



Ballymena Town Centre is preparing for a special visit from Royal Horticultural Society judges who are visiting the town on **Tuesday 8th August** as Ballymena is judged in the **Britain in Bloom Finals 2017**.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask local businesses in the town to help give us one last push before the judging by:

- **Clearing litter etc from your shop front**
- **Display Ballymena in Bloom materials in/around your premises (tel 028 9335 8279 to request some)**
- **Ensure your shop front is in good order**
- **Remove any weeds**
- **Add some colour with pretty floral displays**

This is an incredibly exciting time for the town as it is hoped the judges will see the culmination of many months of hard work by our businesses, local communities and Council Parks and Open Spaces staff.

Ballymena BID has been busy adding to our already extensive planning programme for the Town Centre and we have worked with the Council to place 16 large seven tier planters in and around the town to showcase a range a colourful plants to help brighten up our

local streets.

The Britain in Bloom competition will examine these combined efforts to make Ballymena safer, cleaner and greener and will without a doubt be wowed by the strong sense of community within the town.

**We hope everyone will get involved and ensure Ballymena is looking its best for the judging - good luck Ballymena!**



Pictured at one of the beautiful blooming planters in Ballymena town centre is Noel Robinson, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council with PJ McAvoy, Safer Cleaner Accessible Chairman and William Alexander, Ballymena BID director.



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