



Ripley Town Council Best Kept Garden and Allotment Competition 2021

Judging Criteria for Gardens

Attractiveness

Colour schemes

Duration of attractiveness, is it mainly spring, summer, is there anything for winter interest?

Innovation

Use of scented plants

Design

Is it suitable for location?

Are there any focal points?

Is there good use of foliage, stems etc to give texture

Has good use been made of hard landscaping, fences, water features etc?

Has good use been made of banks, changes in level etc?

Quality of care and maintenance

Well edged lawns

Weed free beds

Have plants been dead headed and pruned appropriately

Is there any presence of pest and disease?

Have areas been mulched to suppress weed growth and conserve moisture

Sustainability

Is there evidence of home composting?

Water collection

Is the use of annual plants maintained at an appropriate level?

For marking

Attractiveness 30

Design 30

Quality of care 30

Sustainability 10



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Judging Criteria for Allotments

Quality of produce – *determined by visual of what's above ground.*

Lack of pest and disease

Are plants showing stress due to lack of fertiliser, water etc?

Range of products grown

Is there evidence of crops for all year-round production? i.e. leeks and sprouts for winter use,

Are flowers grown?

Are areas clean and free of weeds?

Is ground where crops have been harvested kept in a clean condition?

Are fruit and herbs grown?

Is maximum use made of the available space?

Structures

This is an area that can only be marked fairly if all plots being assessed have structures, some people do not have sheds or greenhouses on their plots for whatever reason.

If there then assess for appearance, they should be pleasing to see whether homemade or commercial, greenhouses should be tidy inside, well cropped, safe etc, sheds visually pleasing and functional.

Sustainability

Is there evidence of home composting?

Is there any water collection?

For marking:

Quality of produce	40
Range of veg grown	20
Fruit and herbs	10
Flowers	10
Sustainability	10
Structures	5
Maximum use of area	5

If no structures are being assessed, points will be awarded to another area.