



IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD - MARKING SHEET

Name of group: Dollar Horticultural and Garden club with Dollar in Bloom	Assessment date: 16/7/21
Name of assessor:	Sara Smith
<p>Introduction: Dollar Horticultural and garden club work across Dollar to improve the area for all, with planting displays and community engagement. They work very closely with Dollar in Bloom and a number of other groups in Dollar. They have a number of planters around Dollar that they plant up and maintain, have installed planters and benches at the front of the health centre, planted up the riverbank with bulbs and improved numerous neglected areas around the village. They also have a plant sale and donate some of the profit locally.</p>	
Section A - Community Participation	
<p>This project has community participation at the heart of what they do. There is a clear pride in the work they have carried out, and the community are involved in planting, watering, filling planters and working together to manage beds.</p> <p>They have coordinated looking after what were council managed beds and have surveyed local people around what they would like to see in the commemorative garden. They are also working with community payback to get some painting completed.</p>	
Section B - Environmental Responsibility	
<p>Peat free compost is used in all the planters and they are choosing species which are good for wildlife. Their input into improving green spaces is fantastic.</p>	
Section C- Gardening Achievement	
<p>The gardening achievement of this group is considerable. They have different people engaged with different pots/hanging baskets, and everyone gets involved in maintaining and watering. Plant choice is community based, with everyone providing plants from their own gardens to fill spaces. Those involved have a creative flair, and they have taken derelict patches and made them into beautiful areas for everyone to benefit from. For example, a derelict area in front of a BT box has been transformed; in a few years, when it's established, this will be a fantastic area for pollinators as well as a bonus for the residents.</p>	
OVERALL LEVEL ACHIEVED	Level 4 - Thriving



Areas of achievement:

There are several areas of achievement to highlight:

- the health centre planting project and the community bulb planting (both the tulips in the planters and the riverside planting).
- The community participation in this project is exceptional.
- The plant sale is also an exceptional achievement, particularly in the current climate.

Recommendations/suggestions from your assessor:

Well done to everyone involved – the local benefits are significant. Moving forward, we did briefly discuss perennial planting for tubs. If there are areas for improvement they are linked into environmental responsibility.

In the commemorative garden there might be the opportunity to think about a rain garden, utilising the runoff from the new road.

RESULTS

Level	Description
Level 1	Establishing
Level 2	Improving
Level 3	Advancing
Level 4	Thriving
Level 5	Outstanding

