

Congleton In Bloom- Working Group
6th December 2024

**ATTENDEES: Ruth Burgess (OFFICER), Adrian Bullock (Eco Operative) David Brown (CLLR), Glen Williams (CLLR),
Russell Chadwick (CLLR), Heather Seddon (CLLR) Patti Pinto (VOL)**

Notes :

A meeting to discuss how the North West in Bloom Judging two days went on 14th and 15th August 2024

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance.
 - ii. Bob Edwards (Vol) Sue Conway (Vol) Margaret Gartside (Vol) Susan Mead (CLLR)

1. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

David Brown- Cheshire East Borough Council,
Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG
Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
Heather Seddon- Cheshire East Borough Council,
Russell Chadwick - Cheshire East Borough Council,

2. Judges Report/feedback

The working group are very pleased with the feedback for all our IYN reports, Congleton Park and Congleton Large Town. With the main category of Large Town being put forward for the National Britain in Bloom in 2025

Judges comments :

It was a delight for our judges to visit Congleton for two days to undertake the judging of the 2024 Large Town entry and the ever-increasing number of community Gardening Its Your Neighbourhood groups. It was brilliant to meet the mayor, the local MP, representatives from the Council, the Rotary, local groups, pre-school, Guides and many more. Congleton in Bloom is no doubt a jewel in the RHS North West in Bloom crown. This ardent group continue to surpass the previous year's achievements. The partnership with the Streetscape Team and the wonderful groups and community volunteers is amazing. This is exemplar and the results for the town are outstanding. On behalf of RHS North West in Bloom can we thank you all for your support for all things Bloom. Your list of achievements in your excellent portfolio is a wonderful testimony to all your work. As you continue to grow, ensure you have resources in place to manage your further success. Well done to everyone.

3. Summer Bedding 2025

Decisions were made around the choice and colour of the planting scheme for Congleton Town Centre hanging baskets, planters, roundabout parks and gardens. With an emphasis around sustainability planting.