



## Thames and Chilterns in Bloom - Parks & Open Spaces Assessment Criteria

<b>Community</b>	<b>Gold 9/10</b>	<b>Silver Gilt 7/8</b>	<b>Silver 5/6</b>	<b>Bronze 3/4</b>	<b>Cert. of Achievement 1/2</b>
Demonstrate community involvement and support. This includes fund raising an events programme and site development plans	Excellent level of community involvement, communication, use of social media, internet. Funding in place and being used. Inclusive programme covering diverse use as applicable to location. Excellent joint working with site owners/ authorities in place and active. Record to demonstrate successful implementation of projects or maintenance on site.	Very good communications and involvement with the community. Events programme in place and active. Fundraising programme in place. A suitable record to evidence progress to improve or maintain the site. A very good working relationship with site owner/authority.	Good communication takes place with the community. Fundraising takes place as needed. Events have taken place and proposals exist for further events. Plans in place for continuing development of the group. Good and developing partnership with the site owners/authority.	Satisfactory communication takes place with the community. Some events have taken place with plans in place for further events. Funding plans are being established. Partnership with owners /authorities is starting to develop. Future plans are being considered.	Group formed and starting to develop plans for community activity to support the site. Some community communication has taken place. Funding plans are being considered and developed.
<b>Maintenance &amp; Development</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>
Arboriculture Conservation Groundsmanship Horticulture As appropriate to the site and its purpose.	Excellent standard of maintenance and development. There is a planned maintenance programme in place. All are appropriate to the site and its purpose.	Very good standard of maintenance and development. All are appropriate to the site.	Good standard of maintenance and development, as appropriate to the site. Plans are being developed to review standards.	Maintenance is carried out to a satisfactory standard as appropriate to the site.	Fair standard of maintenance is undertaken and plans are being developed to raise standards and or make it more appropriate to the site.
<b>Environment</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>
Litter, graffiti, condition of structures/buildings, use of the site. Scale of endeavour The site and buildings use interpretation and information and group objectives.	Free from established litter and graffiti, property and furniture maintained to an excellent standard. High level of site use. Excellent interpretation if appropriate. Buildings all appropriate to the site. Excellent recycling rates/programmes.	Nearly litter and graffiti free, property and furniture maintained to very good standard. Usage levels are high and very good interpretation is present if appropriate. Very good recycling rates/programmes.	Many areas litter and graffiti free and furniture maintained to a good standard. Usage levels are good and good interpretation is available if appropriate. Good recycling rates/programmes.	Levels of litter and graffiti are not intrusive and furniture maintenance is satisfactory. Plans for interpretation in place as appropriate to site. Satisfactory recycling takes place.	Intrusive levels of litter and graffiti are present. Property and furniture maintenance is fair but under development. Plans to increase usage are being developed. Fair recycling takes place and is developing.



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<p><b>Local Identity</b> Is there a sense of place, with appropriate acknowledgement of local heritage (including biodiversity), art in the landscape, signage and interpretation?</p>	<p>Extensive evidence of efforts to highlight /enhance local identity. An excellent impression made about what makes the area unique.</p>	<p>Considerable evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A very good impression made about what makes the area unique.</p>	<p>Some evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A good impression made about what makes the area unique.</p>	<p>Little evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A satisfactory impression made about what makes the area unique.</p>	
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