

*Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal  
Winners 2004, 2007 and 2010*

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*"In winter I get up at night, and dress by yellow candle-light.  
In summer quite the other way, I have to go to bed by day.  
I have to go to bed and see the birds still hopping on the tree.  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet still going past me in the street.  
And does it not seem hard to you, when all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play, to have to go to bed by day?"*  
- Robert Louis Stevenson novelist from a Childs garden of verses.



### **News from the village**

Thanks goes out once again to everyone who supported the village plant sales in May. The first plant sale where we sold perennials, salad plants and veg raised just over £600. The second sale included bedding from Kitson's, our first ever raffle, new and used gardening books and Christmas and birthday cards displaying village scenes, helped raise nearly £400. Demand was so high for bedding that we had to send out for more! All the money raised will again be ploughed back into the village and, with funding from several sponsors for areas such as Bluebell Walk, ensures the village will bloom for another year. If you would like to help sponsor planting in the village please contact Trevor.

Since the plant sales the team has been busy planting up the new boxes on the steps at the Corn mill with colourful nasturtiums. The Bluebell Walk entrance garden has been given the promised makeover with a combination of shrubs and perennials. Further planting of spring and summer bulbs will be added over the next year. The team was then out in force planting up all pots, tubs and hayracks around the village with summer bedding. The Winding Wheel garden has also now received a face-lift. The Plant and Produce Charity Table on High Street is now open for business where you can leave your excess plants and produce for others to purchase, which also goes to help support, the village.

**All of which should ensure the village will be at its best for Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> between 0845 and 1030am when the Britain in Bloom judges will be in the village. Finally please support the village in this our second entry in Britain in Bloom by keeping the village spic and span and colourful by planting up your house frontage.**

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### **Gardening tips for June**

Your summer bedding should be planted out by now along with any tender plants and veg such as outdoor tomatoes, courgettes and squashes. Make sure everything is well watered during dry spells and ask someone to look after your garden when you go on holiday. Everything will need a regular feed to help keep plants thriving or to aid crop production. In the greenhouse tomatoes should be trained as a single stemmed cordon unless they are a bush variety, so pinch out the side shoots. Continue to sow salad seeds such as lettuce and beetroot for their leaves. If you have some large pots sow herb seeds such as chives, parsley and coriander and place outside in a sunny position. Divide up your primroses and primulas and sow biennials such as honesty, wallflowers and Canterbury bells for a good show next year. Start taking softwood cutting from shrubs. This is especially important if we have another winter like the one just gone and you don't want to lose your favourite plants. Check your borders for slugs and snails and support plants where necessary.



### **Dates for the diary**

Open Gardens Day

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – No stall in the Car Park but some plants available at various gardens

Village Judging Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 0845-1030

Ada Brooks Trophy

Judging in August

Mayor Making

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September (not as previously advertised)



### **Eric's View**

Enjoy the swifts over the village while you can as soon after raising a family they depart these shores for Africa from late July. Swallows on the other hand may have two broods and you should see the first fledglings chasing their parents over the village. Deer are still on patrol around the village and some will have young. Should you find any young birds or mammals that look abandoned first watch and observe and see if the parents are about then contact the RSPCA for advice.

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