

Bognor Regis in Bloom – 2023

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, whilst 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;

Store and 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.

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

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).

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 2023).

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 the 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 a maximum of **TWO** categories, please indicate which you will be entering;

1. Category.....
2. Category.....

Name of Entrant/Nominee

Address of front garden or premises being entered

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Contact telephone number

Email address

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

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Please return the completed entry form by **Saturday 1st July 2023** to; Bognor Regis In Bloom, c/o Steve Davis, Bognor Regis Town Council, Town Hall, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LD or by email to; stevedavis@bognorregis.gov.uk

As announced last year, we are asking all entrants to answer the following questions so that we can have an idea of what you, 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.

This questionnaire is purely for interest and its completion is not obligatory and not a requirement for entry to the competition. No marks will be lost or won. Your entry 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 fertiliser
4. Do you have bird feeders or nest boxes
5. Do you have spaces for insects, bees etc If so, what
6. Do you have a greenhouse
7. Do you grow-your-own a. Garden plants..... b. Vegetables
8. Do you have a diverse selection of plants in your garden i.e. annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees.....
9. Are you an organic gardener

Any additional comments will be welcomed

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