



**RHS Britain in Bloom
UK Finals Marking Sheet 2018**

Name of entry: Forest Parish	Judging Date: 10 August 2018
Category: Large Village	Judges: Brendan Mowforth & Geraldine King

Horticultural Achievement	Gold
Environmental Responsibility	Silver Gilt
Community Participation	Gold
Overall	Gold

Introduction (*introductory remarks from the judges*):

Forest Parish is one of 10 parishes in Guernsey taking you through scenic and peaceful areas of natural beauty. The villages includes two churches, two shops, a garage, two car showrooms, a chip shop, an Airport Terminal, two schools, Douzaine Room and Fellowship Room.

A beautiful rural parish and lovely team. Congratulations on your Gold award at this year's Britain in Bloom.

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement
<p>Areas of Achievement:</p> <p>Very good designs and colour combinations throughout the village at Le Bourg, Forest Methodist Church, Forest Lodge, the airport forecourt and the Douzaine Room.</p> <p>Clearly demonstrated high horticultural standards of cultivation and maintenance with areas listed above and including Les Houards well.</p> <p>The tour included good examples of the community and private garden contributions to Bloom.</p> <p>Very good displays in tourist areas, plus churches and verges and hedgerows. The airport displays are a fine welcome to the first views of the island when on foot.</p>
<p>Areas for Development:</p> <p>Continue to maintain the colourful displays throughout the village to the standards shown on tour.</p> <p>Consider introducing vegetables and sustainable planting to some of your displays. Fantastic examples outside the Douzaine Room.</p> <p>Consider double pave blocking on the small bed at Les Houards Well to prevent plants being driven over.</p>

SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility

Areas of Achievement:

Forest Fields pollinator project is a fabulous example of biodiversity. The Forest Wildlife spot with the 'Creep On Inn' bug hotel, good conservation practices and native species along with control of alder and ash is an excellent conservation project. In addition, there are good examples of conservation beside the churchyard and examples of bat walks and bee boxes.

The German Occupation Museum is a jewel in your heritage crown. Geoff Brouard gave a very informative historical overview of the heritage of the parish throughout the tour. From steps to milestones, to the aviation history at the airport to the newly refurbished Douzaine Rooms and of course the 'Occupation and Liberation' boat.

The theme for the Flower Festival 'Industrious through the Ages' was innovative.

Excellent management of litter and no graffiti, dog fouling or fly-posting seen on the tour.

Areas for Development:

Consider the use of green manures in Forest Fields in addition to what you are sowing. They provide fantastic forage for bees.

Once funding becomes available, La Caches Farm will be a valuable resource for the parish.

Continue to source sustainable planting for blank patches in the airport border.

SECTION C – Community Participation

Areas of Achievement:

The Bloom initiative and support of the team throughout the year to maintain areas, along with the support of businesses, was evident throughout the tour and a thank you to all those the judges met.

Le Rondin gardening club is an excellent example of how horticulture can benefit all. The judges loved meeting the children and from the willow maze, growing planner, raised beds to mention a few, it is a great resource and learning centre for the parish.

Excellent sponsorship partnerships with the airport, local shops, nursery and churches and schools of the parish all contributing to Bloom.

Areas for Development:

Consider recording your volunteer hours for all of the activities you carry out throughout the year.

Continue to work with sponsors particularly for areas such as the airport carpet bed and bus stop.