

Horsforth in Bloom Newsletter



AGM – 11th September

Horsforth in Bloom held its first official AGM on the 11th September. As well as an official constitution HIB now has a new Chairman, a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. Two new members also came along and joined the group, but the door is still wide open if you would like to get involved. There are two levels of membership. As a full member you can get involved on a regular basis, helping choose the projects that are adopted and/or getting your green fingers dirty. Alternatively you could just become an associate member and receive copies of the newsletter and be kept up-to-date about important events and meetings. Both levels of membership are free, so what have you got to lose?

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A letter from our new Chairman

"As new Chairman of Horsforth in Bloom I would like to say thank you to the people of Horsforth for supporting our entry and really getting behind this years event. Through pulling together as a community we have made great strides and significantly improved the level of our entry.

Through your hard work I am pleased to announce that Horsforth has received the following awards this year.

Yorkshire in Bloom

Horsforth received a Bronze Award and was the overall winner in its category

Silver Award for Places of Worship: Central Methodist Church

Silver Award for Higher Education Facility: Trinity & All Saints University

Bio-Diversity Award: Westbrook Lane School

Leeds in Bloom

Silver Award: Old Ball Pub

Silver Award: Town Street Tavern

Bronze Award: Turner and Townsend of Low Hall

Horsforth Town Council

Award for best decorated Pub: The Bridge Inn

Award for best decorated Restaurant: The Café Marientee

From litter picking to tidying the garden every little bit of effort helps and I look forward to next year's entry with great excitement and high expectations. Together as a community let's make Horsforth a blooming great place to live and do business.

Horsforth in Bloom would also like to thank outgoing Chairman David Read for his hard work and efforts in helping to establish our Yorkshire in Bloom entry and for leading the Committee these past few years. I am pleased to announce that he has agreed to stay with us and I'm sure his experience will be invaluable through out the coming years.

If you would like to become involved then please attend our next meeting at The Stables, behind the Horsforth Museum, on Saturday 4th November at 10:00am.

Anthony Hey"

The Civic Society

Horsforth Civic Society has been enthusiastic partner of Horsforth in Bloom from the very start but can be credited for a lot of 'horticultural' changes to Horsforth long before Yorkshire in Bloom was conceived.

The Civic Society was founded thirty years ago by young enthusiastic volunteers, who, under professional guidance, transformed a neglected graveyard at the bottom of Town Street into an attractive area where they have planted a number of trees and many bulbs here over the years.

The Society has now also “adopted” the corner adjacent to the Green facing onto Fink Hill. They have already installed a Conservation Area standard cast iron planter, choosing to go for quality rather than skimp on the budget. This autumn the Society has begun to dig even deeper and are now employing a master craftsman to build a raised stone walled garden alongside the stone retaining wall of the Green. The plan is to brighten this high profile site with carefully selected evergreen shrubs and colourful annuals that will brighten this corner for generations to come.

The people of Horsforth owe the Civic Society a lot for all of their efforts of the years. If you would like to join the Civic Society or make a contribution to their projects please contact Bob Shallcroft, email shallcroft@tiscali.co.uk or write to Bob via The Museum, The Green, Horsforth, LS18 4RH



The construction of the small stone walled garden is already well under way.

Westbrook Lane Primary School



The children at Westbrook Lane School have planted vegetables as well as flowers in their front garden

Westbrook Lane Primary School wooed the judges during the judge’s summer tour of Horsforth. The school has, for a long time now, been keen to get the children out of the classroom and appreciating their environment and surroundings. The judges were very impressed at how much the children had contributed to planting and caring for the flowers and vegetables around the school play ground. They were also very impressed by how much the PTA had been able to raise and the improvements that the PTA had made to the school play ground and playing field.

The school is very fortunate to be sandwiched between the playing fields of Trinity and All Saints College, Hunger Hills and St Georges Field but it is a credit to the teachers and staff at Westbrook Lane School that they have taken advantage of their location and are encouraging a generation of children to appreciate the animals, creatures and plants that are all around them.

Adopt-a-Spot

Do you live near a small ‘green’ area that sometimes needs a little attention? I think we have all, on occasion, noticed areas where the flowers need deadheading, or where the weeds are beginning to spring up, or there are a few pieces of litter. But we have ignored them thinking ‘its someone else’s job’, or ‘someone might not appreciate it I interfere’. If you do live near a hanging basket or a small piece of grass that you would like to help us take care of, please get in touch with us. We can officially register your interest in the area with the appropriate authority and even help financially with improvements to the area if they aren’t too ambitious.

Some Southway residents recently asked if we could help replace a vandalised tree that was on a small patch of grass at a road junction. After a few emails from us to LCC we now have a promise from the Forestry Department that they will do all of the work and replace the tree for us, we now just need to raise a few pounds to buy the tree.

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