

## Dalston in Bloom Royal Horticultural Society & Britain in Bloom Awards 2018

In this our third time in the national Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom Awards, this year presented in Belfast, Dalston achieved a fantastic GOLD Medal.

Dalston has enjoyed another highly successful year at the Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony in Ulverston, winning the following trophies:

- ◆ Joint runner-up, Lakeland Trophy, best retail/hospitality - Dalston Bowling Club
- ◆ Winner, Provincial Insurance Trophy - St Michael's Churchyard and Cemetery



- ◆ Winner, Cumbria in Bloom Tourism Trophy, best public house - Blue Bell Inn
- ◆ Winner, Cumbria County Council Local Committee, award for achievement in the District
- ◆ Winner, National Park Trophy, Best Large Village
- ◆ Gold Medal, Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community
- ◆ Outstanding in It's Your Neighbourhood Awards:-
  - Dalston Grange Garden Group for the Medical Centre Garden
  - Dalston Jubilee Garden
  - Dalston Station Gardeners

Well done and thank you to all the volunteers who contributed so much this success. The certificates were on display in St Michael's Church window and the trophies in the Bupa Dentist in The Square.

*Ronnie Auld, Dalston in Bloom*



## Dalston wins Gold Medal at Britain in Bloom Awards 2018



2018 is the third year that Dalston has been entered by Cumbria in Bloom in the RHS Britain in Bloom national awards. For the second year in succession we were awarded a GOLD Medal, first winning a Silver Gilt in 2016. Dalston was represented at the Award Ceremony in the Waterfront Centre, Belfast, by Ronnie and Liz Auld, Ann Byers, Bobby and Anne Nichol. The award was collected on the stage by Ann Byers and Bobby Nichol. The event was hosted by James Alexander Sinclair and awards presented by Chris Bavin.

This award is reward for all the hard work carried out by Dalston volunteers throughout the 2018 season as well as the wonderful planting by Mike Capstick and his team. Dalston in Bloom has been strongly supported by the Parish Council and many Friends and Sponsors. Grateful thanks are due to them all.

The judges were particularly complimentary about the following areas: Dalston Bowling Club, Forge Green Gardens, The Forge Mill area, new Co-op border, public toilets, the Dalston Medical Centre, Orchard Way (especially the Open Garden of Roger Holiday) and the church flower beds. They



particularly pleased that we were supporting the 'B' lines project and were amazed by the stunning festival activity in the village during judging. They particularly mentioned the great biodiversity at the church with the flower beds, slow worm colony, owl, hedgehog and bat boxes as well as the excellent grass cutting regime. They also mentioned the Mill Race and the Caldew as well as Kelsey's Meadow. They liked the bench replacement policy of the Parish Council and made special mention of the recycling of litter bins to form planters at Bridge End. They made special comment about how clean and litter free the village was. They were very impressed by the community participation specifically mentioning the scarecrows, Open Gardens and Doorstep Challenge.



Dalston in Bloom would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to Dalston's success in this and previous years. Without the dedication of our volunteers and the support of our Friends and Sponsors we would not have achieved both the Cumbria in Bloom and the RHS Britain in Bloom awards.

*Ronnie Auld - Dalston in Bloom*