

Yorkshire is Blooming Good... That's Official!

The annual Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Celebration Day took place recently at Riley Smith Hall in Tadcaster when voluntary groups from across the county gathered to hear results of the In Bloom competition for 2026.

It was generally agreed that, despite the long hot summer and soaring temperatures, standards were extremely high and competition for top awards was very close.

In the Halifax area many groups came away with top awards including an Royal Horticultural Society It's Your Neighbourhood Outstanding certificate for the hard working Friends of Crow Wood Park and an RHS Advancing Certificate for first time entrants Mount Tabor. Mytholmroyd Community Railway Station volunteers came home with a RHS Thriving award.

In the class for Railway Stations and Transport Hubs both Sowerby Bridge Railway Station and Todmorden Railway Station volunteers picked up Gold Yorkshire in Bloom Certificates while the town of Todmorden also celebrated winning a Gold Award in the Class for Large Towns. Completing a hat trick of awards in Todmorden, Vale Edge Community Garden were awarded an RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Thriving certificate.

In the class for Pubs and Restaurants The Dusty Miller at Brighouse were awarded top marks by the judges and achieved an award of Five Yorkshire in Bloom Golden Hops for their floral efforts.

Finally, Yorkshire in Bloom honoured Paul Marshall with an Outstanding Contribution Award recognising his long horticultural career in the area working as Nursery Manager for Calderdale Council overseeing the production of bedding plants and the development and maintenance of Tropical World Halifax, taking on responsibility for producing around 1 million bedding plants each year, running a civic floral decorating service and looking after a number of conservatories.

Paul also volunteered regularly at Brighouse Railway Station where his floral artistry was viewed by passengers coming and going from the busy station.

The judges were unanimous in their praise for Paul and thought that this was a richly deserved accolade.

For further details of all Yorkshire in Bloom events and activities and to enter our 2027 competition please go to our website at

www.yorkshireinbloom.co.uk

