

## Britain in Bloom 11-13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

There was a good response to the competition and our judge, Stephen Fox, principal horticultural officer for SSDC with particular involvement in Yeovil's entries in the Britain in Bloom competition, thought the standard was very high. It was great to see so much red, white and blue throughout the village.



Stephen followed 'Yeovil in Bloom' judging guidelines and found three entries got the same high number of points. But overall winner was Linda Dodimead of Westfield whose entry depicting a part of the union jack particularly impressed.



Laraine Hayes of Stanchester Way and Gloria & John Andrew of Abbey Close were the two runners up; Stephen particularly liked their use of perennials complemented by annuals in their displays. We held an "awards ceremony" in late June, at which Linda was presented with the new Curry Rivel in Bloom trophy and a garden voucher for £25. The runners up received £5 vouchers and all three got lots of well-deserved praise.

There is a colour scheme theme for Britain in Bloom each year, and we will publish the 2017 theme as soon as we get to know it so we can all plan our front gardens accordingly, ready for the village competition and our debutante entry in next year's Britain in Bloom South West.



Our next initiative is the improvement of the garden around the War Memorial, and we invite you to come up with a planting plan for this area. Thanks to the Parish Council for providing funding for the plan. We look forward to your suggestions, which need to reach the Group (email [smgoodenough@aol.com](mailto:smgoodenough@aol.com)) by the end of August.