

# *Tansley Village*

## **Portfolio**



# **Competition 2011**

## **Large Village Class**

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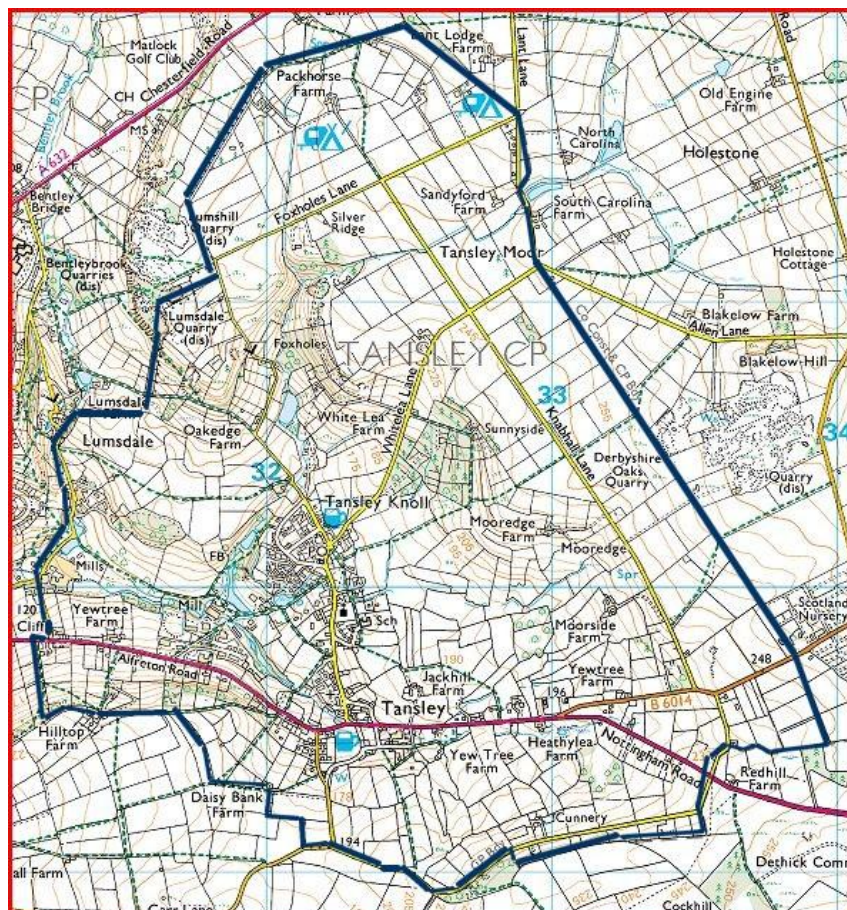


# Introduction

## Tansley Village

Tansley is in Derbyshire, 1.5 miles east of Matlock, in the south-east of the Peak District, just outside the Peak District National Park. The village is built on gritstone and is 600 feet above sea-level.

The adult population given by the electoral register is 1,025, making it a 'Large Village' for the East Midlands in Bloom (EMiB) Competition.





The village has a village green with a play area, a fete/football field, village and community halls, one shop (for sale), a primary school, Anglican and Methodist churches, many historic buildings, two old mills and mill ponds, three pubs, a garden centre, three horticultural nurseries and a small industrial area. It is close to the picturesque water-mill heritage site of Lumsdale owned by the Arkwright Society and is partly within the Lumsdale Conservation Area. It has 11 Listed Buildings/Sites.



## Keeping in touch

We ensure that the whole community is in touch with news, events and important local information using notice-boards, email, print and the web. These include:

- ☆ **Notice-boards** – two new ones added last year by Tansley Parish Council (see details below)
- ☆ **Tansley Hotwire** – our email news service to over 200 subscribers and still growing
- ☆ **Tansley Hotwire News In Print** – a regular printed copy of Hotwire for those without email, now in its second year
- ☆ [tansleyvillage.org.uk](http://tansleyvillage.org.uk) – news, events and information on the web for the village and beyond
- ☆ [tansleyparish.com](http://tansleyparish.com) – news and information on the web from Tansley Parish Council
- ☆ [tansleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://tansleyvillagehall.org.uk) – information on the web about the activities and events in our Village Hall and its Restoration Project, with roof replacement commencing on 18<sup>th</sup> July
- ☆ [tansleychurch.org.uk](http://tansleychurch.org.uk) and its **Tansley Times** – Church news and information on the web.

## New oak-framed notice-boards

Resident, Brian Taylor, voluntarily built and installed two superb oak-framed notice-boards last year. The wood was generously donated by Charles Gregory and Sons wood merchants of Tansley.



The board by the Village Green



The board by the Community Hall

## Our village's heritage

Tansley is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Tanslege. Tan means a branch of a valley. Lega/leah means a wood/glade. Hence, Tansley is the 'wooded glade in the branch of a valley'.

The village has an amazing heritage in farming and nurseries, in quarrying and water-powered wood sawing, tape and shawl production, rope making and in hydrotherapy. Farming and nurseries are still strong today, together with local, small, modern industries and tourism. We have two garden centres and three plant nurseries, including a specialist growing Acer trees.

Tansley's past is evident in its restored mill buildings, its beautiful mill ponds and brooks that rise in the hillsides above the village, its Victorian hydro (now a residential care home), its churches and its original school, built in 1843, and serving as the Village Hall for the last 60 years.



**Tansley House (formerly a Victorian Hydro)**



**Scholes Mill (formerly used to make shawls)**



**Scholes Mill Pond**



**Foxholes Brook**

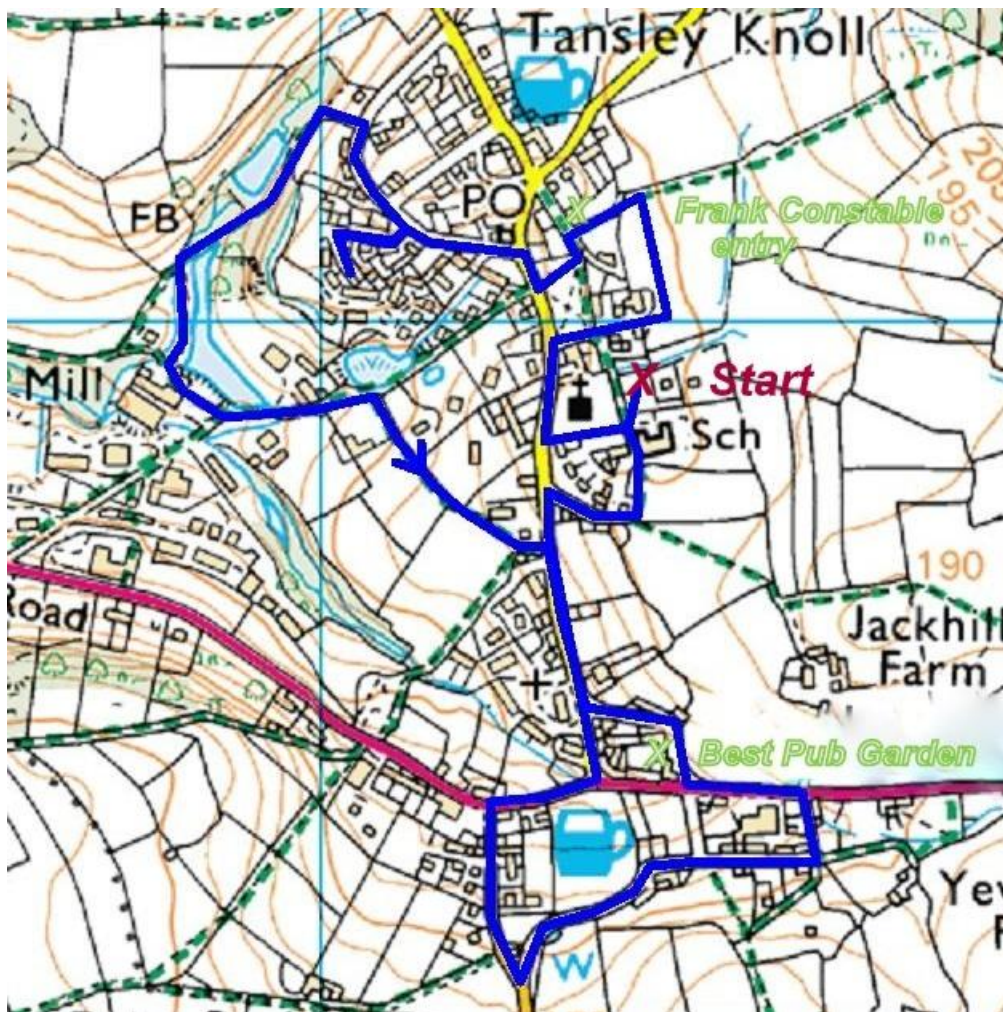


## Our Portfolio

As you read our Portfolio, we hope that you will be impressed by our

- **Horticultural Achievement**
- **Community Participation**
- **Environmental Responsibility.**

We hope that the portfolio will also remind you of the places and things you will see on your escorted 1½ hour tour of the village taking the route shown below.



**The route for our walking tour of Tansley**

The route includes the primary school garden and adds two 15 minute stops to see our entries for:

- ☆ **Frank Constable Award – The Cottage, Green Lane**
- ☆ **Best Pub Garden Award – The Tavern, Nottingham Road.**

# Horticultural Achievement

## Tansley In Bloom competition

The competition is held annually. It is run by Tansley Parish Council and judged by Jeff Bates.



**Tansley In Bloom presentations – Autumn 2010**

## Winning entries

Tansley In Bloom's categories are Large Garden, Small Garden, Vegetable Garden and Pots and Tubs. Here are photos of the winning entries, mostly as seen from or by the public streets.



**Gold, Best Large Garden and Best In Competition 2010  
Vicki Raynes, Rogan Cottage, Holly Lane**





**Gold and Best Small Garden 2010**  
**Sandra and John Hill, Riber View Close**



**Gold and Best Basket or Tub 2010 – Amanda Thomas, The Tavern**





**Best Vegetable Garden 2010 Silver Gilt – Ruth Bartlett, Green Lane**

#### **Other Gold winners**



**Small Garden - Jean Ellis, Green Lane**





**Small Garden - Wendy Thorpe, Honor Wood and Carole Rigby, Gold Hill**



**Baskets and Tubs - Teanie and Richard Dornan, The Knoll**



### **Our entry for the EMiB 2011 Frank Constable Award**



**Ruth Bartlett's garden, The Cottage, Green Lane**

### **Our entry for the EMiB 2011 Best Pub Garden Award**



**Amanda and Steve Thomas, The Tavern, Nottingham Road**



## Community planting in tubs and baskets

As usual, a large number of beautiful hanging baskets and planters, generously supported by the Blue Diamond Group, add summer colour to our streets.

Two attractive wooden tubs have been planted-up on both sides of the Community Hall's front entrance. Water-retaining tubs have been added at the Village Hall and on the Village Green.



**Water-efficient baskets are hung throughout the village every year in late spring**



**Planter by the steps onto the Village Green**



**Planter in front of Mais Close**



## Tansley Primary School

The school has been developing the area bordering its playing field through a project called Grounds For Change. This comprises an exciting and educational series of features including

- raised vegetable beds and wildlife pond



- willow dome, soft fruit, wild flower area, orchard and copse



- wicker bird hide and heath.





## Holy Trinity Church

The churchyard is a riot of yellow at Easter when the daffodils and narcissi are in full bloom. This is followed a few weeks later by the blooming of the flowering cherry tree, like others in Church Street.



## Flower Festivals

The Flower Festival coincides with our well-dressing. Last year, Holy Trinity Church showed dozens of arrangements designed for the well-dressing's theme of "Aesop's Fables". Here are some of them.



**The Goose That Laid The Golden Egg**



**The Two Pots**





**The Fox And The Grapes**



**The Peacock And The Crane**



**The North Wind And The Sun**



**The Traveller And His Dog**

The Methodist Church presented a Flower Festival at the same time as Holy Trinity Church. Here are some of their flower arrangements.



**The Wedding At Cana**



**Moses and The Burning Bush**





Entrance arrangement



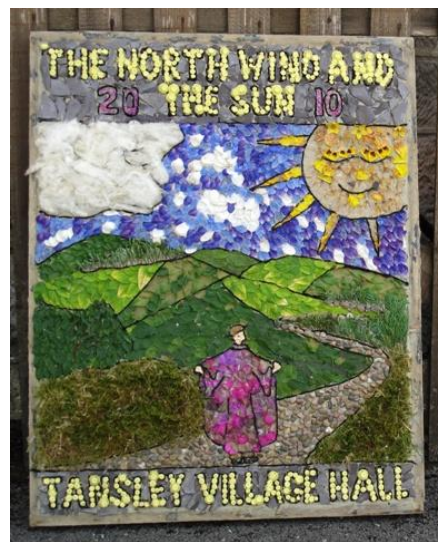
Feeding the Five Thousand

## Well-Dressing

Tansley is displaying well-dressings from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July this year. Last year, five dressings were made by various groups of adults and children. The theme was "Aesop's Fables".



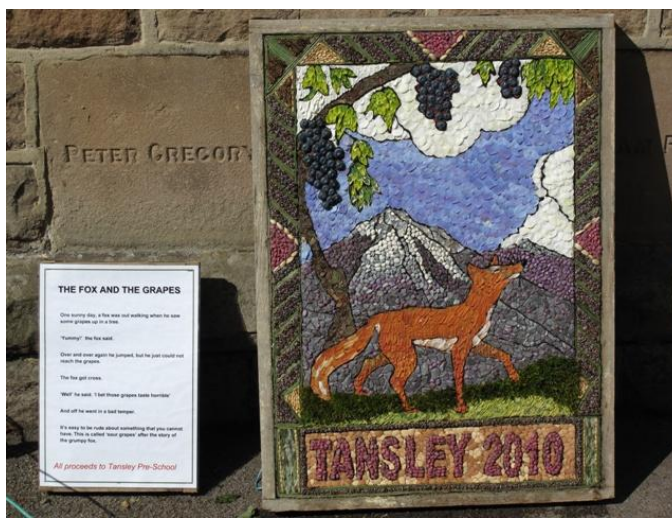
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The North Wind and the Sun

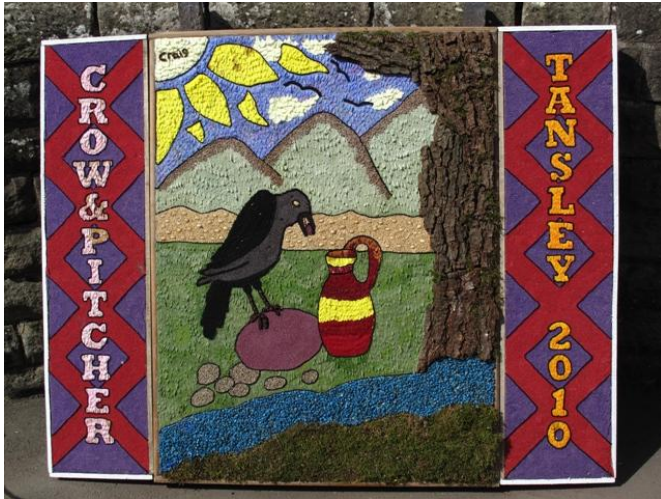


The Boy and the Wolf

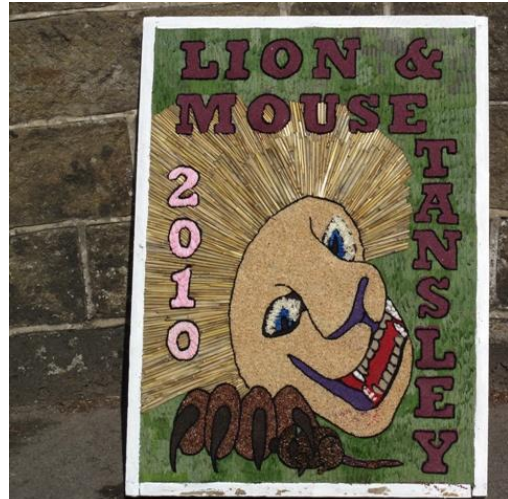


The Fox and the Grapes





The Crow and Pitcher



The Lion and Mouse

## Community Participation



### Tansley Parish Council

During the last year our parish council has

- installed a dog litter bin in Thatcher's Lane
- started a new programme of cutting-back growth on or at the side of footpaths



- repaired and renovated two public benches, one (seen below) outside the OAP bungalows in Gold Hill and the other beside the top path on the Village Green near Green Lane



- cleared the side of Spout Lane and invited villagers to plant spring bulbs. So far several people have added snowdrops, crocus and daffodils



- planted an area on the Village Green beside the steps down to Church Street with lavender, spirea and euonymus





- planted an area behind the Fete Field Pavilion with vinca and primula set in front of and around a large gritstone boulder and bounded by smaller gritstone rocks



- cut hedges and lopped oak trees in the church yard.



## Pride In Tansley

In November 2009 a small group of residents formed **Pride In Tansley** to find ways, with others, to improve our village's appearance in floral and other ways.

To inform and to try to involve the community, we publish our actions and achievements on our Pride In Tansley page on the [tansleyvillage.org.uk](http://tansleyvillage.org.uk) web site. Here is a short extract from our Activity List. It is aligned with the Royal Horticultural Society's three pillars of excellence promoted by East Midlands In Bloom.



# Pride in Tansley - Activity List - as at 14th March 2011

Key	
Nothing happening	
In hand/ongoing	
Completed	

EMIB Categories		Priority	Next Action(s)	Actionee	Target Date	Status	Issues	Situation so far	Final result
Activity	A- Horticulture B - Environment C- Community								
Tubs/baskets in front of School	✓		1 Discuss with Tracey Holmes. CK offered to water.	DT	Jan-10	Awaited	Watering during holidays	Funding & volunteers needed.	
Tubs/baskets in front of Tansley House	✓		1 Owner to provide and plant tubs.	BT	Mar-10	Ongoing		Owner has agreed to provide and plant tubs.	
Tubs/baskets in front of Community Hall	✓		1	BT	Mar-10	Completed		Planted by Vicki Raynes et al	
Tubs/baskets in front of Mais Close	✓		1 KG to write to follow-up with Dale Housing/ Acclaim Housing.	TD	Mar-10	Stalled		TD has rec'd reply from Dale Housing	
Tubs/baskets on Village Green	✓		3 Discuss with Tansley Parish Council			Not started			
Large tubs at village entry points	✓		3 Discuss with Tansley Parish Council	BT		Not started			
"Stop The Drop" litter pick-ups		✓	3 Organise litter picks e.g. For the ponds along Foxholes Brook			Not started	Be aware of H&S needs.	School's children may produce poster.	
Leaf pick-ups (autumn, winter, spring)		✓	3 Organise leaf picks			Not started	Be aware of H&S needs.		
Repairs to seats and benches		✓	1 Get seat at top of Village Green repaired	BT	Mar-10	Ongoing		TPC to ask John Hill to fix.	
Replace/refix missing/damaged dog bins		✓	1 Follow up with Tansley PC.	BT	Mar-10	Completed		Completed	3 bins replaced.
Street name signs to be refixed/replaced		✓	1 Contact DCC to fix signs at Gold Hill and The Knoll	CK, TD	Mar-10	Completed		CK phoned request to DDDC 21/1. Gold Hill sign fixed.	
New decorative village entry signs		✓	3 Discuss with TPC and DCC	BT	Feb-10	Ongoing	Design, funding	Tansley PC investigating.	



Pride In Tansley raised £100 at the Tansley Primary School Summer Fair in June by selling plants from its bring-and-buy stall and copies of a locally written book donated by the parish council.

Pride In Tansley used the money to buy and to plant an Amberol water-saving planter for the top path of the Village Green. It is planted with red pelargoniums and dark blue lobelia around a central euonymus.



Pride In Tansley printed leaflets containing four local walks produced by resident Mary Eatherden for a village book called Tansley Past and Present.

The leaflets are available free to visitors from a Perspex dispenser at the Village Hall.

They are also published on the Tansley Village and Tansley Parish Council web sites so that anyone can read/print them for themselves or others.



Pride In Tansley organised a Super Sunflower Competition, judged last September. Here's Maisie, the proud winner.



Pride In Tansley had footpath signage improved, sought local interest in having Open Gardens and a Horticultural show and had anti-litter posters made by Tansley Primary School's children.

Here is Pride In Tansley's stand with bring-and-buy plants at the primary school's Summer Fair.



## Tansley Primary School

Tansley Primary School's staff and children, supported by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derbyshire County Council, have been active again this year enhancing their school grounds. Their Grounds For Change project includes:

- a wildlife pond
- wildlife homes, bird boxes & bird feeders
- a copse, heath & willow dome
- a vegetable garden.

More information is shown in our Horticultural Achievement section.





Over the winter, Derbyshire County Council cut back the overgrown north side area.

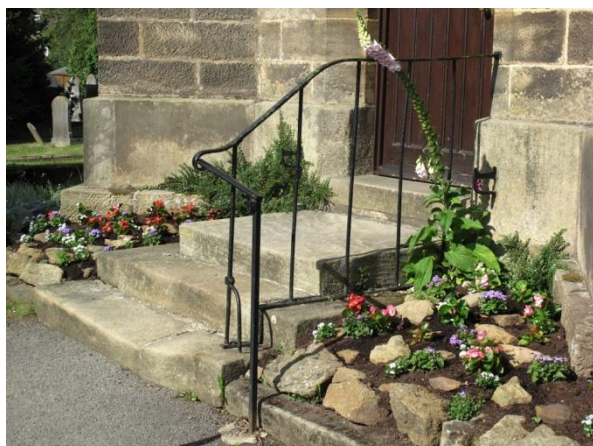
A member of Pride In Tansley cleared away litter, recycling bottles and cans at the same time.



## Holy Trinity Church

Members and friends of Holy Trinity Church have removed overgrown bushes on both sides of the main entrance and planted smaller shrubs and plants to replace them.

Here is this summer's planting of begonias and ageratum.



The Garden Of Remembrance has been cleared of overgrown shrubs. Grass has been strimmed away from the remembrance stones and paths. Further planting will follow.



## More community participation

Ken Ryder is one of the older folks who, every spring and summer, plants-up a tub on the wall beside the Village Green at the top of Spout Lane, in memory of former dairy farmer and milkman, Vaughan Taylor, who lived nearby.

This is a wonderful contribution to the village scene made by a kind and generous person.

Ken also mows the grass behind the Village Hall.



Here's the tub planted for this summer.

Pride In Tansley won an Amberol water-saving planter at this year's EMIB Seminar at Belper. The planter has been placed outside Tansley Village Hall.

It is filled with Vital Earth's peat-free compost made locally in Ashbourne from composted green waste. The compost and bulbs were bought from a small nursery in Tansley.

Here is the planter filled with daffodils in spring this year.







The planter is now filled with violet pelargoniums and dark blue lobelia around a central pittosporum.

## Environmental Responsibility

### New litter and dog waste bins

Last year, Tansley Parish Council installed an extra litter bin at the bottom of Gold Hill and replaced three damaged dog waste bins. It installed another dog waste bin this year in Thatcher's Lane.



... Out with the old!

In with the new ...





## Tansley Fete Field improvements

Tansley Parish Council has completed the work on the pavilion area.

Last year, steps, a terrace path, railings and an approach light were added to tidy-up the end and side of the building.




This year the 'bund' area has been cleared and re-planted.



## Improved footpath signage

Pride In Tansley visited all 21 access points to the parish's footpath network to identify improvements needed to signage. These are shown in an Action List on the web page. A short extract is shown below.

Condition of Tansley Footpath Signs - 18th January 2010 (Last updated 26/1/2011) - Survey by Chris Knightley for Pride in Tansley

Location	Photo	Type	Condition	Comments	Action	Status	DCC Resp.
1 Gold Hill alley by Tresco		None	Absent	Sign or arrow attached to wall desirable to avoid confusion	Install arrow on wall	To be done	Phil Berry
2 Gold Hill entrance to path across field		Wood	OK		None		NA
3 Green Lane start of path to Mooreedge		Wood	OK	Old metal sign is damaged and should be removed	None		NA
4 Oaksedge Lane vehicular track starting the path to The Ballans		Metal finger	Scruffy - Needs repainting	Green and white, by Brook Cottage	Repaint	To be done	Dianna Clarke
5 Junction of track and path to The Ballans		None	Absent	Sign/arrows desirable to avoid confusion	Install arrow on wall/post	To be done	Phil Berry
6 Lumsdale Road path to The Ballans		Wood	OK		None		NA
7 Oaksedge Lane path at junction with Foxholes Lane		Metal finger	Excellent	Appears to have been renewed recently	None		NA





Pride In Tansley contacted Derbyshire County Council's Public Rights of Way team. It agreed to implement every improvement raised, some last year and the rest this year. Pride In Tansley continues to monitor the remaining work.

Here is one of the new signs, newly sited at the top of Starth Lane, in the south of Tansley.

## Improvements arising from Tansley Wood Mill redevelopment

Tansley Wood Mill (also known as Drabble's Mill) is being restored and redeveloped. As part of this, section 106 agreements will provide improvements to the local area. These are expected to include a cycle path and restoring a pond, both within the parish boundary.

## Street scene tidying-up

Residents got together at the bottom of Church Street to prune a cherry tree that was overhanging the pavement, to plant primulas at the street corner and to tidy-up around a grit bin.

The area by the street outside Tansley House continues to be kept very well by its owners.

Tansley Primary School children conducted a village environmental survey in March. They found many things to appreciate and a few needing improvement.

Pride In Tansley visited the school and asked the children to make laminated posters encouraging everyone to keep Tansley tidy. Pride In Tansley fixed-up them up around the village.





## Summary

Tansley's gardens, streets, pub gardens and school are at a high standard again this year. Improvements continue to be made around the village throughout the year, including over the winter.

The school continues to develop its garden projects and to ensure that today's children, as tomorrow's adults, value a village in bloom both now and in future.



*Amy Wright's 1<sup>st</sup> Prize entry and James Wilmot's 'Highly Commended' one for the 2010 Children's Painting Competition*

The End – Thank you for reading our Portfolio