



Carrickfergus in Bloom

Competitions and Prizes

The Community Competitions

The Carrickfergus in Bloom Community Competitions with a prize fund of £1200 are organised by Carrickfergus Borough Council. Everyone who lives or works in the Borough has the chance to think about their local environment and how attractive flowers, plants and gardens can enhance it. By actively supporting this competition you will not only make your garden or business more appealing but also assist Carrickfergus's entry to the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition and the Britain in Bloom Competition.

Who Can Enter?

Anyone* can enter who lives in the Borough of Carrickfergus and there is no charge. You can even nominate neighbours' gardens and other properties that you think are attractive and deserve recognition.

How to Enter?

Simply complete the entry form attached. Entry forms can then be handed in to or posted to the address below:

Carrickfergus in Bloom

Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street
Carrickfergus
BT38 7DG
Telephone 028 9335 8039
Email: inbloom@carrickfergus.org

For further information and gardening tips visit our www.carrickfergusinbloom.org

*Rules apply please check our website for details



Categories

For All Gardening Enthusiasts

- 1 Best Kept Front Garden
- 2 Best Kept Container Garden
- 3 Best Kept Community Planting Scheme

For Local Businesses

- 4 Best Kept Shop or Commercial Premises
- 5 Best Kept Pub, Hotel or Guest House

Prizes

The Carrickfergus in Bloom Community Competitions with a prize fund of £1200.

Best Kept Front Garden & Best Kept Front Container Garden categories

1st Prize: £60.00 Gift Voucher

Runner-Up Prizes: £35.00 Gift Voucher

Best Kept Community Planting Scheme category

1st Prize: £100.00 Gift Voucher

Runner-Up Prize: £50.00 Gift Voucher

Plus 100's of Carrickfergus in Bloom goodie bags to be won.

Judging Criteria for General Categories

- 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. patio, pool)
- 6 Plants in bloom

For Young Gardening Enthusiasts

6 Painting Competition

Entrants are invited to submit a picture on the theme Carrickfergus in Bloom. There are two age categories: 10 and under and 15 and under. The picture's size should be no more than 420mm x 300mm. Please ensure that an entry form is completed in full, stating age, and attached securely to the reverse of the painting.

7 Poetry Competition

Entrants aged 15 and under are invited to submit a poem on the theme Carrickfergus in Bloom, in less than 250 words. Please ensure that an entry form is completed in full, stating age, and attached securely to the reverse of the poem.

8 Tallest Sunflower Competition

Entrants aged 15 and under are invited to enter their planted sunflowers. The tallest sunflower will win.

Young people's (15 and under) categories

1st Prize: £30.00 Gift Voucher

Runner-Up Prizes: £20.00 Gift Voucher

For Free Sunflower & Pumpkin seeds contact us.



You can lend a hand this year by:

- ✿ planting flowers
- ✿ filling containers
- ✿ arranging window boxes & hanging baskets
- ✿ keeping gardens tidy
- ✿ trimming hedges
- ✿ keeping everywhere litter free

Competition Judging this Summer



visit our website www.carrickfergusinbloom.org

Virtual Flower Show

The Virtual Flower Show is an opportunity for Carrickfergus Borough residents to show off their photographic and gardening skills. The Virtual Flower Show is a web based competition that encourages people to submit to our website a favourite photograph taken during the last year, which fits one of the categories below before 21st August:

- ❁ My Garden
- ❁ My Favourite Outdoor Plant
- ❁ My Favourite Indoor Plant
- ❁ My Favourite Landscape or Garden Setting
- ❁ Flowers in their natural, wild setting
- ❁ Flowers with pets or other animals

To submit a photo, use either the online form at www.carrickfergusinbloom.org or alternatively, complete the entry form at the back of this leaflet.

Judging is by popular vote from members of the public. Votes will be cast electronically via the website (www.virtualflowershow.org) from 23rd August to 20th September. Competition rules apply for all categories for details visit our website.



Community Competitions Entry Form

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITALS)

Competition Category Number(s) - Tick appropriate box

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Best Kept Front Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 Painting Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Best Kept Front Container Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 Poetry Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Best Kept Community Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Tallest Sunflower Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Best Kept Commercial Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> | Virtual Flower Show | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Best Kept Pub or Hotel | <input type="checkbox"/> | Title of Photo | |
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Your Details

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone Number _____ Age (if applicable) _____

Property Nominated (If different from the address above)

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone Number _____ Age (if applicable) _____

* 15 & under only competition.

Categories 1-5 must be received by 20th July; categories 6 & 7 must be received by 30th September; and category 8 must be received by 1st September. Visit www.carrickfergusinbloom.org for further information and advice on growing flowers and shrubs in your garden. For a full list of the rules contact the Carrickfergus Museum Civic & Centre on 028 9335 8039. Rules are subject to change without notice, please check our website.



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