

## Kendal In Bloom Allotments Competition 2017

As you are probably aware by now, the Kendal in Bloom Competition changed the way entries were received for the allotments category last year.

In previous years, all entries into the competition were automatic. For the first time, interested allotment holders had to contact the office to register to take part. This seemed to work really well, with sixty entrants and a very high standard of allotments to be judged. We no longer have a best plot on each site but an overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner with runner up plots as well. The scoring range was between 0 (poor) and 3 (very high), the maximum score which can be achieved is 42.

The judging was undertaken in two stages, firstly by 2 of groups site reps ensuring that they did not judge any plots on their own site. The final round was undertaken by a member of the Allotments Committee and a member of the Kendal in Bloom Committee. Each round of judging was marked against the same judging criteria of which there is a copy below:

Threshold criteria : 90% of the plot must be cultivated - if not met then no further criteria

### Section

#### **Maintenance**

Neatly maintained, tidy pathways and defined pathways

Plot is free from perennial weeds

Rubbish free and safe. (If it is stacked tidily for future use it is not rubbish, if its just lying around it is)

#### **Crops**

Range of vegetable

Range of fruit

Crop growth looks vigorous and healthy

#### **Design**

Utilization of space, maximising available space

Overall appearance, appeal/colour/shape and symmetry etc

Planting and layout achieves or attempts to develop a visually stimulating allotment plot

#### **Miscellaneous**

Plot has evidence of compost bins/heap

Use of recycled materials/rain capture, used effectively in a safe manner.

Safe & creative use of recycled materials

Wildlife features eg.Pond/insect/hedgehog/bird/bee plant allures/nesting

Structures - obelisks/bird scarers/pots/cold & netted frames/greenhouses, all in good order

If you would like to take part in the 2017 competition for best allotment plot please complete the form below and return it to the office or email Janine Holt at [allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk)



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**Yes I would like to enter the Allotments Category of the Kendal in Bloom Competition 2017**

Name .....

Plot Number ..... Site .....

Signed ..... Date .....



Kendal Town Council run a community initiative each year called  
***'Love Where You Live'***.

This forms part of the community element of the Kendal in Bloom Competition.

Community groups, home owners, organisations, like-minded people and businesses can all get involved to improve a local area. We are looking for your local environmental initiatives, big or small. Some project ideas are:- **Creating a community garden, encouraging wildlife, use of pollinator plants, creating bug habitats, growing food in innovative ways and in any space, the list is endless.**

The competition launches in March and the **deadline** for submissions is **usually in May**, exact dates will be confirmed nearer the time. Each project will be judged by two members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee during August. Judges award points in the following areas:

- **Enhancement of the local area**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Provides a good example for others to follow**
- **Good environmental and sustainable practice**
- **Clear and comprehensive project brief**

**All applicants receive a certificate, with the overall winner £250 in prize money towards their community project.**

If you are interested in taking part contact Janine Holt on 01539 793495 or email [allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk)