

Ecclesfield in



RHS Judges cast their eyes over Ecclesfield.

Spring 2012 once again saw the Royal Horticultural Judges visit our village to take account of all the work carried out by your St. Mary's Church gardeners and "Ecclesfield in Bloom" members. Initial reaction from the judges was very positive and should prove a good springboard for the final judging on July 13th, to push us once again towards a prestigious award. Equally all our village residents are to be congratulated for their efforts in cleaning their frontages and placement of plant pots and displays, duly noted by the judges. Whether or not "in Bloom" had entered the RHS judging, the work of improving our environment would still be carried out. We as a group are village minded and you are asked to give us your views on the work we carry out. Sometimes it appears pointless but as will be seen from the Ladycroft Meadow, continuing sowing of wild flower seeds will this coming summer result in a good display of colour. This does not happen by accident but by the regular work of "in Bloom" members. The Village Square has also had an awful lot of attention from our group (aided by Midhope Tree Services) and all the overgrown shrubs and trees have been suitably pruned or cut back revealing an eye-catching wall which will be used this year. This area is all due for replanting by "in Bloom" during May/June so keep your eyes on this.

Did you notice the "Ecclesfield in Bloom" banner displayed for the first time on judging day 13th April, all made from recycled materials, and put together by our members.

All our meetings are held on the 1st. Tuesday of each month in The Stocks PH and are very informal, please come along as we need new members. We are also holding our annual Plant and Cake Sale in St. Mary's Church grounds on 5th May. Everybody is welcome to buy something and support Ecclesfield in Bloom and the Church Gardening Group.

Keith Fish.