

IT'S WIN, WIN FOR HEADSTOCKS SITE

Transformation of a former colliery yard into a thriving environmental asset has earned Brinsley not one, but two, Green Flag Community awards.

Building on the success in 2016, the site picked up a second Green Flag Community award in 2017 and the Friends of Brinsley Headstocks group have completed the application process for 2018.

“The Green Flag Award Scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world,” explained a Green Flag spokesman adding “We review places that are constantly looking to improve their sites now and for future generations.”

He said, “Community involvement is a key criterion for the Green Flag Community Award as it looks to how well the site relates to and encompasses the local and wider community. As the international standard for parks and green spaces, holding a Green Flag Community Award brings with it a vast amount of prestige. It is also an example of civic achievement and provides communities with a great sense of civic pride.”

Chairman of the Friends group Ken Hamilton said members were delighted the site had won year on year success. “We know how much quality greenspaces matter to residents and visitors. This award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Brinsley Headstocks to such a high standard.

“Hopefully at this year’s Festival we can celebrate a hat trick!” said Mr Hamilton.