



Brighouse Railway Station is going for gold at In Bloom

# 'GOING FOR A GOLD'

Friends of Brighouse Station impress judges as they eye top award

## Station is hoping for a gold in competition

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Last week Brighouse Station was visited by one of Yorkshire In Bloom's long standing horticultural judges who examined all aspects of it: checking for plant quality and suitability, maintenance and overall impression.

The judge, who visited on July 20, was shown round by two members of the Friends of Brighouse Station (FOBS) committee, meeting a variety of volunteers and asking questions on the way.

Judging lasted just over an hour.

Almost all areas of the station were visited and at one point the judge was taken along the edge of a recently



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completed low carbon bed where plants are allowed to die down in the winter and regrow the following year without the need to dig.

The majority of the weeds are smothered by the summer foliage of the existing plants which flower most of the summer attracting bees,

butterflies and other insects, others are pulled out and composted.

When judging was complete light refreshments were served in the Commercial Railway Hotel near the station where a display of FOBS activities was inspected.

The Yorkshire In Bloom results will be announced in September.

Chairman of FOBS Paul Marshall said: "Our regular volunteers have managed to keep the station up to a very high standard all year round and the station was probably looking the best it has been.

"Here's hoping for a good result in September and my personal thanks go to all our working volunteers who have spent their time growing, watering and skilful plant care."