

# **CUMMERSDALE WINS GOLD AWARD IN CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2015 ENTRY"**

What a pleasure to feed back to you the results of this years entry from Cummersdale

This year we achieved a Gold award which is the highest award given in the competition. Marks awarded in the competition were 123. out of a possible 140

The judges comments were complimentary and worthy of the high standard of commitment and hard work, individual participation of villagers, and continued improvement over the past three entries, what a great achievement.

The Parish Council commented that the appearance and tidiness of the village is greatly improved Which is only due to the villagers themselves, the Cumbria in Bloom competition has proved useful in assisting us to achieve this and developing pride in our community.

The areas judged are as follows with, a summary of comments.

**Overall Appearance** ; Pleasant Village with nicely planted front gardens. The planted areas of the roads were well swept and there was little evidence of weeds. The entrance was tidy and grass cut with planters made from tyres placed in some areas.

**Gardening Horticultural Activity**.; Some Gardens were planted up with attractive displays. Tubs and planters and hanging baskets were in evidence around the Croft, Square, Crescent and Oval. Most residents had put in a lot of work in their own areas.

## **Consideration of the Environment;**

The Copse is a real wildlife haven, well cared for and which the Village should be proud of.

**Community Participation**; the Parish Council, Community Plan Group, and Allotment Holders all work together on any projects. Villagers have watered displays near their properties and have assisted in group cleaning up events, each area is represented by a member of the Cummersdale in Bloom steering group.

## **Our special category garden;** Arthur And Frankie Sanderson,s House

A lovely mature garden of over 40 years. It was like a mini Tatton Park with mature trees, shrubs and herbaceous borders. A nice vegetable garden and lawns. In the spring the wood and field area is in bloom with spring bulbs. It was a joy to sit and enjoy a drink when we had finished our judging. Judges marks were 96 / 100

**Allotment,s Project, It's your Neighbourhood** We also achieved the highest score possible for our entry from the Cummersdale allotment holders in the Its Your Neighbourhood section. We received a 98 points out of 100. Taking us into the Outstanding category. The progress and hard work and the benefit to the community of the project was well recognised over only two years on with the project. The benefit of the adjacent car park, and the support from grants to purchase a storage container, and the help from local businesses ie. Pirelli, was acknowledged.

WELL. DONE CUMMERSDALE !!!

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