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Third Green Flag award for Bramcote Ridge Local Nature Reserves is fourth for Broxtowe

GREEN Flag Community Awards are part of the Green Flag scheme and recognise the best community-run green open spaces. In the last issue of *The Beeston Express*, we said that the local area had been awarded three Green Flag awards. We were wrong. There were four.

Alexandrina Plantation and Sandy Lane Open Space, adjacent

local nature reserves (LNR) in Bramcote, have been rewarded for a third year running with this prestigious award.

A group of local volunteers, The Friends of Bramcote Ridge, work closely with Broxtowe Borough Council to maintain the two sites, and the Green Flag judges said they were impressed with the

management of the area and the dedication of the conservation group.

The Friends of Bramcote Ridge were the first group in Broxtowe to receive the Green Flag community award in 2009 and are very proud that they have continued to win it each year since.

Norman Clyde-Watson, chair

of the Bramcote Ridge group, said: "Obviously I am delighted with the result. I would like to thank all the volunteers who help maintain these LNRs and also Broxtowe Borough Council for their continued support."

The Green Flag scheme is run by Keep Britain Tidy, BTCV and Greenspace.

Note: *The Beeston Express* overlooked details of what was the *fourth* Green Flag award in the local area when preparing the front page for the last issue (August 5).

As part of a contrite apology to the Friends of Bramcote Ridge and by way of reparation, we promised to find space on the front page of this week's issue.


heritage open days

*Heritage
Open Days*

Friday,
September 9
to
Sunday,
September 11

Full programme
details and places
to visit during the
weekend will be
available in the
September 2

issue of

The Beeston Express



Diamond wedding celebration at Sandby Court

NORMAN and Joyce Addington celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at Sandy Court, Chilwell, on Thursday, August 18 with a big party for friends and relations.

The Deputy Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Margaret Handley, arrived with a beautiful basket of flowers to present to the couple.

The couple's daughter, Gill Fram, had travelled from Blackburn with the grandchildren, Katie (20) and Marcus (18), who were willing helpers as the party got under way.

Norman and Joyce have always lived in the Chilwell area. They put their long and happy marriage down to a lot of love and years of laughter, saying: "We have always enjoyed each other's company and being together, when we can laugh with each other – and at each other!"

About 50 guests were enjoying the party, which included a buffet and a splendid anniversary cake. Joyce had chosen deep red roses to decorate the table – just like the ones she had carried in her wedding bouquet, 60 years ago.



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