
- New bees sign as part of a trail to be added to the park leading the Just Bee Garden – Action by PP

Next meeting : will be on a Friday suggested date 23rd February 9.30am – 11am TBC