

## **Press Release**

### **Fitton Hill and Hathershaw in Bloom Wows the Judges**

Residents in the NDC area have proved their fantastic gardening skills and green fingered expertise yet again as Judging in the second Fitton Hill and Hathershaw in Bloom competition starts in earnest.

Thirty four residents from across Hathershaw and Fitton Hill put their gardens forward for the competition this year and despite the awful wet weather the judges were very impressed with the results.

The competition started in the area in May, and residents had until 27<sup>th</sup> June to enter.

This year's judges included Les Coop Chair of the NDC Board Peter Rafferty Area Manager Streetscene for Hathershaw and Sarah Bevan Villages Housing and Paul Daly from Daisy Nook Garden Centre.

The judges are currently deliberating who should win the coveted titles in the following categories to third place and the winners will be announced at the Fitton Hill and Hathershaw in Bloom presentation evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008 from 5.00 pm at The Honeywell Centre.

Overall Winner in Hathershaw and in Fitton Hill  
Best Garden  
Best Pensioners Garden  
Best Communal Area  
Best Container Display

The winners will receive Garden Centre vouchers and trophies and all who participated will receive a certificate

Peter Rafferty Area Manager for Streetscene and a judge in the Hathershaw area said.

"The quality and variety of plants was fantastic with residents experimenting with bedding plants and sub tropical shrubs and even vegetables planted amongst flower beds so that every piece was used productively. It was particularly pleasing how residents were teaming up with neighbours to swap cuttings and plants, and to go on and create wonderful communal gardens for the whole neighbourhood. All the gardens were maintained to a high standard, there was thoughtful use of recycled materials such as compost bins, solar lights and a high regard for local wildlife with most gardens encouraging nesting birds and having feeding trays and baths".

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**You are invited to attend the presentation event on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August and take photographs of the winners. The presentation of certificates and vouchers takes place at 5.50 pm until 6.20 pm**