



## **Blenheim Gardens raises prestigious Green Flag Award after achieving international quality mark for parks and green spaces**

Minehead Town Council is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for Blenheim Gardens.

The site is one of 2,250 in the UK to achieve the award, which is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

The news that Blenheim has met the standards required for the accreditation is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for the green space so that visitors and residents alike can enjoy it.

Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: *“Congratulations to everyone involved in Blenheim Gardens who have worked tirelessly to ensure that it achieves the high standards required for the Green Flag Award.*

*“Quality parks and green spaces like Blenheim Gardens make the country a healthier place to live and work in, and a stronger place in which to invest.*

*“Crucially, Blenheim Gardens is a vital green space for the community of Minehead to enjoy nature, and during the ongoing cost of living crisis it is a free and safe space for families to socialise. It also provides important opportunities for local people and visitors to reap the physical and mental health benefits of green space.”*

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

This year’s Green Flag Award is of particular importance, as it marks the first recognition of Blenheim Gardens since Minehead Town Council formally took over ownership from Somerset Council on 1st May 2025. The award highlights the Council’s early success in managing and enhancing one of the town’s most cherished green spaces.

Mayor of Minehead, Craig Palmer, said:

*“We are absolutely delighted that Blenheim Gardens has received the prestigious Green Flag Award under our stewardship. It reflects the dedication of our team and local volunteers who work tirelessly to preserve the beauty, safety and accessibility*

*of this much-loved space. This award is a strong endorsement of our commitment to enhancing local green spaces for residents and visitors alike.”*

This achievement also comes during a busy and exciting week for the town, as Minehead prepares to welcome Britain in Bloom judges on Thursday. With last year's Gold Award still fresh in our minds, the town is once again hoping to impress with its vibrant displays, community spirit and dedication to horticultural excellence.

