

Welcome to our Spring newsletter!

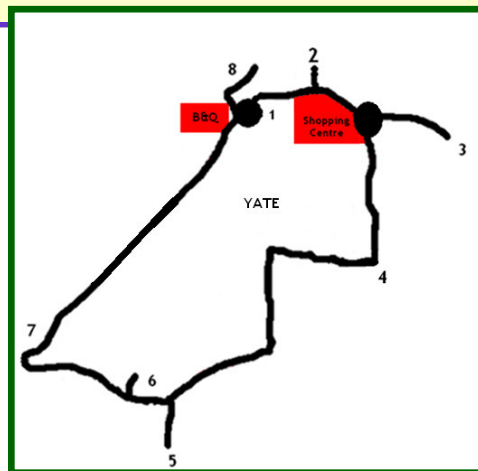
The 'Yate & West Dodington in Bloom' group are now busier than ever working towards their first entry in the Britain in Bloom competition. Judging takes place in July 2011 and involves escorting the judges on a pre-planned route around Yate, showcasing the best that our area has to offer in terms of horticulture, environment & community.

Of course there are many other areas in the locality worthy of a visit, however, we are governed by a strict time schedule. The route will change every year so, in time, we will be able to show the judges everything that our area has to offer.

Keep reading to find out all the ways in which you can become involved....

The Proposed Judging Route for 'Britain in Bloom' July 2011

The route will start at the Armadillo (the new Youth Café attached to Yate Leisure Centre) and take the following route:



- 2 Yate Heritage Centre, front bed & St Mary's Church, Lych Gate & War Memorial
- 3 Ridgewood Centre, front beds & community garden
- 4 Enter Kingsgate Park via Scott Way, walk through the nature reserve, past the lake and the new water feature and leave via the Elmwood Road entrance
- 5 Abbotswood School wildlife garden
- 6 St. Nicholas' Family Centre
- 7 Yate Common, slow worm site
- 8 Poole Court

We are keen to hear from anyone living or working on the proposed judging route who would like to get involved in enhancing the route further by planting hanging baskets and planters or by clearing overgrown areas.



We received a fantastic response to the competition to design a logo for the 'Yate & West Dodington in Bloom' group. As expected, the standard was extremely high.

After much deliberation, the group chose an entry by local resident, Ben Holbrook, pictured above. We are sure you will agree that the logo, featured below, is simple yet effective and will be a great tool in raising people's awareness in the 'Yate & west Dodington in Bloom' group.

Thank you to Ben & all who took the time to design an entry!

Yate
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In Bloom

Schools, Youth & Community Groups in Yate & West Dodington We need your help!

As well as the judging route, part of the judging criteria for 'Britain in Bloom' is to produce a portfolio which will include photographs, drawings and written information on a wide range of local community projects and achievements as well as information on local birds, wildlife and plants.



We know that many local nurseries, schools and youth groups have created wonderful wormeries, nest boxes and other wildlife habitats and we would love to receive any photographs, paintings or stories documenting your achievements to include in the portfolio.

With thanks to local resident and Friend of Yate Common, Lin Kendall, for supplying these wonderful photographs of robins on Yate Common.

Project Round Up

Yate Town Council, South Gloucestershire Council and the volunteers of the 'Yate & West Dodington in Bloom' group are all working hard to improve various areas of our community.

The following projects are currently underway:

- ♦ planting and grass seeding around the B&Q/Morrisons roundabout area
- ♦ the shrub bed in the Leisure Centre car park fronting Kennedy Way is being removed & replanted & two new benches are being added
- ♦ the shrub bed fronting the Station Road car park will be replanted as soon as the scaffolding comes down from around the leisure centre
- ♦ shrubs near to the underpass by Abbotswood Inn are to be removed & the area grassed, some replanting to shrub beds in car park will take place
- ♦ beds at the front of Yate Heritage Centre and the Ridgewood Centre are being designed and planted.



If you know of any unusual or innovative composting or recycling projects, we would love to hear about them and include evidence in our judging portfolio.

If you would like to contact the 'Yate & West Dodington in Bloom' group regarding volunteering or any item featured in this newsletter, please contact the group on: 01454 866506
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