

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form

Name & Area. Friends of Troopers Hill - Bristol.



Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)	
<p>The group is working towards things such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being inclusive of local people Local ownership and direction Making a difference to local people Involving local people with planning, decision-making, communication & implementation Representative of the local community Getting support (e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.) Planning for the future Working in partnership with other organisations (i.e. police, community support officers, environmental groups etc.) 	
Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)	38
Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)	
<p>The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation (e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment) Composting Recycling Creating, maintaining or improving green space Sharing knowledge and skills <p>The group is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly-tipping Fly-posting Litter Graffiti Dog fouling 	
Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)	28
Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)	
<p>The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> good plant choice Good maintenance, presentation and management Creativity Innovation Overcoming site difficulties Enhancing the area through gardening 	
Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)	24
GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED	90
LEVEL ACHIEVED	Outstanding

Areas of achievement:

- Troopers Hill is an open space overlooking the River Avon offering panoramic views over Bristol. It is a unique area of acid grassland and heathland, providing a habitat and food source for many species of wildlife.
- It has a history of industrial use and mining and was purchased by the City Council in 1956
- The Friends group started in 2003
- Troopers Hill is a haven for wildlife in east Bristol only 3 miles from the City Centre
- Awarded Green Flag for the sixth year running.
- Comprehensive range of events are organised
- Excellent newsletter – *The Hill* - supported by a range of excellent leaflets
- A most informative website
- Good work starting to control bracken

Areas for development:

- Difficult to add any more comments - a model Friends Group in every way and a wonderful site - just keep going!
- Congratulations to everyone involved in this project

Results

Level	Description	Points
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Developing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100