

General Categories:

- 1 Best Kept Front Garden
- 2 Gardening for Wildlife Award
- 3 Volunteer of The Year
- 4 Best Kept Commercial Premises
- 5 Best Kept Community Planting Scheme

Young People's (Entrants aged 16 and under) Categories:

- 6 Best School Gardening Project
- 7 Painting Competition
- 8 Tallest Sunflower Competition
- 9 Young Volunteer of The Year

Closing Dates

Categories 1,2,4 and 5: 30 July

Categories 3, 8 and 9: 1 September

Categories 6 and 7: 30 September

Entry submission

Post entries to Ards and North Down in Bloom, 2 Church Street, Newtownards, BT23 4AP or email to ANDParks@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Further information

Visit www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/inbloom for further information, advice on growing plants in your garden plus a full list of Competition Rules and Terms and Conditions.

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Judging Criteria

General Categories 1, 2, 4 and 5:

- 1 Design and general effect
- 2 Plant variety and diversity
- 3 Cleanliness and neatness (presentation)
- 4 Quality of plant growth and produce (husbandry)
- 5 Special features (e.g. wildlife area, pool etc.)
- 6 Plants in bloom

Only displays visible from the street for all of the community to enjoy will be judged. Three photographs must accompany the entry and one should be taken from the street. Entries must be received by 30 July.

Categories 3 and 9 (Volunteers)

Awarded to an individual who has shown commitment to improving their local community and its environment. If you would like to nominate a worthy winner, please include with your entry in no more than 300 words the reasons for your nomination and include supporting photographs. Submissions must be received by 1 September.

Category 6 (Best School Gardening Project)

Open to any school gardening project that promotes the In Bloom ethos. If you would like to nominate a worthy winner, please include with your entry in no more than 300 words the reasons for your nomination and include supporting photographs. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

Category 7 (Painting)

Entrants aged 16 and under are invited to enter their painting on the In Bloom theme. Paintings should be no more than 42 x 30cm. Unfortunately, we are unable to return paintings. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

Category 8 (Tallest Sunflower)

Entrants aged 16 and under are invited to enter their planted sunflowers. Applicants should measure the height of their sunflower during the last week of August using a metric (cm) tape measure. Sunflower may be planted in another location (such as a grandparent's garden) but must be within Borough boundary. The tallest sunflower will win. Submissions to be received by 1 September.

Ards and North Down IN BLOOM



COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS

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The Ards and North Down in Bloom Community Competitions are co-ordinated by Ards and North Down Borough Council. This community competition encourages everyone who lives or works in the Borough to think about their local environment and how attractive flowers, plants, trees and gardens can enhance it. By actively supporting this competition you will not only make your garden or business more attractive, but also contribute to the Borough's entry into the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition and other regional awards.

Who Can Enter?

Anyone who lives in the Ards and North Down Borough can enter. You can nominate yourself or neighbours' gardens and other properties that you think are attractive and deserve recognition. Entry is FREE, simply complete the entry form attached, [see judging criteria for additional information required.]

Categories and Prizes

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There are prizes for winners and runners-up in each category. Winners and runners-up will be invited to an awards ceremony in October.

Prizes:

Categories 1 to 3:

1st Prize: £80.00 Gift Voucher

Runners-Up Prizes: £40.00 Gift Voucher

Categories 5 and 6:

1st Prize: £100.00 Gift Voucher

Runners-Up Prizes: £50.00 Gift Voucher

Categories 7 to 9:

1st Prize: £60.00 Gift Voucher

Runners-Up Prizes: £30.00 Gift Voucher

Please Note: The business award [Category 4] winner and runners-up receive a plaque for their business.



Entry Form

Please fill in your details and tick applicable category overleaf.

Entry is FREE, simply complete the entry form below, [see judging criteria for additional information required.]

Name

Address

Post Code

Contact Number

E-mail

Age (if applicable)

Sunflower Size in cm (if applicable)

Name and address of person or property nominated (if applicable)