

Congratulations

President of National Allotment Society, Great-Britain, awarded British Empire Medal.

Her Majesty the Queen graciously approved that Philip Gomersall of Rawdon be awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to Horticulture in Yorkshire in the Birthday Honours List 2018.

Phil Gomersall has many roles in the allotment world from President of the National Allotment Society, Chairman of the Yorkshire Allotment Gardeners Federation, Publicity Officer of the Leeds Allotments Federation and Secretary of Victory Garden Allotments Association, Rawdon. He also represents the English allotment gardeners in the International Office du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux.

He has promoted and advised on the many benefits that allotment gardening has to offer, over many years, and is a very hard working hands on and quite jovial kind of person.

He was instrumental in the creation of many allotment show gardens at the Harrogate Flower Shows, Great Yorkshire Show and even Chelsea.

In addition to the above, he is also the Vice Chairman of Rawdon in Bloom, an organisation improving the local environment where he lives.

Phil Gomersall says: “there are many others like him promoting and advising on allotment gardening up and down the country but his approach may be slightly different and have a little more gusto and bravado in promotion of the many benefits of allotment gardening”.

He is immensely proud to be awarded the medal and is still reeling from the news, but never the less was still out planting up planters, in his village of Rawdon, the following morning.

