



Bloom awards for Epsom and Ewell

It has been announced yesterday that Epsom & Ewell have both won silver in the annual South & South East in Bloom competition. **Stoneleigh** was awarded a commendation in this year's competition.

This is the first year that Ewell has taken part in the competition and the second consecutive year that Epsom has won an award. Last year Epsom town centre entered for the first time and won a silver award.

Councillor **John Beckett**, Chair of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee, said "It has been an absolute joy to see the contributions to this year's Epsom & Ewell in Bloom. We're over the moon that both Epsom and Ewell have won silver awards, Epsom for the second year running.

"I extend my sincere thanks to all the residents, volunteer groups, schools and businesses who made this year's Epsom & Ewell in Bloom such a huge success.

Ewell Village saw 'blooming' themed windows in shops along the high street and beautifully knitted floral decorations, created by the Ewell Yarn Bombers, on post boxes.

Ewell Castle School re-used wellies to create fabulous displays and St Mary's Church in Ewell produced stunning floral displays.

Volunteers populated cast iron troughs with flowers creating welcome splashes of colour in Epsom town centre, planted bulbs on street verges, and have been helping to keep displays watered over the summer.

Jubilee themed planting schemes in Rosebery Park, depicting a crown and a colourful feature bed, were planted by U3A volunteers.

Plans are already being formulated for Epsom & Ewell to take part in South & South East in Bloom next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is committed to ensuring our Borough is the best it can be for the local community, for visitors and for wildlife, all year round".