

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form 2019



Entry Name: Newport Herb and Sensory Garden

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<p>50 words of introduction re-entry: <i>A small but well stocked and maintained sensory and herb garden, complementing the Grade II listed Guildhall in the Town Centre. The concept originally initiated by the Civic Society is maintained to a high standard by a small group of dedicated volunteers. Residents are encouraged to pick the herbs as required and the recycled seating and solar water fountain give a sense of peaceful contemplation. It does what it says on the tin!</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>35</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)	27
GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED	90
LEVEL ACHIEVED	Level 5 - Outstanding
<p>Areas of achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maintaining a small piece of public space in an unusual manner both enhancing the building and adjacent car park.</i> • <i>Use of recycled bench materials, water harvesting, solar fountain and Bill and Ben!</i> • <i>Extensive planting list featuring a large variety of both culinary and sensory plants</i> • <i>Encouraging residents to help themselves to herbs(which takes place without the process being abused)</i> 	
<p>Areas for development:</p> <p>Perhaps an interpretation board outlining the planting (with common names too, not necessarily Latin ones)</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