



YORKSHIRE

## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Commercial Entry Supporting the Community Award

Awarded To  
**Malton in Bloom**

### Judges Citation

Malton in Bloom is new to entering YiB, but has managed to demonstrate the benefit of bloom to the business community. We were taken to small yard areas (next to paths) where garden areas had been created. This was in a number of areas and the tenants were full of praise for the bloom group and the effect it has had. The best example is that of hanging baskets where the bloom group supplies and funds 30 in total - there area over 220 baskets on display all be it 100 of these have been provided by one Property Company. However at a smaller scale supporting material had been loaned to the flower club of their display from an agricultural machinery firm.





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### Conservation Project Award

Awarded To

**Carlton Marsh Nature Reserve**

### Judges Citation

To an untrained eye Carleton Marsh Nature Reserve looks like a piece of beautiful natural countryside which has always been in existence. No one would know this beautiful area once had a railway line and goods yard running through it and the site is adjacent to one of the largest scrap yards in the country. The site has been carefully managed and improved by the local authority, local agencies and a very active volunteer group who through their hard work and attention to detail for nearly half a century. The scrap yard is screened by a belt of trees and the railway bed is now the main footpath giving magnificent views of the newly improved scrape or shallow pond which has been made to attract wildfowl and wading birds which can be seen clearly from the specially constructed hide. At the side of parts of the old railway track in open areas grow rare wildflowers which were a joy to see. The volunteers maintain a mesh to prevent unwanted items washing into the reserve which is vital to prevent pollution. It is good to see all the different groups of volunteers and experts working together to maintain this wonderful habitat. Much work is being done to clear encroaching reeds and scrub in the wetland area. Detailed record keeping dates to the 1970's and is kept up to date which helps to predict the increase or decline of different species of wildlife. Well done to everyone concerned.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Conservation Project Award

Awarded To  
**Crystal Peaks Shopping Mall and Retail Park**

### Judges Citation

Crystal Peaks Shopping Mall and Retail Park is situated in over 40 acres to the South East of Sheffield. The staff team go to great lengths to encourage wildlife onto the site and into the surrounding areas and to this end work closely with wildlife groups, volunteers and others to support the work they do. Across the site in various locations can be found bird boxes, hedgehog boxes and bird feeders. Swift boxes were installed under the eaves of the building and after a lack of success in getting occupants, a local ornithologist advised playing recordings of the bird's call over a loudspeaker. This year all boxes have been utilised! In different areas of the site are a stumpery, wildflower garden to which bee orchids have successfully been transplanted from other parts of the site, and a 'meadow'. Running adjacent to the site is the Ochre Dyke a water course. In conjunction with the River Stewardship Company, Crystal Peaks advertise monthly volunteer days and provide volunteers from the retail community with the aim of improving the environment and enhancing biodiversity. In partnership with the local council, butterfly and bat walks are held around the site. An app has been developed for shopping centre staff informing them of all that is going on and allowing them to take part in activities. Wildlife surveys are carried out on the site and the information linked to the local Biodiversity Plan.

There is no doubt that the staff team at Crystal Peaks take their responsibilities seriously and are committed to the improvement of the environment around the shopping centre and retail park, taking it to a level that is way beyond the line of duty.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Supporting Tourism Award

Awarded To  
**Keighley Worth Valley Railway**

### Judges Citation

This year sees the railway celebrate 50 years since it was taken over by the Trust. Each station has a volunteer gardening team to ensure all areas are tidy, plus they plant floral displays to support the station layouts that reflect the 1950's. The KWVR provide hanging baskets at each station but volunteers from the 600 plus supporters carry out maintenance. They are introducing wildflower areas, nature areas and have erected bird and bat boxes.

A regular steam train service is operated and things like the engine and carriage sheds are open for visitors. Work also takes place with local schools.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Small Community Award

Awarded To  
**Hutton Cranswick in Bloom**

### Judges Citation

Over the years the accolades for this village entry have been mounting, culminating in their Gold Award in the national competition in 2017. We are all aware that it's the endeavour of individuals forming the in bloom volunteer groups that bring success to the whole. For sheer persistence and delivering at a consistent high standard and promoting the YIB ethos the group deserve this recognition. To get 8 entries in a village of just over 2000 population, speaks volumes about how the group have impacted on the community in a positive way.

Champagne all round please.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Small Community Award

Awarded To  
**Harthill with Woodall**

### Judges Citation

This tight knit community are fully behind In Bloom, all elements across the two villages are working to create and sustain a village to be proud of.

There are lots of group for all ages, to participate in village life and support in bloom in various ways. Local school children are actively encouraged to get involved with traditional skills such as the well dressing events each year. They have helped with environmental projects such as wildflower meadow, making bird boxes, and learning about gardening and growing in their own school garden, supported by staff and In Bloom members.

Regular village events bring the whole community together, the annual gala, open gardens, village show, plus others across the year to support fund raising for In Bloom and other causes within the village.

The “Work bench” scheme to create a space to encourage older members of the community to get together to support one another and exchange skills such as carpentry, creating items for sale and home use, at low cost, again the In Bloom team are tapping into this new resource.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Best New Entry Award

Awarded To  
**Original Richmond in Bloom**

### Judges Citation

Formed just ten months before judging, with the aim of using 'In Bloom' as a catalyst to bring the community together. Richmond have demonstrated how a town of this size can pull together to improve and enhance its environment for the benefit for all. They have managed to cement differing community groups together, identify what action is needed and executed this in a way to secure ongoing, continuation of its activities.

With the title 'Original Richmond in Bloom' the group have done much work in such a short time, including:- The Old Mill Orchard - renovating the site, to allow public access, securing sponsorship and installing new seating. The Gas Holder Garden – an amazing transformation of a neglected site, Millgate resident's demonstrating community neighbourhood collaboration, by pulling together to enhance the streets. Volunteers creating and maintaining three large wildflower meadows around town and partnership working with a social enterprise group 'Just the Job' in assisting with work, from watering the lamppost and hanging baskets to making all new wooden planters at all entrance roads to the town. The groups encouragement into bringing together the business and commercial elements of the town resulted in a further five YIB entries. Well Done!







## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Best New Entry Award

Awarded To  
**Team Green Moor**

### Judges Citation

This is an outstanding new entry. The community is small and it seems as if everyone is involved and supportive. They have all worked extremely hard to make their village such a special place both for their community and for any visitors. Special attention has been made to enhance the natural landscape and the heritage both agricultural and geological with good signage and information. There were many very good examples of caring for wild life and they have opened up areas for different groups of people to enjoy. Horticultural practice was excellent with a good variety of appropriate sustainable and annual planting, much of which they had grown themselves. Fund raising was well managed with some innovative idea. This very capable knowledgeable team work well together and with others when required.







## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Best Supported Learning Project Award

Awarded To  
**Highfield School Ossett**

### Judges Citation

Ossett in Bloom have developed working links with five schools, one of which Highfields provides supported learning, which in part is delivered via a large garden, commercial size tunnel and the planting of a wide variety of fruit trees. The school grew over 500 bedding plants for the town centre (bloom Team) and have become very much part of the bloom world in Ossett.

At the school vegetables are grown to a high standard with produce being sold to raise funds for the garden. A bed of Teasels have attracted a lot of insects and bees these have been photographed and will form part of the pupils work in identifying them. Horticulture is a main part of the school and carried out to a very high standard.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Best Supported Learning Project Award

Awarded To  
**Just The Job, Richmond**

### Judges Citation

What better way to empower adults with disabilities and achieve their potential than become part of Just The Job Environmental Enterprise Ltd. A dedicated and enthusiastic team (of 20 members and 7 staff) who work all year round nurturing individuals of Richmondshire, (who have mental and learning disabilities) by developing a sense of worth and personal development by giving access through work based skills. I was very impressed with the work done in the Community Orchard in using the site to engage the users with the environment, as well as the work based skills developed in the poly-tunnel, sales area and plant nursery. I commend the team for the work they do within the community. One off gardening projects, regular maintenance contracts, assistance with Richmond in Bloom, and the collaboration with many other local groups show the extent to how the group engage with their community. Great life skills learned by the members who were happy to share with us the knowledge and skills they have gained, and demonstrate the work they do with the craft items from natural materials in the coppice. Well done to Steve and his staff for fostering a sense of pride, self worth and engagement with the learners through using the environment.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Best WW1 Project Award

Awarded To  
**Todmorden Station**

### Judges Citation

This is an outstanding feature created in collaboration between the Friends of Todmorden Station, Todmorden in Bloom and the Royal British Legion. It comprises a two dimensional sculpture of soldiers surrounded by red bedding plants against the fence of the station. In the ticket office is a photographic display of all the Todmorden PALS who lost their lives in WW1, along with a history of their contribution. The station buildings have many hanging baskets filled with red geraniums and in the town the red poppy theme is echoed on many lampposts.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Community Champion Award

Awarded To  
**Steve Thorpe, Keighley**

### Judges Citation

Steve is a gardeners who through developing school gardening at Haworth School now has a number of Bradford schools undertaking gardening projects. He has made the facilities at Howarth act as a hub for school gardening. The hub will produce plants for growing on that are sent to participating schools. He has developed an inter- school garden produce show, of which the winners are judged by Alan Tichmarsh. Thus introducing children to both growing and showing.

He also supports bloom in Haworth and Keighley in many ways. He was injured this year in a fall but still continued to carry on working as best he could.





## 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary

### Community Champion Award

Awarded To  
**Steve Seymour - Airedale Shopping Centre**

### Judges Citation

Steve is the manager of Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley, however he ensures that this roll, plays an important place in the community of Keighley, through 'In bloom'. He enters the centre into YiB awards, ensures that the external areas of the centre are decked with hanging baskets - this been the face to the town. But more than this he is involve with the town bloom group, and allows the centre to host bloom events as well as having school growing projects on the roof of the Centre. He participates in environmental groups in the town an, over all, goes well beyond his roll to promote bloom and engage the community in green issues.

