



## **Your Bosworth - Your Bloom We're in it to win it!**

### **Bosworth in Bloom 2009**

It's that time of year when spring has sprung and the horticultural side of Bosworth in Bloom starts gathering pace. The baskets are counted, the troughs brought out of hibernation, the colour scheme finalised and the plants ordered!

The "Bloom" competition is the largest horticultural event in Europe and we've had more than our fair share of success. Regularly winning our category and being awarded gold medals are praise indeed and a true reflection of the hard work and effort put in over the years.

But did you know that "Bloom" is far more than a flower competition alone?

Over recent years the competition organisers have shifted their focus from flowers alone to capture the overall well being and pride felt, and on display, within the communities that enter – good old fashioned community spirit! At the same time we must be constantly aware of our environmental responsibilities - something that we all face and has never been more important than it is now.

We are very fortunate here in Bosworth in having an active Parish council, successful local businesses, well attended churches, good schools, fun seasonal events and many community groups that not only bring people into Bosworth, but bring our community together - making Bosworth a desirable place in which to live and be proud of!

But whilst we are fortunate that we have most of our boxes ticked, we will always welcome any help and assistance anyone can give us! You really don't need to be green fingered to get involved with Bloom, yes, there's planting day, dead heading, watering, weeding – but there's also fundraising, public relations, marketing, information gathering, litter picking, the list goes on....

Every year, Bloom produces the Bosworth in Bloom portfolio to support our Bloom competition entry. It's a "capture all" diary that is given to the judges just before judging day - to show them all the fantastic things that go on within our community – and what they can't see when they come and see us for a few hours in July!

Our portfolio is representative of our whole community, capturing what happens in Bosworth year round in relation to care for the environmental, sustainability and recycling, education, community pride – and last but not least, the flowers!. Information is key and sometimes quite hard to come by, so if you litter pick the verges, tidy up an area near you, cut the neighbours lawn, plant bulbs etc for the benefit of others or the whole community, please capture the moment and share it with us! Any input that you can give would be really welcome.

Did you know we also have our "Young bloomers" group for the under 18's? Our "Young bloomers" look after their own areas of planting, raise awareness within their peer group about respecting the environment and being proud of where we live and most importantly - have fun!

If you would like to get involved, share information, raise a point, make suggestions or ask questions we usually hold our Bloom committee meetings on the first Saturday of every month at 10:10 in the Red Lion. Alternatively you can contact us by e-mail to [bosworthinbloom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bosworthinbloom@yahoo.co.uk).

Please look out for latest updates on Bloom activity (confirmed meetings /judging dates etc) on the parish notice board (adjacent to the newsagents) or on-line through our parish council website page <http://marketbosworth.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/bosworthinbloom.html>

Remember, it's your Bosworth, your Bloom & we're in it to win it!

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