Tansley Village
Portfolio

Competition 2010
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 in the centre of England.
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, garden centres, 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. The village's adult population, given in the electoral register 2010, is about 1,000.

**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 this year by Tansley Parish Council (see details below)
- **Tansley Hotwire** – our email news service to over 180 subscribers and still growing
- **Tansley Hotwire News In Print** – a regular printed copy of Hotwire for those without email
- **tansleyvillage.org.uk** – news, events and information on the web for the village and beyond
- **tansleyparish.com** – news and information on the web from Tansley Parish Council
- **tansleyvillagehall.org.uk** – information on the web about the activities and events in our Village Hall and its Restoration Project – with Stage 1a commencing on 12th July this year!
- **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 this year. The wood was generously donated by Charles Gregory and Sons wood merchants of Tansley.

The new board by the Village Green

The new board by the Community Hall
Our village’s heritage

Tansley is recorded in the Doomsday 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 and its Victorian hydro (now a residential care home).

Our Portfolio

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

- Community Participation
- Horticultural Achievement and
- Environmental Responsibility.
The route for our walking tour of Tansley

Community Participation
Pride In Tansley

Last November, Tansley’s community formed a new working group, called Pride In Tansley, to drive improvements within our village, aligned with the Royal Horticultural Society’s three pillars of excellence promoted by East Midlands In Bloom. In addition, Tansley Primary School, Tansley Church and Tansley Parish Council have made big improvements to their parts of the village scene.

To inform and to involve the community, we publish our actions and achievements on our Pride In Tansley page on the tansleyvillage.org.uk web site. Here is a short extract from our Activity List ...

**Pride in Tansley - Activity List - as at 22nd January 2010**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Next Action(s)</th>
<th>Target Date</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Issues</th>
<th>Situation so far</th>
<th>Final result</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Obtain funding</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Ask TPC for admin funding</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Dec</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>£500 offered, money needed</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Establish group information on Village Web site</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Follow up with DDCC Planning Dept.</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>Group has own page containing info, rules and docs</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Find out if section 106 money is available in Tansley</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Follow up with DDCC Planning Dept.</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Available at Drayton Mill, to be fulfilled</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop and maintain a portfolio for the EMIB entry</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Reserve and organise content</td>
<td>CE</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Make something of Village Hall rear garden</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>2. Discuss with Village Hall Committee</td>
<td>CE</td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td>Funds</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tidy up churchyard</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Organise work</td>
<td>CE</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plant more bulbs around village and/or churchyard</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Tubs / baskets in front of Village Hall</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Discuss with Village Hall Committee</td>
<td>CE</td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td>Funds</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tubs / baskets in front of School</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Discuss with Tracy Holmes</td>
<td>CE</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Tubs / baskets in front of Tansley House</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Discuss with owner / manager</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tubs / baskets in front of Community Hall</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Discuss with Jo Smith</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tubs / baskets in front of Hall Close</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>1. Discuss with Open Meeting</td>
<td>TB</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tubs / baskets on Village Green</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>2. Discuss with Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large tubs at village entrance points</td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>3. Discuss with Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td></td>
<td>Not started</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>&quot;Sleep the Deep&quot; flower picks up</strong></td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>3 Organise flower picks e.g. for the</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Leaf pick-up (autumn, winter, spring)</strong></td>
<td>Tansley Parish Council</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>3 Organise leaf picks</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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**Tansley Primary School**

Tansley Primary School’s staff and children, supported by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derbyshire County Council, have been very active in 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.

Tansley Primary School invites you to read about the project in its own portfolio and to enjoy a tour of its new garden and nature areas.

**Tansley Church**

**Churchyard**

Holy Trinity Church has made improvements to the landscape at the front entrance and to the Garden Of Remembrance. These are shown in our Horticultural Achievement section.
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 Festival**

The Flower Festival coincides with our well-dressing period. Last year, the church was richly adorned throughout with dozens of arrangements designed for the well-dressing’s theme of “parables”.

The Methodist Church is also presenting a Flower Festival this year during the well-dressing period.
The Light Under A Bushel

Vinyard Workers

The Lost Sheep (by Mary)

The Sower

The Parables

The Good Samaritan (by the Primary School)
The Wise And Foolish Virgins
The Lost Sheep (by Kath)

The Prodigal Son
Wedding flowers

Well-Dressing
Tansley is displaying well-dressings from 10th to 14th July this year. Last year 5 dressings were made by adults and by children from Tansley Primary School. The theme was “parables”.

Dorothy and Kath petalling their well-dressing
The Lost Sheep
Tansley Parish Council

Our parish council has made great improvements to the area surrounding the Fete Field Pavilion and to the perimeter of the Fete Field.

It has also

- repaired the wall below the steps to the Village Green
- provided new football goals on the Village Green
- provided a new litter bin by the bus stop below Gold Hill
- replaced three worn out dog litter bins and
- provided two new oak-framed notice-boards.

Many of these improvements are shown in our Environmental Responsibility section (below).
Horticultural Achievement

Tansley In Bloom competition

Tansley In Bloom presentations – Autumn 2009

Winning entries

Here are photos of the winning entries.

Best Large Garden – Gold and Best In Competition 2009 - Polly Morten, Woodbine Cottage, Oaksedge Lane

Polly Morten receiving her award from Jeff Bates
Ruth Barlett’s garden, The Cottage, Green Lane is our entry in 2010 for the Frank Constable Award.

Gold and Best Small Garden - Tansley In Bloom 2009.

Best Basket or Tub 2009 – Gold - Honor Wood, 10 Gold Hill
Best Vegetable Garden 2009 – Silver Gilt - Chris Riggott, Alders Lane

Other Gold winners

Audrey Strange’s Large Garden – Gold
Marion and Bob Ball's Large Garden – Gold

Carol Rigby's Basket or Tub - Gold
Wendy Thorpe’s Basket or Tub - Gold

The Tavern Inn is our submission for Best Pub/Hotel garden in EMIB 2010

Tansley Church’s main entrance
Overgrown bushes have been removed on both sides of the main entrance. Small plants will be added to replace them.
Tansley Church’s Garden Of Remembrance

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

Children’s Sunflower Growing competition

A competition is running for a wide range of age groups in the village, as shown in this poster, so that everyone can take part.

Judging is in September, with small prizes being awarded.
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. Tubs will be added outside the Village Hall when the restoration work is finished.

Water-efficient baskets hung along Church Street and Gold Hill every year in late spring

Planter by the steps onto the Village Green

Planter in front of Mais Close
Doreen and Ken Ryder are two of the older folks who, every spring and summer, plant-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 two kind and generous people.

Ken also mows the grass behind the Village Hall.

Tub at the top of the Village Green planted by Mr & Mrs Ryder

Environmental Responsibility

New litter and dog waste bins

Tansley Parish Council has installed an extra litter bin at the bottom of Gold Hill and replaced the three damaged dog waste bins with new ones.

... Out with the old!

In with the new ...
Tansley Fete Field improvements

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

This year, steps, a terrace path, railings and approach light have been added to tidy-up the end and side of the building.

The Fete Field Pavilion

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.

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<th>Location</th>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Comments</th>
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<th>Status</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Gold Hill Road by Farm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Repair</td>
<td>Sign or arrow attached to wall desirable to avoid confusion</td>
<td>Install arrow on wall</td>
<td>To be done</td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Lane start of path to Mooredge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>OK</td>
<td></td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Oakridge Lane, vehicle track starting the path to The Ballards</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Junction of track and path to The Ballards</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Recent</td>
<td>Sign/arrow desirable to avoid confusion</td>
<td>Install arrow on wall/post</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lorraine Road, path to The Ballards</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>OK</td>
<td></td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oakridge Lane path at junction with Foxholes Lane</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Appears to have been renewed recently</td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Condition of Tansley Footpath Signs - 18th January 2010 (Last updated 24/1/2010) - Survey by Chris Knightley for Pride in Tansley
Pride In Tansley contacted Derbyshire County Council’s Public Rights of Way (PRoW) team. The PRoW team was very supportive and agreed to implement every improvement raised, some this year and the rest before April 2011. Pride In Tansley will continue to monitor this work.

Here is one of many recently renewed signs, as seen at Oaksedge Lane.

**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.

**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 was tidied-up very well by its owners.

Pride In Tansley contacted Derbyshire Dales District Council to get two fallen street name signs re-fixed.

**Summary**

Tansley’s gardens, streets and pub gardens remain at a high standard this year. Many improvements have been made to Church Street, the Village Green, the Fete Field, the primary school and the churchyard. We hope these will enable us to improve on our Silver Award of 2009.

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*The End – Thank you for reading our Portfolio*