

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form 2019



Entry Name: Barbara's Bed
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<p>50 words of introduction re-entry: <i>Once a poorly maintained, bed on an important approach road into the town has over the last few years been transformed by Barbara Deason into a horticultural wonder. With a little help with grass cutting and the addition of a floral bicycle this perennial bed has a host of donated and propagated planting that is really stunning. This year the statuesque Scottish thistle gave additional impact. Well Done</i></p>	
<p>Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)</p>	
<p>The group is working towards things such as:</p> <p>Community involvement with lots of social activities as well as horticultural pride and achievement. Local ownership and direction Making a difference to local people Involving local people with planning, decision-making, communication & implementation Representative of the local community Getting support (e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.) Planning for the future Working in partnership with other organisations (i.e. police, community support officers, environmental groups etc.)</p>	
<p>Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)</p>	<p>32</p>
<p>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)</p>	
<p>The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <p>Conservation (e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment) Composting Recycling Creating, maintaining or improving green space Sharing knowledge and skills</p> <p>The group is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as:</p> <p>Fly-tipping Fly-posting Litter Graffiti Dog fouling</p>	
<p>Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Section C- Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)</p>	

<p><i>The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:</i> <i>good plant choice</i> <i>Good maintenance, presentation and management</i> <i>Creativity</i> <i>Innovation</i> <i>Overcoming site difficulties</i> <i>Enhancing the area through gardening</i></p>	
Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)	29
GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED	89
LEVEL ACHIEVED	Level 5 - Outstanding
<p>Areas of achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In the first instance almost singlehandedly taking on the maintenance of a much neglected town centre bed.</i> • <i>Superb maintenance and care, championing what visitors to the town had in store horticulturally in this National Finalist year.</i> • <i>The foresight to develop a bed that still requires care but of a perennial nature making life a little easier in the future</i> • <i>The use of donated, unwanted and propagated planting.</i> 	
<p>Areas for development:</p>	

Results

Level	Description	Points
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Developing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100