

Mayfield in Bloom 2019

Categories:

- Large Village
- Parish in Bloom

Judging day 4th July 2019



Representatives from:

- Mayfield Britain in Bloom steering group
- Mayfield & Five Ashes Parish in Bloom Stg Grp
- Parish Council
- Mayfield Horticultural Society
- Five Ashes Horticultural Society
- Mayfield Chamber of Commerce
- Mayfield Business Forum
- Womens' Institute (WI)
- Volunteers
- Two primary schools, pre-school and Mayfield Girls school
- St Dunstan's church
- Cubs, brownies, scouts & guides

Without help and assistance from all these groups our entries would not be possible

Mayfield in Bloom

Our goals

- ❧ To be the best that we can be so as to make the area a highly desirable place to live, work and visit
- ❧ To engender a love of flowers and plants
- ❧ To encourage respect for the natural environment
- ❧ To bring the community together

Local Identity

☞ Sense of place

- ☞ 60 clubs / societies / major drama events. Mayfair, annual music and film festivals. Christmas fairs / 4 active churches / thriving village halls (x3)
- ☞ Quintessential Wealden hill village

☞ Heritage

- ☞ Mayfield village goes back to the 13th century / famous for St Dunstan and the devil

☞ Art in the landscape

- ☞ Amazing views throughout parish protected through being in a Conservation Area and in an Area of Outstanding Natural beauty (AONB)

☞ Signage

- ☞ Signs to maximise visibility of events (by schools), parish affairs (parish noticeboard), thriving village newsletter, tourist signs (on A267) and tourist maps (south st car park), village leaflets for ramblers and tourists, and not forgetting the classic and historic village signs for Mayfield and for Five Ashes

Mayfield and the environment

❧ Waste

- ❧ 50% waste re-cycled
- ❧ 49% of waste used to generate electricity
- ❧ Just 1% goes to landfill

❧ Protection and conservation of the natural environment and wildlife habitats

- ❧ Monitoring of planning and lobbying to retain natural environment
- ❧ Verges dedicated to wildlife (no grass cutting)
- ❧ Strict adherence to environmentally friendly cutting and mowing regimes
- ❧ Bat / bird boxes promoted
- ❧ 'Bug hotels' installed by cubs, and the schools plus 'dead hedges'
- ❧ Planting of herbs in planters to encourage pollinators

Our entries for 2019

Mayfield – Large Village



Mayfield & Five Ashes –
Parish in Bloom



Mayfield in Bloom Themes for 2019

- ❧ Mixed bedding
- ❧ Encouraging pollinators
- ❧ Water consciousness



New for 2019

❧ Mayfield

- ❧ Rejuvenated war memorial flower bed
- ❧ Floral tuk tuk
- ❧ Pre-school garden
- ❧ Cubs bug hotel
- ❧ Rose & Crown triangle
- ❧ Messy garden in churchyard

❧ Five Ashes

- ❧ War memorial triangle
- ❧ 20 trees and > 100 saplings planted by schoolchildren
- ❧ 'Welly boot' garden in primary school

Water Awareness Strategy in Mayfield & Five Ashes

- ❧ Planters, hanging baskets and pots placed in shady areas wherever possible
- ❧ Lawn mower blades set to 4cm to encourage denser growth which traps morning dew and reduces evaporation
- ❧ Use of rainwater water butts for watering
- ❧ Pots and hanging baskets watered early in morning or late evening to minimise evaporation
- ❧ Gel crystals used to help retain moisture in the soil
- ❧ Short length of pipe buried in pots helps water get to roots where needed more easily
- ❧ Mulches such as bark chips and gravel used to help retain moisture
- ❧ Use of hoses and sprinklers avoided
- ❧ Plants that have a higher tolerance to drier conditions used where possible

Our year round programme

Month	Activity
September	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Review of previous seasons outcomes and events Success in Parish in Bloom / Britain in Bloom Lessons learnt including future budgets Carnival fund-raising
October	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Initial strategy for next season developed
November	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Late night shopping fund raising
December	Steering group meeting break Mayfield Horticultural show
January	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Mayfield Horticultural Society winter talk from local expert Strategy refined
February	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Strategy for future season ratified Any bulk orders established Fund raising

Month	Activity
March	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Plant orders placed Dates for key activities finalised (eg mowing, weed-killing etc) Five Ashes Horticultural Spring Show Lenten lunch fund-raising
April	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) New planters delivered Plants planted Manure/compost delivered /distributed
May	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Working groups in full swing MayFair fund-raising
June	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Working groups in full swing
July	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Working groups in full swing Mayfield Summer show Five Ashes Summer show
August	Steering group meeting (4 th Monday) Working groups in full swing



Mayfield (top right) and
Five Ashes (bottom left)
Physically 3 miles apart (but close in spirit!)

What you will see in Mayfield



Five Ashes



It's time to see our wonderful village





Mayfield Village Sign



Hanging basket
outside the butchers



Judges tuk tuk transportation



Children from Five Ashes primary school
planting 20 trees and >100 saplings in the
recreation ground - Spring 2019



Rose & Crown PH



Petunias



