

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS Entry Form

Please tick applicable category below

General Categories		Young People's Categories* (Entrants aged 16 and under)	
1 Best Kept Front Garden		6 Best School Gardening Project	
2 Gardening for Wildlife Award		7 Painting Competition	
3 Volunteer of The Year		8 Tallest Sunflower Competition	
4 Best Kept Commercial Premises		9 Young Volunteer of The Year	
5 Best Community Planting Scheme			
Your Details			
Name		Age (if applicable*)	
Address		Post Code	
Contact Number & Email			
Property Nominated (If different from address Above			
Name		Age (if applicable)	
Address		Post Code	
Contact Number & Email			

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

Categories 1,2,4 and 5 must be received by 30 July.
Categories 3, 8 and 9 must be received by 1 September & Categories 6 and 7 must be received by 30 September

To entry the competition please post entries to Ards and North Down in Bloom, 2 Church Street, Newtownards, BT23 4AP or email to ANDParks@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

For Further Information and Competition Rules and Terms and Conditions visit www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/inbloom

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.]

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 42×30 cm. 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.