



**HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL**

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Muster Green is once again flying the flag as one of the UK's very best green spaces

Muster Green in Haywards Heath has again been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world.

Muster Green is among a record-breaking 1,797 UK parks and green spaces that will today receive a prestigious Green Flag Award, the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Cllr Sandy Ellis, Haywards Heath Town Councillor and Chairman of the Haywards Heath 'In Bloom' Committee said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive our third Green Flag Award for Muster Green. We know how much quality green spaces matter to our residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Muster Green to such a high standard.

I would like to thank our wonderful Grounds Men for the tremendous work they do in maintaining the parks and green spaces in Haywards Heath which are currently blooming with flowers and looking fabulous for the community to enjoy."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme. Each flag is a celebration of the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. The success of the scheme, especially in these challenging times, demonstrates just how much parks matter to people."

Haywards Heath Town Council, its Councillors, the Haywards Heath 'In Bloom Committee' and our Haywards Heath Community Warden have worked together with Mid Sussex District Council and its Park Warden as part of Love Parks week. This encourages communities to get together to spread their love of parks and the Council will be working over the Summer on other events as part of this Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

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Notes to Editors

The Green Flag Awards Scheme (<http://greenflagaward.org/>) is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Department of Communities and Local Government, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Keep Wales Tidy and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and the National Housing Federation.

Keep Britain Tidy is a leading environmental charity. We campaign for quality parks and green spaces for everyone, inspire people to be litter-free, to waste less and to live more. We are run programmes including Eco-Schools, the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces and the Blue Flag/ Seaside Awards for beaches. To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, our programmes and campaigns visit www.keepbritaintidy.org.

Any green space that is accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups. Green Heritage Site accreditation is judged on the treatment of the site's historic features and the standard of conservation.

Attached

Photos: Cllr Sandy Ellis and Head Grounds Man, Alan John at Muster Green

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