



Ash wins prestigious Green Flag Community Award

This week Ash Millennium Wood received a prestigious Green Flag Community Award. It joins 11 other community green spaces awarded recognition in the South West and is the only community award winner in South Somerset.

The community wood is among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces and 131 in thirteen other countries around the world, that will today receive a prestigious Green Flag Community Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

The Green Flag Awards Scheme <http://greenflagaward.org/> is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Sites are assessed against 24 criteria and the average is multiplied by 10 to give the final score, to achieve the Award a site must achieve a minimum of 66%. The wood achieved a score in the 75-79% band. The broad judging categories are:

A Welcoming Place

Healthy, Safe and Secure

Well Maintained and Clean

Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage

Community Involvement

Environmental Management

Management / Achievements