

# Tansley Village Portfolio



Competition 2010  
Village Class

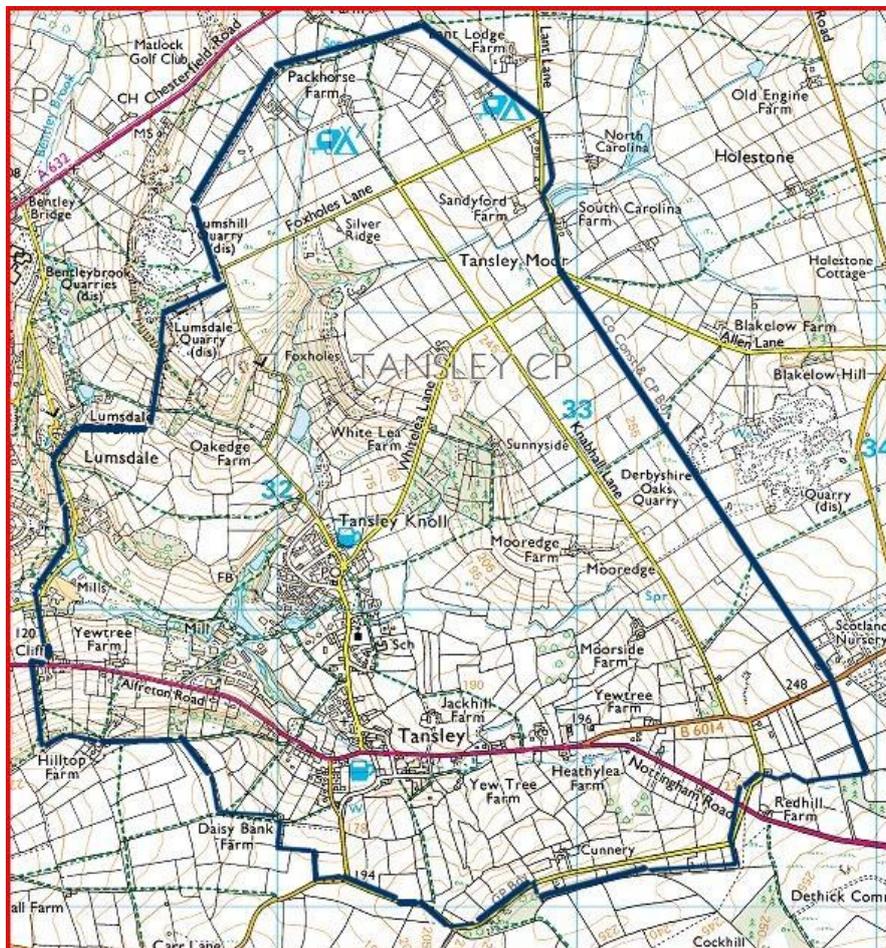
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# Introduction

## 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](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 Stage 1a commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> July this year!
- ☆ [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 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 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 and its Victorian hydro (now a residential care home).



**Tansley House (formerly a Hydro)**



**Scholes Mill**



**Scholes Mill Pond**

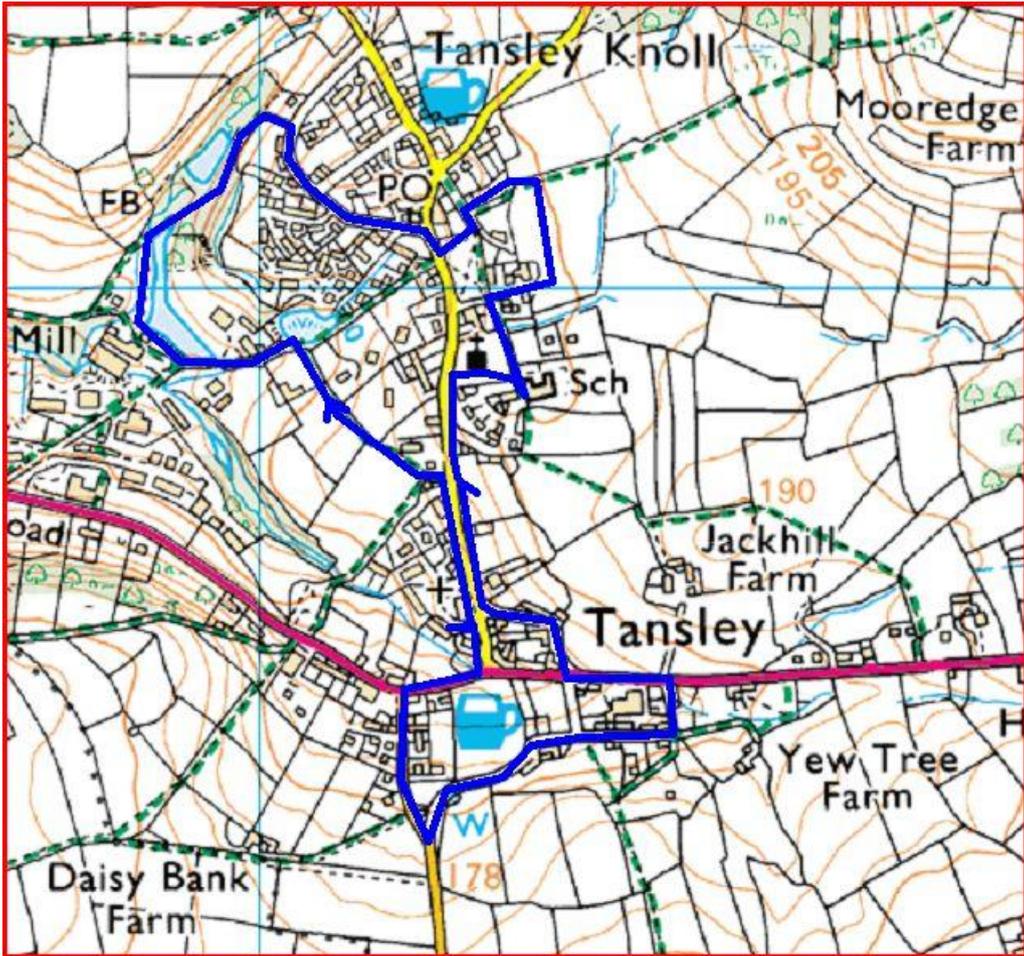


**Foxholes Brook**

## 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](http://tansleyvillage.org.uk) web site. Here is a short extract from our Activity List ...

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

Activity	EMIB Categories			Priority	Next Action(s)	Actionee	Target Date	Status	Issues	Situation so far	Final result
	A- Horticulture	B- Environment	C- Community								
Obtain funding			✓	1	Ask TPC for admin funding	BT	Dec-09	Complete		£100 offered, money awaited	
Establish group information on Village Web site				1			Jan-10	Complete			Group has own page containing info, notes and docs
Find out if section 106 money is available in Tansley developments to improve the local environment			✓	1	Follow-up with DDDC Planning Dept.	BT	Jan-10	Ongoing		Available at Drabbles Mill, to be followed	
Develop and maintain a portfolio for the EMIB entry			✓	1	Receive and organise content	CK	Mar-10	Not started			
Make something of Village Hall rear garden	✓	✓		2	Discuss with Village Hall Committee	CK	Feb-10	Not started	Funds		
Tidy-up churchyard	✓	✓		1	Organise work	DT		Ongoing			
Plant more bulbs around village and/or churchyard	✓	✓		3							
Tubs/baskets in front of Village Hall	✓			1	Discuss with Village Hall Committee	CK	Feb-10	Not started	Funds		
Tubs/baskets in front of School	✓			1	Discuss with Tracey Holmes	DT	Jan-10	Ongoing			
Tubs/baskets in front of Tansley House	✓			1	Discuss with owner/manager	BT	Mar-10	Not started			
Tubs/baskets in front of Community Hall	✓			1	Discuss with Joe Woods	BT	Mar-10	Not started			
Tubs/baskets in front of Mais Close	✓			1	Discuss with Dales Housing	TD	Mar-10	Not started			
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						
Leaf pick-ups (autumn, winter, spring)		✓	✓	3	Organise leaf picks						

## 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 Builders**



**The Wise and Foolish**



**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**



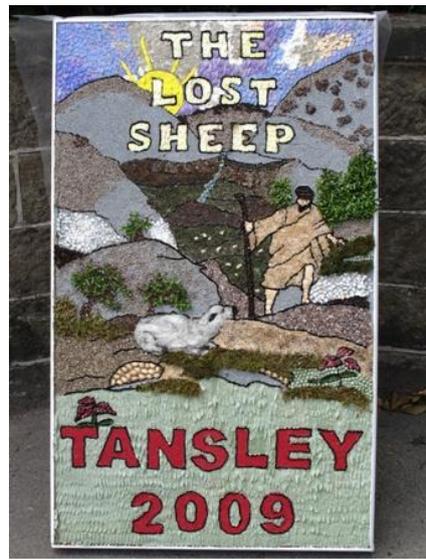
**Wedding flowers**

**Well-Dressing**

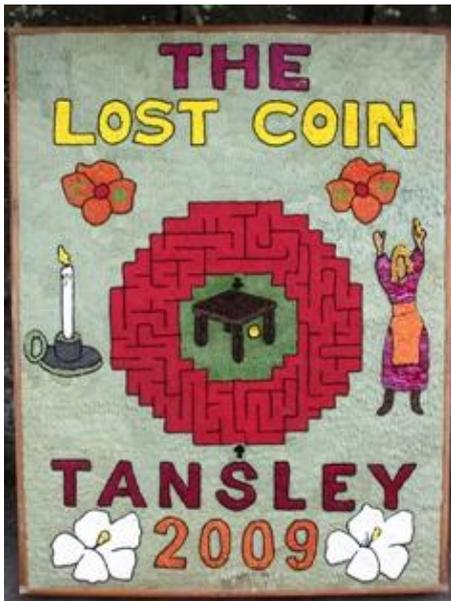
Tansley is displaying well-dressings from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July this year. Last year 5 dressings were made by adults and by children from Tansley Primary School. The theme was "parables".



**Dorothy and Kath petalling their well-dressing**



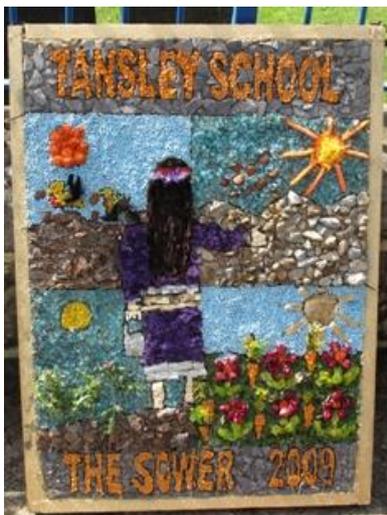
**The Lost Sheep**



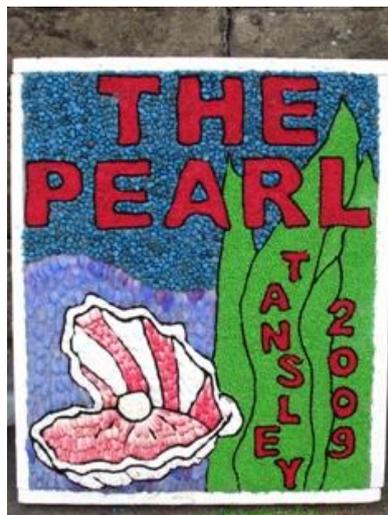
The Lost Coin



The design drawing for The Lost Sheep



The Sower (by primary school)



The Pearl



The Mustard Seed

## 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.



**Super Sunflower Competition**

- Free entry – Buy your own seeds
- Prizes for ...
  - ✓ Tallest plant
  - ✓ Biggest flower
  - ✓ Best group
- Entrant age groups ...
  - ✓ Up to 7
  - ✓ 8-11
  - ✓ 12-15
  - ✓ 16+
- Judging - September 2010
- Entry forms from ...

## 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.



In with the new ...

... Out with the old!



**Top of The Old Coach Road opposite the Village Green.**

## 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.

Condition of Tansley Footpath Signs - 18th January 2010 (Last updated 24/1/2010) - Survey by Chris Knightley for Pride in Tansley

Location	Photo	Type	Condition	Comments	Action	Status
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
2 Gold Hill entrance to path across field		Wood	OK		None	
3 Green Lane start of path to Mooredge		Wood	OK	Old metal sign is damaged and should be removed	None	
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
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
6 Lumsdale Road path to The Ballans		Wood	OK		None	
7 Oaksedge Lane path at junction with Foxholes Lane		Metal finger	Excellent	Appears to have been renewed recently	None	



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.



*The End – Thank you for reading our Portfolio*