

# **Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum - earlier than usual newsletter!**

## **Many Congratulations to the Titchfield in Bloom group**

First of all, thanks to the team of Gloria Hunt, Nicky Zakki, Coral Wood, Pamela Van Reyson, Sue Brindle and Julie Nash for their remarkable achievement in being awarded the Silver Gilt in the South and South East Village In Bloom awards. Gloria Hunt reports:

On Wednesday 20th September the Village in Bloom committee travelled to Gatwick to attend the South and South East of England awards. We had no expectations as this was our first entry, but were excited to sit down with 400 others. The awards are given in the following categories, Highly Commended, Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt and Gold. Only the main awards are given at the ceremony. We watched as castles, towns and stately homes received their awards.

After lunch, it was time for large villages. It was with huge pride that **Village in Bloom Titchfield** were awarded a Silver Gilt and two members of the committee received it on behalf of the village. Congratulations to everyone who took part, helped and supported. Our village has become one of two receiving Silver Gilt, there were no Gold awards for Hampshire in this category. It was also announced that coming in on a Silver Gilt was a force to be reckoned with. The Committee are now ready to carry on and aim for Gold next year. We will let you know if we have any result in the Borough awards on the 27th Thank you and well done everyone!.

I am sure you agree that the village still looks great some 6 weeks after the competition so it is fabulous news that the team are willing to continue for another year.

## **Health Day**

Just a reminder to come along to our **Health Day on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 10am and 2pm in the Community Centre**. We have many stands as well as demonstrations - you can even have your teeth checked at our Tooth Bus! You can also make yourself a smoothie drink using our 'smoothie bike'.

## **School**

We have now heard from HCC that they have appointed a lollipop person for the crossing in Coach Hill. The post will be filled, subject to checks and references, in October. Many of us have been working hard promoting this vacancy not to mention Paula Weaver who has checked and counted the traffic regularly in the mornings to obtain evidence.

## **20 mph speed limit**

We have now heard from HCC that they are not in a position to provide 20 mph speed limits in the access roads to the village due to lack of funding. However, I understand, that if we could provide them with the money for the signs they would be willing to reconsider!

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