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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL SELECTED TO REPRESENT SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST REGION IN 2026 RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALS

Godalming Town Council is delighted to announce that *Floral Godalming* has been selected to represent the South and South-East Region in the 2026 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom UK Finals, in the Town and City Centres' category.

The RHS Britain in Bloom Awards is the UK's largest horticultural campaign and community gardening competition. Since the 1960s Britain in Bloom has celebrated communities that, make positive changes to their environment and like Godalming, each year, thousands of other cities, towns, villages and neighbourhoods work to improve their local area and enhance wellbeing.

Godalming's selection as a national finalist follows an outstanding performance in the regional South and South-East in Bloom (SSEIB) Awards, for which the town centre achieved a Gold Award. This success is a testament to the incredible teamwork, civic pride and dedication shown by the Council's Grounds Team, Floral Godalming sponsors, residents and volunteers.

In addition to the town centre's success in the SSEIB Awards, Godalming also achieved Gold for both Nightingale and Eashing cemeteries with Eashing receiving Best in Category recognition, and Godalming Youth Centre receiving Gold in the Shop Front and Workplace category, Mayor of Godalming, Cllr Bob Crooks, commented: "Being chosen to represent the South and South East Region at the 2026 RHS Britain in Bloom finals is a tremendous achievement for Godalming. It reflects the hard work, commitment and pride of everyone involved in keeping our town such a welcoming and attractive place."

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