



Bracknell in
Bloom 2011

Thames and Chilterns in Bloom Judging

Itinerary - 21st July 2011

South Hill Park



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South Hill Park is currently undergoing the restoration of its historic parkland features thanks to a very significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Mansion at the heart of the park houses the local Arts Centre.

Comments:

Wildridings Primary School



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The school is busy with a number of gardening and 'eco' activities and in the autumn planted 400 whips (donated by the RHS) along the boundary of the school field.

Comments:

The Parks

The Parks is a new residential development on the site of the former RAF Staff College. Close to the Town Centre it has been favoured by home buyers for its quiet open recreational spaces, and the retention of the existing vegetation in particular some magnificent trees.

Comments:

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Lily Hill Park



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Lily Hill boasts a unique collection of rhododendrons. As each is identified they are being carefully labelled. The Park has just been visited by judges to show all the hard work going on in an effort to retain its Green Flag status.

Comments:

Larges Lane Cemetery



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Larges Lane Cemetery its Chapel and the Lodge were built during the 1880's on 2.4 acres of ancient meadowland that has remained untouched by fertilizers and other chemicals ever since. As a consequence the cemetery has a rich variety of grasses, wildflowers and wildlife.

Comments:

The Elms

This Town Park is enjoyed by young and old alike. The past year has seen the removal of some of the harsh features that remained from its days as a rugby pitch and works to significantly improve access from the nearby flats.

Comments:

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Town Centre



Replaced High Street Trees



Before



After



Town Centre

Despite the cutbacks in the quantity of flowers the Town Centre still looks colourful with some beds turned over fully or partially to sustainable planting. Everyone is looking forward to the regeneration of the town. A new Waitrose store (to be completed before Christmas) with a sedum roof ,its own energy centre and recycled water will help lead the way on environmental issues.

Comments:

Windlesham Road Allotments



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This established allotment site for nine local residents epitomises the enthusiasm and community spirit which allotment sites can generate. The tenants provide some excellent examples of what can be done to maintain and sustain the local environment.

Comments:

Ploughlands Community Garden

Winner of the Community garden category in the Your Gardens competition 2010, this garden is a truly co-operative effort between local residents. All the neighbours are welcome to join the gardeners in this delightful space.

Comments:

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Places of Interest en route



Northeram's Wood

In the 1960s this ancient woodland was saved from development by the work of local people. This year local people are taking part to help restore habitats and improve access.



Underground Recycling Centre

This set up minimises the impact of unsightly skips.



Places of Interest en route



Barnett Court

The residents of this sheltered housing scheme are delighted with the summer bedding and standard roses at their scheme.

The Koh-I-Noor

An amazing display of sustainable planting coupled with summer bedding, designed to attract customers as well as wildlife!



Sponsored Roundabout

The scheme for sponsoring roundabouts in Bracknell is relatively new.

