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Report Form

Name of entry: Chellaston in Bloom

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Introduction (max 50 words)

From an already outstanding base, the Chellaston in Bloom team continue to develop this entry, showing new areas that are being developed and the involvement of more partners in the community, to make the visit once again quite splendid. A new route ended at the wonderful Community Garden.

Section A Community Participation Marks awarded max 37/40

An extensive walk around the area showed several areas that are familiar, and others new to us, which made for a fascinating visit. A group of 10+ enthusiasts planted and care for the trees in this area with some overlap of members involved with the core Bloom team too to ensure good communication. everything was in very good condition. We saw the colourful 'WI' tubs by the sponsored seat and were pleased to chat to a member of the WI at that location about their involvement. The walk ended at the outstanding Community Garden, even better now that the old conifers have been removed to give more light. As well as it's routine use by passers-by, the Christmas Carolling event took place here in 2022, and a fund-raising plant sale was held here at the start of summer. A refreshing drink in the Community Centre concluded another superb tour.

Section B Environmentally responsibility Marks awarded max 27 /30

Chellaston Recreation Ground includes open grassed areas, trees and a shelter that is obviously well-used though unfortunately affected by some graffiti. Passing on from there we reached the fabulous display of 'cornfield annuals' on Meadow Way, a much more suitable way to display these (and with greater benefit to wildlife) than small blocks on busy roadside verges

Section C Gardening Achievement Marks awarded max 27/30

At Ridgeway Food and Wine there are raised planters, in good condition and cheerful. From there we went to the Pit Close Local Nature Reserve with the splendid community orchard, 34 trees already established since 2019, and more intended, covering all the typical range of tree fruits and with cultivar labels present. Leaving here we saw well planted containers at the Scout Hut (done by the scouts), and then through to High Street to see another brick planter of Pelargoniums (as with many of the planters, also done for spring impact with bulbs and spring bedding). Memorial trees are also allowed in part of the site; initially some were planted in 2021, extended in 2022, and there is scope for more (though hopefully not too many given the other uses/values of the site). Further down High Street we viewed the lovely Pinfold, the corner bed on School Lane and the raised planters by the shops:

Total Marks Awarded 91 Award achieved: Level 5 Outstanding