

Summer Bedding in Newbury – 2009

Newbury Town Council is pleased to report that it has received numerous compliments on this year's summer bedding, which Councillors agree have been a display to be remembered.



We know of residents who alter their route in order to see the St John's Corner Garden beds and the Andover Road bed. One said "it lifts my heart every time I go past".

We would like to formally thank our Services Team and Grounds Maintenance contractors who make this happen.

We know it seems odd, as even though the displays are still going strong, the beds will be cleared in the first couple of weeks of October. This is to ensure time for the winter bedding to "bed in" before the frosts, so that the displays continue well into next spring, before the whole process starts again.

Given the frequent praise, Newbury Town Council is particularly concerned about our result in this year's Britain in Bloom competition, where our award was reduced by two categories, from Silver Gilt to Bronze, with our summer beds receiving a mark of just 1 out of 20. We will be discussing with the judges and organisers of the competition why their opinion differs so greatly from that of our residents, but irrespective of the outcome of those conversations we are determined to continue to do what the residents of Newbury want. We look forward to more wonderful displays in 2010, and hopefully more resulting praise, which help make it all worthwhile.