

## **RICHMOND BOROUGH IN BLOOM COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Dear Friend of Richmond Borough in Bloom,

Following 30 years of hard work by Patricia Schooling and the committee it is with sadness we write to inform you Richmond Borough in Bloom has in its current format been disbanded. Established back in 1990 as an offshoot of the then Richmond Tourism Association a group of local businesses and amenity societies came together to promote bloom across the borough in our high streets, community areas and residential gardens.

Working alongside local businesses and the LBRuT the committee set up the annual bloom competition and enhanced the street scene with hanging baskets.

However the committee has now reached the point where we're unable to fund and facilitate RBIB which involves an immense amount of 'behind the scenes' organisation and voluntary time.

This problem is prevalent across many London Boroughs who like us are unable to continue the 'borough wide' competition however in many places the mantle has been taken up by local communities organising their own competitions. Businesses, individual residents and community areas are continuing to enter London in Bloom independently.

The committee have decided the remaining funds will be made available to schools, community and amenity centres, churches and residential groups and societies to establish or enhance gardens and competitions in their local area.

If you wish to apply for a grant up to a maximum of £250.00 please email [rbibgrantapplication@gmail.com](mailto:rbibgrantapplication@gmail.com) with details of your project or proposal together with supporting costings, photos and drawings. Applications will close on 31st March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Sheena Harold, Bruce Lyons and Martin Steel  
on behalf of RBIB  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2020