

The Royal British Club and tourist information centre were delighted on providing extensive planting in their areas.

community garden on Son Terrace was also a hub of involvement for volunteers and people as well as a focus in planting.

Coming up, the judges commented that Penrith can be seen as a "benchmark" for the impact a community can have on its environment.

and was another community which shined itself at this year's awards in Bloom in Bloom awards winning the best village trophy and a silver gilt award, as well as a special award for its beck restoration project, and runner-up for the tidy large village trophy.

COMMITMENT
The successes Morland achieved in the awards in Bloom competition are due to the commitment of those who have created colourful and well-maintained garden displays for the pleasure of all who visit the village," said Alan Collinson, one of those who has been deeply involved in the beck project and its ongoing upkeep.

and community spirit when volunteers are keeping general tidiness of the village clean. We are very keen to win the Best in Bloom special award for the restoration project. This restoration to the mill race and river helps conserve an important part of our heritage and the environment. A beautiful part of the village," he added.

In their comments, the judges noted that the village was "obviously well-maintained", with the restoration of the beck carried out with a keen eye to conservation of the habitats.

The judges were impressed with the residents who took control of the beck restoration project, to achieve the most attractive and well-maintained village.

The community project has taken two years to come to fruition and is recognised with a "standing" Cumbria in Bloom award.

The Lazonby community has achieved the top level of award in the RHS It's a Beautiful Day Neighbourhood category, one of just five

Management Environment Fund, Lazonby Parish Council and a Playbuilder Grant (administered by Eden Council), and developed on land owned by Lazonby swimming pool.

In their assessment of the scheme, the judges commented: "This project was extremely well co-ordinated and embraced the whole ideology of the RHS Neighbourhood Scheme and achieved its objectives. The result is the establishment of a valuable community resource which is sustainable, educational and accessible to all."

TOP SPOT

Elsewhere in the district, landlords at two Eden village pubs pulled out all the stops to take the top spot in the Cumbria in Bloom commercial section.

The Crown Inn and the Fetherston Arms, both at Kirkoswald, were winners of the commercial category, while the village itself was placed joint runner-up, with Cartmel, of the best village trophy, also scooping a silver gilt award.

One of the co-ordinators of the Kirkoswald effort, Mrs. Sue Quinn, said: "We were delighted to be runners-up. It represents all the hard work that people have put in in the village and it is lovely to live in such a nice place that is so well looked after."

and this is a reward for all their hard work — both pubs have worked very hard to put on and maintain a beautiful floral display."

Assessing the Kirkoswald entry, judges Colin Cheyne and Maralin Harrison noted that the village was "extremely tidy", with "lots of colourful corners". They said it was "obvious that many residents are interested, knowledgeable gardeners. The allotments emphasise this".

Awarded runner-up spot in the bed and breakfast/guesthouse category was another Eden business — The Old School Guest House, at Newbiggin, Stainton.

Medals were awarded to a number of Eden communities for their Cumbria in Bloom entries. Taking silver gilt medals were Penrith, Kirkoswald, Morland, Threlkeld, Blencowe, Catterlen, Johnby and Motherby. Silver medals were awarded to Bolton and Newton Reigny, with Greystoke earning a bronze medal.

Three Eden schools were among those across the county which were awarded school gardening certificates — Brough Community Primary School, High Hesket Primary and St. Catherine's RC Primary School, Penrith, all receiving "thriving" certificates.



JOINT HONOURS: Carole Atkinson, licensee of the Crown Inn, and Alan Collinson, of the Fetherston Arms, who jointly won the Cumbria in Bloom cup for the best commercial premises.

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