

JUDGING CRITERIA



<p>Best Front Garden : Open to all private residential premises. Front gardens must be visible to passers-by, and can include bedding plants, herbaceous plants, shrubs trees lawns and containers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial) and rare or unusual species. ☀ Maintenance of paths and structures, lawns and general cultivation. ☀ Sustainability and biodiversity- approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or use of recycled green waste material along with water conservation methods.
<p>Best Small Garden Frontage or Balcony (under 3 metres): Open to all private residential premises. Front gardens must be visible to passers-by and can be any living floral design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial) and rare or unusual species. ☀ Maintenance of paths and structures, lawns and general cultivation. ☀ Sustainability and biodiversity- approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or use of recycled green waste material along with water conservation methods.
<p>Best Public House, Hotel, Guest House: All entries must be visible to the passer-by, can be of any floral design, and a living planted display.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the business and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial). ☀ Impact and presentation, use of planting to best effect. ☀ Maintenance of the built environment which shall include hard landscape features. Freedom of litter, debris and weeds.
<p>Best Restaurant or Café: All entries must be visible to the passer-by, can be of any floral design, and a living planted display. Decorating the inside of windows and windowsills is permitted, only real flowers/ plants to be used.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the business and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial). ☀ Impact and presentation, use of planting to best effect. ☀ Maintenance of the built environment which shall include hard landscape features. Freedom of litter, debris and weeds.
<p>Best Shop or Business: All entries must be visible to the passer-by, can be of any floral design, and a living planted display. Decorating the inside of windows and windowsills is permitted, only real flowers/ plants to be used.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the business and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial). ☀ Impact and presentation, use of planting to best effect. ☀ Maintenance of the built environment which shall include hard landscape features. Freedom of litter, debris and weeds.

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<p>Best Hanging Basket/Planters/ Window Box: All entries must be visible to the passer-by, can be of any floral design, and a living planted display.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the container and best use of space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants which may include interesting collections (annual or perennial). ☀ Impact and presentation, use of colour, texture and scent to best effect. ☀ Seasonal potential plants used for long term display.
<p>Best School Garden: Impact and overall impression of the space available. Well managed natural habitats, encouraging native plants/wildlife, quality and maintenance of the permanent planting/flower's vegetables/fruit and enthusiasm, enjoyment and involvement of the children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Range of habitats created (in relation to garden size). ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants chosen to attract/ benefit wildlife. ☀ Involvement of school pupils. ☀ Sustainability and biodiversity- approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods, home composting.
<p>Best wildlife or Environmental Plot (including Allotments): The judges will visit each site in the summer and consider all plots. A positive impact on the environment is a key criterion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Range of habitats created (in relation to plot size) and areas set aside for wildlife refuge. ☀ Overall design and suitability of design in relation to the space. ☀ Range and diversity of plants chosen to attract/ benefit wildlife. ☀ Health and vigor - absence of pest and disease which best shows good horticultural practice. ☀ Sustainability and biodiversity- approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods, home composting.
<p>Best Community Group: Open to groups of residents, tenants' organisations, and community groups wishing to nominate shared and communal gardens. Judges will be looking for a colourful display of flowers and foliage, and can include bedding plants, herbaceous plants, shrubs, trees, lawns and containers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Maintenance of planting - Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease. ☀ Design suitability in relation to the business. Innovation and best use of space. ☀ Working together - projects that show cross community working - supporting each other with a common aim. ☀ Education and awareness - Sustainability and biodiversity- approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods, home composting. Approaches to pest and disease management. ☀ Maintenance of the hard landscape. Freedom of litter, debris and weeds.
<p>Tallest Sunflower (under 16's):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☀ Sunflowers must be grown at home or school by the entrant. Any variety of sunflower (Helianthus species) is eligible for entry. Entries must be live plants.