

# Bognor Regis in Bloom – 2024



## The local community improving the local environment

Bognor Regis in Bloom is a competition for the residents and businesses of the five wards of Bognor Regis to help make the town a nicer place to shop, work and visit, while importantly focusing on what we can do in our gardens to help the battle against climate change.

*To look after your soil, use your own compost and don't dig deeply;  
Don't collect grass when mowing and leave a section of your lawn to grow long until the autumn;  
Only buy peat-free fertiliser;  
Bedding from a nursery is not carbon friendly. Grow your own and use more perennials;  
Plant a tree or if that is not possible in your garden, use more shrubs;  
Hard surfaces don't hold carbon – grass and plant cover does;  
You don't need to be ultra tidy, insects, beetles, etc. love a mucky heap of logs and sticks;  
Use rainwater from butts where possible;  
Consider insects and birds when gardening. Ladybirds, bees, wasps, butterflies, moths and dragonflies are all beneficial to your plants;  
**Reduce - Reuse - Recycle - Reinvest.***

This is a free competition and has categories to encourage everyone to take part. **Entrants must live within the wards of Bognor Regis and the garden must be visible from the kerbside or public footpath (apart from 6 and 7).**

You may nominate a friend, relative or neighbour (but we do ask that you gain their permission before doing so). You may know of a local business which has made a particular effort within your community and feel they should be recognized for their efforts.

- 1. Best kept front garden, any size.** *Sponsored by Dimensions Hair Design*
- 2. Best residential balcony, window box, hanging basket or container.** *Sponsored by Arundel Trophies.*
- 3. Best business frontage (to include window boxes, hanging baskets, etc.)** *Sponsored by Bognor Regis Chamber of Commerce and Industry*
- 4. Best neighbourhood, street, locality or residents association, sheltered or residential accommodation.** *Sponsored by Peter Baldwin & Co, Accountants.*
- 5. Best sustainable and environmentally-friendly planting.** *Sponsored by Bonito Lounge.*
- 6. Best garden or vegetable plot designed and looked after by a child, up to and including 11 years at the time of judging (by the end of July, 2024).** *Sponsored by The Tivoli Group.*
- 7. Best vegetable plot at a school.** *Sponsored by Biffa Green Waste Club.*

It is anticipated that entries will be judged during July – please note, you will not be notified of an exact date.

Photographs will be taken by the judges at the time of judging to be displayed at the Awards Ceremony.

All entry forms eligible for Bognor Regis in Bloom competition will be entered into a draw and one successful entrant present at the Awards ceremony, date to be notified, will win a £25 gift voucher.

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You may enter **two** categories.

Please state which categories entered:

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Name of Entrant/Nominee .....

Address of front garden or premises being entered .....

Contact telephone number .....

Email address.....

Name, addresses and telephone number of nominator (if not as above) .....

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*Please return completed entry by Saturday, 29th June, 2024 to Bognor Regis in Bloom,  
c/o Bognor Regis Town Council, Town Hall, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LD.*

As announced last year, we are asking all entrants to fill in the following so that we can have an idea of what the gardeners of Bognor Regis are doing to help in the fight against Climate Change, and leave our children a better planet in the future.

No marks will be lost or won. Your front garden will be judged on its merit.

1. Do you have water butts? \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you compost your garden and kitchen waste? How many bins? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you only buy peat-free compost? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have bird feeders, nest boxes? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have spaces for insects, bees, etc? \_If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have a greenhouse? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you grow-your-own? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have a diverse selection of plants in your garden, i.e. annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you an organic gardener? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you have a hedgehog highway on your borders? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you leave an area of your lawn uncut or reduce cutting to encourage wildlife and flowers? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you leave an area of your garden with rotting twigs and leaves to encourage wildlife? \_\_\_
12. Do you have a wildlife pond regardless of size down to a washing up bowl? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you leave fresh water out for birds and insects during very hot spells? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you made gaps at the foot of your fences to allow hedgehogs to wander free? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Reading the above, has it given you other ideas on how you can increase diversity?  
Yes/No

*Your comments will be welcomed*

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