

## **Great-Britain: The Leeds & District Allotment Gardeners Federation continues on the road of success**

Huge success for allotments at Harrogate Spring Flower Show Britain's number one Flower Show.

Phil Gomersall received a certificate and a new Community award on behalf of the Leeds & District Allotment Gardeners Federation at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show 2015 for creating the outstanding central feature of the show, a VE Day Allotment (Victory in Europe Day Allotment). It was a historic allotment with plant varieties of that era and original artefacts including ration book, identity card, barrage balloon, air raid shelter, bicycle, air raid warden's helmet. The Harrogate Spring Flower Show is rated as Britain's number one Flower Show.

Phil Gomersall is the Publicity Officer for the Federation and created the initial design for the allotment. Volunteers from the Federation have been working on its creation since last November 2014.

All plants were grown under glass by Federation members but nearly all without heat.

The volunteers are elated by all the positive responses they have received from the public, fellow exhibitors and there has been huge media interest from television, radio and the press.

Although the Federation have received many gold awards in the past for allotment gardens created, and even exhibited at Chelsea, they feel this garden has been the pinnacle of their creations.

It was four times the size of their normal demonstration gardens.



