

CATEGORY 1 FRONT GARDENS

- a) Small floral front garden
- b) Large floral front garden
- c) Courtyard or forecourt style garden
- d) Plantsman's front garden

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the property and the best use of space including access and practicability of layout.	15	
A2	Choice and use of any hard landscaping features and materials.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity.	10	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	5	
A5	The extent to which the garden adds to the overall street scene/enjoyment by the Community.	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (55)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Quality of horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting.	20	
B2	Health and Vigour and any associated pest/disease control.	15	
B3	Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas, boundaries, drive ways, pergolas.	10	
B4	Cleanliness. Absence of litter, weeds and dog/cat fouling.	5	
B5	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste along with water and energy conservation.	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	
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CATEGORY 2 & 3

2 Container-a single planter, hanging or wall basket.
3 Floral Display, incl. balconies, using multiple baskets/containers.

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (50)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the property and the (best use of space).	15	
A2	Presentation, use of colour, texture or scent.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range plus potential of plants used for long term display.	15	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	5	
A5	The extent to which the garden adds to the overall street scene/enjoyment by the Community.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (50)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Horticultural maintenance including watering and dead-heading.	20	
B2	Health and Vigour and any associated pest/disease e.g. balanced feeding.	15	
B3	Absence of weeds.	10	
B4	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 4

Garden feature – A topical theme or innovative or amusing design.

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (55)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	How does the design relate to the overall impact of the garden.	15	
A2	Degree of innovation and originality. Credit will be given for themes and topical ideas.	20	
A3	To what extent has recycling/upcycling been used in the overall design.	10	
A4	The extent to which the garden adds to the overall street scene/enjoyment by Community.	10	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (25)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Maintenance of the feature.	25	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION C – PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT (20)		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	The extent to which the entrant is personally involved in the construction of the feature and its day to day growing and maintenance.	20	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 5 BACK GARDENS

- a) Small floral back garden
- b) Large floral back garden
- c) Small plantsman's back garden
- d) Large plantsman's back garden

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (50)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the property and the best use of space including access and practicability of layout.	15	
A2	Choice and use of any hard landscaping features and materials.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity.	15	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	10	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting including any ponds or wildlife areas as appropriate.	10	
B2	Health and Vigour and any associated pest/disease control.	15	
B3	Maintenance of paths, lawns and any outdoor seating, any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas.	10	
B4	Cleanliness. Absence of litter, weeds and dog/cat fouling.	5	
B5	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste.	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION C – PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT (5)		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	The extent to which the entrant is personally involved in the day to day growing and maintenance of the garden.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 6 – WILDLIFE GARDEN

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

TICK BOX

FRONT
GARDEN

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BACK
GARDEN

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		MAX	ACTUAL
SECTION A Max 25	Range of habitats created (in relation to garden size)		
	A1 Diversity of trees, hedges, shrubs and climbers	4	
	A2 Density & effectiveness of ground cover plants	4	
	A3 Ponds with safe access for wildlife (addl. bog area?)	4	
	A4 Grass managed for wildlife		
	Lawn: Clover, Birds Foot Trefoil, Selfheal,	4	
	Rough grass: Gatekeeper, Meadow Browns		
	A5 Night scented plants (attract moths and, in turn, bats)	3	
SECTION B Max 30	A6 Log piles (for insects and in turn birds)	3	
	A7 Other wildlife habitats (e.g. green roof)	3	
	Choice and variety of plants chosen to attract/benefit wildlife		
	B1 Good variety of berried shrubs/climbers	5	
	B2 Plants to attract pollinators (composite, Umbellifers etc)	5	
	B3 Plants to attract larval stages of insects (e.g. nettles, hops, birch, oak)	5	
	B4 Plants that provide nectar in Winter (e.g. Mahonia)	5	
	B5 Seeded plants for finches, etc. (e.g. Teasels, Cardoons)	5	
SECTION C Max 20	B6 Actual evidence of leaf-cutter or other bees	2	
	B7 Other (e.g. Mosses and lichens)	3	
	Artificial nesting provision or areas set aside for refuge		
	C1 Nest box diversity (e.g. hole size significance, open fronted, bat boxes)	5	
	C2 Nests in hedgerow, thicket or bamboo stand	4	
	C3 Cover for fledglings (e.g. robins) and stones for amphibians	2	
	C4 Protection of nest from predators (cats, woodpeckers)	2	
	C5 Provision of mud for blackbird & house martin nests	2	
SECTION D Max 15	C6 Bug hotels & other structures with crevices for insects	2	
	C7 Other (e.g. Beehives, hedgehog boxes - slow worms in composting areas)	3	
	Sustainability and biodiversity approaches to sustainable planting, possible peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods		
	D1 Water butts	3	
	D2 Mulching (bark, gravel etc.)	3	
	D3 Recycling & Upcycling items	3	
	D4 Composting and use of leaf mould - alternating green & brown material	3	

	D5 Other (e.g. organic principles, solar lighting etc.)	3	
SECTION E Max 10	<p>Overall knowledge of wildlife gardening principles and best practice. Some examples could be:</p> <p>E1 When to cut hedges and when not to?</p> <p>E2 Cleanliness of bird feeders/tables</p> <p>E3 Provision of fresh drinking & bathing water for birds.</p> <p>E4 Which butterflies hibernate in their garden and where?</p> <p>E5 What berries and which birds they attract over Winter?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR CATERGORY 6		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 7

- a) Allotment garden up to 5 rods
b) Allotment garden over 5 rods

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A - PLOT CLEANINESS		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	The plot should be substantially free from annual weeds.	3	
A2	There should be no perennial weeds.	3	
A3	There should not be piles of weeds or other vegetation lying around plus canes and other planting aids should be stored tidily and not left around.	2	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION B - FERTILITY		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	All plants should be sturdy and growing vigorously.	10	
B2	Plants should be free from obvious signs of excess damage by pests, disease or weather.	10	
B3	Marks will be given for the use of organic pest control such as:	5	
i	Steps taken to minimise effects of blight by either organic spray and/or cutting down foliage.		
ii	Pinching out tops of broad beans to inhibit black fly.		
iii	Use of collars or insect mesh to protect against cabbage root fly.		
iv	Barriers against carrot root fly.		
v	Netting to protect against birds/butterflies.		
B4	Plants should not be showing signs of deficiency.	10	
B5	Crops must not have been left to go past their prime (unless it is made clear they are being left for seed production).	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION C – CROPPING PRACTICES		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	Cropping Practices		
i	This will include netting, fleece, enviromesh and deterrent/sacrificial planting (any bird netting etc. should be undamaged and properly positioned to afford protection to the crops over which it has been placed).	5	
ii	Supports for plants that require them should be properly positioned and sturdy enough to support the crop.	5	
C2	Minimum use of space		
	There should be no large vacant areas, nor excessive spacing between rows of crops. Where beds are used, planting distances will be expected to be smaller.	5	
C3	Range of crops and how they are arranged		
i	Need to see a good variety and range of crops.	10	
ii	There should be clear evidence that crop rotation is practised i.e. crops should be arranged so that crops in each family are planted together.	5	
iii	There should be signs that the plot continues to be used in the winter (such as swede, leeks, sprouts).	5	
C4	Cultivation		
	The cultivated area should show signs of being regularly hoed.	5	
C5	Paths		
	These should be cut and edged.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION D – ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS		MAX	ACTUAL
D1	Composting		
	Need to be well maintained compost bin/heap recycling green waste from the plot.	3	
D2	Water conservation		
	This will include mulching and water butts. The mulching may be plastic, weed control fabric, bark, straw etc. If there is a shed there should be a gutter and down pipe into a water butt. It will also include signs of spot watering, such as pots etc sunk into the ground alongside extra thirsty plants such as cucumbers and tomatoes.	4	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 7

c) Best kept Allotment Site (Large & Small)

Entry No		Name			
Photo No		Address of site		Approx. size (rods or acreage)	
Site Manger		Contact details of Manger	Phone number: Email address:		

Small - Posbrook, Lodge Road, Stroud Green & Salterns.
Large - all other sites

SECTION A - PLOT CLEANINESS		MAX	ACTUAL
1	Site management and maintenance (will include details of vacant plots/waiting)	40	
2	Site facilities (will include notice boards, parking areas, toilets, trading huts and any other buildings.	30	
3	Overall quality of individual plots (including access paths) and range of crops grown.	30	
Areas of achievement: 			
Areas for improvement: 			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

CATEGORY 8

- a) Council provided sheltered housing or day care facilities.
- b) Privately provided sheltered housing or day care facilities.

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the property and the best use of space including access and practicability of layout.	10	
A2	Choice and use of any hard landscaping features and materials.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity.	10	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	10	
A5	Use of outdoor space – innovative ideas to maximise the use of the facility.	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting including ponds, lakes and wildlife (where appropriate).	15	
B2	Health and Vigour and associated pest/disease control.	10	
B3	Maintenance of buildings structures and facilities including paths, bins and outdoor seating.	10	
B4	Cleanliness. Absence of litter, weeds and dog/cat fouling and graffiti and control of vandalism.	5	
B5	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste.	5	

Areas of achievement:

Areas for improvement:

SECTION C – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (10)		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	The extent to which the entrant is personally involved in the day to day growing and maintenance of the garden.	10	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the business and the best use of space including access and practicability of layout.	10	
A2	Choice and use of any hard landscaping features and materials.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity.	10	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	10	
A5	Use of outdoor space, innovative ideas to maximise the use of the facility.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting including ponds, lakes and wildlife where appropriate.	10	
B2	Health and Vigour and associated pest/disease control.	10	
B3	Maintenance of buildings structures and facilities including play areas, paths, bins and outdoor seating.	10	
B4	Cleanliness. Absences of litter, weeds, dog/cat fouling, graffiti and control of vandalism.	10	
B5	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			

SECTION C – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AWARENESS (10)		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	Extent of staff or voluntary involvement (i.e. not contractors).	5	
C2	Promotion of and pride in the facility in the community and awareness of Fareham in Bloom.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

Entry No		Name	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – DESIGN (45)		MAX	ACTUAL
A1	Overall design and suitability in relation to the property/properties and the best use of space including access and practicability of layout.	15	
A2	Choice and use of any hard landscaping features and materials.	10	
A3	Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range and diversity.	10	
A4	Planting schemes which achieve sustainability i.e. reduced use of peat, water reduction, energy conservation and approach to organic gardening.	5	
A5	Use of outdoor space, innovative ideas to maximise the use of the facility.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION B – MAINTENANCE (40)		MAX	ACTUAL
B1	Horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting.	13	
B2	Health and Vigour and associated pest/disease control.	13	
B3	Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas.	5	
B4	Cleanliness. Absence of litter, weeds and dog/cat fouling.	5	
B5	Methods of recycling of natural resources and minimising waste.	4	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			

SECTION C – PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT (15)		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	The extent to which the entrant(s) is/are personally involved in the day to day growing and maintenance of the garden(s).	10	
C2	Promotion of and pride in the garden and the extent to which the garden adds to the overall street scene/enjoyment by the general public.	5	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	

Entry No		School	
Photo No		Address	

SECTION A – THE GROUNDS		MAX	ACTUAL
A welcoming entrance with the overall appearance of the grounds demonstrating respect by staff, parents and pupils.			
A1	General layout cleanliness and conditions of the school grounds such as maintained grassed areas, shrub borders and trees (if present). Presence of shaded areas for pupils in the summer.	15	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION B – SOWING AND GROWING		MAX	ACTUAL
The involvement of pupils (with support from teaching staff/parents/volunteers) in the sowing and /or growing of plants.			
B1	The opportunities provided for children to explore the wonder of growing plants either from seeds or young plants. (Assessors will be pleased to see examples of harvesting and subsequent use of edible crops).	15	
B2	Planting out and maintenance of garden area whether in flower beds, vegetable/fruit areas.	13	
B3	The provision of dedicated areas for gardening activities.	12	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			

SECTION C – NATURE The provision of natural areas in the school grounds. Schools understanding of environmental issues will gain marks.		MAX	ACTUAL
C1	Opportunities to discover native plants, wildlife, and habitats.	10	
C2	Involvement of pupils in practical work within these natural habitats.	10	
C3	Water conservation, composting and recycling.	10	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
SECTION D – USE OF GROUNDS FOR SCHOOL CURRICULUM The provision of natural areas in the school grounds. Schools understanding of environmental issues will gain marks.		MAX	ACTUAL
D1	Demonstrable use of school grounds as an outdoor classroom.	15	
Areas of achievement:			
Areas for improvement:			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		100 (max.)	