

## A Great Result from Yorkshire in Bloom – Gold and joint Best in Category

Hutton Cranswick has again received a Gold Rose Award in the Yorkshire in Bloom Campaign. This year, the village has also received a joint Best in Category Award along with Barwick in Elmet. These two villages gained the most marks of the eight entries in the Large Village section. Of Hutton Cranswick, the judges said, 'As soon as you enter it is evident that the community has real pride in its village and that people work extremely hard to maintain all aspects of "In Bloom" that we see in such a good entry. ... The area around St Peter's Church and Hutton Green had a lot of interest with lovely trees, wild flower borders, planters and, of course, Crawford the Crane looking splendid.'

Six representatives of Hutton Cranswick in Bloom attended the prestigious Awards Ceremony at York Racecourse on Tuesday 8 September. Roger Burnett, of Scarborough, was, once again Master of Ceremonies aided and abetted by Martin Walker. The presentations were made by Helen Bainbridge from North Yorkshire. Helen has won many gold medals for her own exhibits over the years and in 2015 was awarded The Harlow Carr Medal for her significant contributions to horticulture in the North of England. In her opening remarks to the 375 delegates present, Helen stressed the importance of In Bloom and community groups working together and passing on knowledge and expertise.



The Hutton Cranswick members present were privileged to share a table with Councillor Peter Turner, Chairman of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Peter congratulated the group on the achievements of Hutton Cranswick in Bloom.

Here Councillor Peter Turner and Village in Bloom Coordinator, Gina Simpson, show the two awards gained by Hutton Cranswick.

However, these were not the only awards coming back to the village. Congratulations must go to the four special category entries: Southlands Residential Home (Public, Private & Charitable Establishments); James White High Class Family Butcher and Paul Harrison Cars (Small Business

Premises); Hutton Cranswick Playgroup (Harrogate Flower Show Young People's Award), all of whom gained a Silver Gilt Award. The judges' comments were very complimentary. Village in Bloom appreciates the support of all concerned - having a variety of establishments to visit added interest to the judging tour and enhanced the great sense of community in Hutton Cranswick.

ViB wishes to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who helped towards these rewarding achievements. Before completing an entry for 2016, ViB is, however, urgently in need of more active supporters to maintain the standard of projects developed over the past 21 years. During the coming weeks ViB will be running a 'recruitment



Yvonne, Lynn, Gina, Sandy, Sonia and Margaret display the awards

campaign' to encourage volunteers to help with displays, maintain containers, paint street furniture or write publicity material. Contact for the group - Village in Bloom Coordinator, Gina Simpson:

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