



Judging Criteria - Back Garden

Judges will look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, overall design, plant selection and any integration with other more permanent planting. Judges will assess the maintenance of hard landscape features and evaluate the approach to sustainability in cultivation methods.

Name;	Max Points	Points
Suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space	20	
Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity	10	
Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting including any ponds or wildlife areas as appropriate	20	
Health and vigour and any associated pest/disease control	10	
Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any outdoor seating, any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas	10	
Sustainable practices such as water collection, composting, use of solar power	10	
Methods of recycling of natural resources (compost) and minimising waste along with water conservation	10	
Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. mulching, water reduction and approach to organic gardening	10	
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	

Judges most impressed with;

Areas to consider for improvement;

Judging Criteria - Balcony Garden

Judges will look at the positioning of displays and approach to design, along with plant selection and sustainability. Judges will consider the health and vigour of plants along with sustainable gardening methods.

Hanging Baskets are classed as containers.

	Max Points	Points
Health and vigour - absence of pests and diseases, plants thriving	15	
Sustainability - water conservation, organic pest control, composting and recycling	25	
Design - suitability in relation to containers and best use of space	15	
Choice of planting - variety of species, long term display, container appropriate	15	
Impact - use of colour, texture and scent	15	
Maintenance - including dead-heading, absence of weeds, tidy borders	15	
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	

Judges most impressed with;

Areas to consider for improvement;

Judging Criteria - Communal Garden

Awarded to an area where the garden has been created for the benefit and enjoyment of the wider community. This may include a community project, business premises or shared residential garden. The use of contractors will not not de-merit an entry but special consideration will be given where the work is carried out by residents or volunteers working to a common aim.

Name		
		Max Points
		Actual Points
Suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space		20
Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity		10
Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting including any ponds or wildlife areas as appropriate		20
Health and vigour and any associated pest/disease control		10
Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any outdoor seating, hard landscaping e.g., gravel areas		10
Sustainable practices such as water collection, composting, use of solar power and recycling		10
Working together - projects that show cross residents / volunteers supporting each other with a common aim		20
	Total Points Awarded	100

Most impressed with

Areas which could be considered for improvement

Judging Criteria - Edible Garden

Judges will look at the cleanliness, fertility, cropping practices, use of space and the variety of crop. Considering the health and vigour of produce and the use of sustainable cultivation methods.

Name;	Max Points	Points
Tidy and accessible Layout	10	
Need to see a good variety and range of crops	20	
Crops must not have been left to go past their prime (unless it is made clear they are being left for seed production)	10	
Plants should not be showing signs of deficiency and have been correctly fed and watered	15	
Correct maintenance of plants, appropriate to their type	15	
Evidence of a compost bin/heap recycling green waste from garden	10	
Water conservation - this will include mulching and water butts, signs of spot watering such as pots etc. sunk into the ground alongside extra thirsty plants such as cucumbers and tomatoes	10	
Evidence of use of organic pest control rather than chemical e.g. slug & moth traps, companion planting	10	
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	

Judges most impressed with;

Areas to consider for improvement;

Judging Criteria - Front Garden

Judges will look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, overall design, plant selection and integration of seasonal displays with permanent planting. Judges will assess the maintenance of hard landscaping and evaluate the approach to sustainability in cultivation methods.

Name:	Max Points	Points
Suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space		
Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity		
Quality of horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting		
Health and vigour and any associated pest/disease control		
Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas, boundaries, drive ways, pergolas		
Sustainable practices such as water collection, composting, use of solar power		
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	

Judging Criteria - Wildlife Garden

Judges should expect to see examples of diversity of wildlife including birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians. Planting should include species which will provide natural foods sources, shelter and nesting spots.

Name;	Max Points	Points
Range of Habitats (in relation to garden size) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of trees, hedges, shrubs and ground cover plants • Ponds or wetlands with safe access for wildlife • Grasses managed for wildlife 	25	
Choice and variety of plants chosen to attract/benefit wildlife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good variety of berried shrubs/climbers • Plants to attract pollinators and plants providing nectar in winter • Seeded plants for birds & night scented plants for moths 	20	
Artificial nesting provision or areas set aside for refuge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nest box diversity e.g. hole size, open fronted, bat boxes 	15	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover for fledglings / stones for amphibians / protection of nests • Habitats e.g. beehive, hedgehog boxes, slow worms 		
Sustainability and organic methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water collection / preservation methods • Composting and use of leaf mould • Sustainable principles e.g. solar lighting or pumps, recycling • Organic pest control 	30	
Overall knowledge of wildlife gardening principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When to cut hedges • What supplementary food is appropriate to put out and when • What berries attract which birds over winter 	10	
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	