

ESCLUSHAM IN BLOOM JUDGING CRITERIA

This is an amateur competition so anything goes. But, if you need a little help or guidance, here are some of the things the judges will be looking for when they award their points:

CATEGORY 1—CONTAINER, Max size 1 metre square (or 40”). e.g. Hanging Basket, Planter/Tub or something recycled or unusual.

- Initial impact, e.g. colour choices, coordination of plants, structure and symmetry, presentation.
 - Quality, e.g. health of plants, pest and disease free, suitability of plants for conditions/location.
 - Knowledge & understanding e.g. plant care, plant types, planting techniques, horticultural enthusiasm.
 - Originality & sustainability e.g. water saving ideas, planter type, recycling, plant sharing, seed growing, wildlife friendly.
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CATEGORY 2—Under 16s (individuals) Anything goes, a planter, a section of garden, flower or vegetable growing.

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 - Knowledge & understanding e.g. plant care, horticultural enthusiasm, understanding of nurturing a plant/plants
 - Originality & sustainability e.g. understanding of sustainability (water saving ideas/ recycling/plant sharing/seed growing/wildlife friendly). Original ideas for planters, plant shapes, colour use etc.
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CATEGORY 3—Under 16s School/Nursery/Club (as a group). Anything goes, a planter, a section of garden, flower or vegetable growing.

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CATEGORY 4—Small Garden, Max size 10sq mts e.g. 2 parking spaces. Can be a section of a garden, front garden, side of a pathway etc.

- Initial impact, e.g. colour choices, coordination of plants, structure and symmetry.
 - Quality, e.g. health of plants, pest and disease free, suitability of plants for conditions/location, year round interest, garden tidiness.
 - Knowledge & understanding e.g. plant care, plant types, planting techniques, horticultural enthusiasm
 - Originality & sustainability e.g. water saving ideas (mulching/groundcover/rain capture), recycling, plant sharing, seed growing, wildlife friendly choices, environmentally friendly gardening techniques.
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CATEGORY 5—Large Garden, Over 10 sq mts.

- Initial impact, e.g. colour choices, coordination of plants, structure and symmetry.
 - Quality, e.g. health of plants, pest and disease free, suitability of plants for conditions/location, year round interest, garden tidiness.
 - Knowledge & understanding e.g. plant care, plant types, planting techniques, horticultural enthusiasm
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CATEGORY 6—Allotment (all ages), Association or private allotment.

- Initial impact, e.g. neat and weed free appearance.
- Quality, e.g. health of plants, pest and disease free, suitability of plants for conditions/location.
- Knowledge & understanding e.g. plant care, plant types, planting techniques, horticultural enthusiasm, composting, use of companion planting, longevity of crops.
- Originality & sustainability e.g. water saving ideas, recycling, plant sharing, seed growing, environmentally friendly gardening techniques.