

Britain in Bloom

Christchurch has won this competition more than once in the past. However on 9th July 2014 CBC confirmed that Christchurch would not be entering the 2014 competition. CBC said:

In the past the entry into the competition and management of the judging etc. was carried out by officers within the Council's tourism department. When the tourism service was reviewed and job positions were altered, the way in which this piece of work was carried out had to change. As it stands, the actual entry into the competition has been shelved but the floral displays etc. were developed and maintained exactly as they have always been.

When asked about future years, CBC said:

The plan for the future will be to try to recruit a community organisation (or set up a new one) within Christchurch, to have the same role as the Wimborne voluntary organisation, and to enter the competition in their own right. The Council will still provide support in terms of maintaining parks, gardens, countryside sites and floral displays. This is likely to take some time due to community capacity building and available resources within the Council, but we hope work may start on it next year.

In other words Christchurch has been put on the same footing as Wimborne.