



HEREFORD ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS

SUMMER JUDGING CRITERIA (size of plot is not a factor in the competition)

Produce Groups – judged for variety, successional sowing and quality (quantity of items not judged)

Brassicas
Peas and beans
Onion family
Potatoes and tomatoes
Roots
Hard and soft fruit
Salad crops
Herbs
New/novel varieties
Other – any produce not included in above groups

Condition and appearance of plot – How has plot holder adapted their plot to suit their needs. Plot should be productive in accordance with allotment contract, weed free, pest free, well maintained and tidy. Plots should be edged and adjoining paths should be well-kept. Use of chemical pesticides is discouraged.

Sustainability – good use of compost bins appropriate to size of plot. Use of companion planting to reduce damage by pests. Methods introduced to encourage pollinators and wildlife, eg bird boxes, (not bird feeders), bug hotels. Use of recycled materials where practicable.

Water collection – water should be collected from site structures into containers of an adequate size to water the plot.

Structures – sheds, greenhouses, polytunnels and cold frames etc should be clean, secure and well maintained. Guttering should be free flowing.

PRIZES

Each allotment site has 1st, 2nd, 3rd and merit prizes of garden vouchers and a certificate. The first prize at each site has a Cup to keep for a year and Shield engraved with your name to keep.

A prize for the allotment awarded the most points overall across all the sites

A prize for best newcomer awarded the most points overall across all the sites