

Press Release Hailsham In Bloom 2011 Competition Awards Announced

Green-fingered individuals and businesses have been rewarded for their efforts at a prize ceremony for the annual Hailsham In Bloom awards, co-presented by the Town Mayor Councillor Jeff Bentley-Astor last Wednesday [21st September].

The Town Council's Hailsham in Bloom Committee holds a number of annual competitions that give local people the opportunity to flaunt their horticultural skills, and aims to make the town more attractive for residents and visitors alike.

This year, there were six categories with marks awarded for colour combination, landscape and floral design, quality of plants and evidence of recycling and a tidy appearance all round, in addition to the Hailsham Heritage Award category, which recognises work of architecture or landscape design that best protect and promote the heritage of the town.

Mayor Councillor Jeff Bentley-Astor, who collected some of the awards on behalf of category winners said, "The Hailsham In Bloom competitions give us both the drive and the opportunity to support our citizens in making the town a cleaner, greener, tidier, and more enjoyable place in which to live and work."

"I would like to congratulate all of the worthy 2011 winners who have clearly put in a lot of hard work and dedication to create such spectacular, eye-catching landscapes and floral features."

Councillor Richard Grocock, chairman of Hailsham In Bloom, commented: "A big thank you to everyone involved in the Hailsham In Bloom competitions this year – volunteers, gardeners, allotment tenants, public houses and everyone else."

"It is fitting that we celebrate the hard work of gardeners in Hailsham whose vibrant displays not only increase civic pride but help enhance economic and social prosperity in our town."

"Our competitions are always a highlight of the year for the Hailsham In Bloom team, and I would encourage more organisations and individuals, especially younger people, to get involved in the 2012 competitions and help grow a brighter future for Hailsham."

HAILSHAM IN BLOOM 2011 LIST OF WINNERS:

Best Kept Front Garden

Joint Winner: Mr R. Cousens (Moore Park)

Joint Winner: Mrs L. Woodley (South Road)

Best Allotment

Winner: Mr & Mrs B. French (Plot 5, Battle Road allotments)

Runner-up: Mr Durham (Plot 49, Battle Road allotments)

Best Business Premises

Winner: The Old Forge Hotel & Restaurant (Magham Down)

Runner-up: Sussex IFA Ltd (George Street)

Highly Commended: Vicarage Field Surgery

Best Public House Display

Winner: The King's Head (South Road)

'Hailsham In Pictures' Photography Competition

Winner: Mr A. Mills

Runner-up: Mr J. Duckworth-Lloyd

Hailsham Heritage Award

Winner – Cortlandt (George Street)

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