



Middleton St George Parish Council

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HONORARY FREEWOMAN OF MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE PARISH CITATION

Mrs Valerie Porter has worked tirelessly for the past 5 years to make this village a worthy winner of Northumbria in Bloom.

She has:

- Encouraged residents to take pride in their environment.
- Encouraged local businesses to work together in support of the wider community.
- Enabled a wide range of people to become engaged in the practical tasks associated with this competition
- Led by example through the following:-
 - Obtaining the necessary amount of compost and seeds and all the necessary travel that' involved requiring repeat journeys to get all the compost
 - Ordering some plants that are hard to grow from the suppliers
 - Corresponding with the NIB committee and deciding what is entered in each category
 - Cleaning all trays and plant pots and setting up the greenhouse
 - Planting seeds in trays and propagators
 - Monitoring and watering constantly
 - Pricking out plants when ready into larger pots, some plants may require this several times
 - Providing sufficient heat in the greenhouse until the weather is acceptable for the plants to survive
 - Preparing baskets and tubs and for spring inspection and planting them out
 - The same with the summer display
 - Summer weeding
 - Watering almost daily – (in 2018 = 42 days on the trot with watering taking 2 hours daily)
 - Taking the judges around the village and to Middleton Hall
 - Attending the presentation ceremony with some entrants
 - Feeding back to the Parish Council and all concerned.