



Mid and East Antrim in Bloom

Competition and Prizes



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**Mid & East
Antrim**
Borough Council

Community Competitions

The Mid and East Antrim in Bloom Community Competitions, with great prizes to be won, are organised by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. The community competitions encourage everyone who lives or works in the Borough 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 contribute to Mid and East Antrim's entry to the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition and the Britain in Bloom Competition.

Who Can Enter?

Anyone* who lives in the Borough of Mid and East Antrim can enter. You can even nominate neighbours' gardens and other properties that you think are attractive and deserve recognition. Entry is free.

How to Enter?

Simply complete the entry form attached and take a photo of your garden.

Entry forms and photos can then be emailed to inbloom@midandeastantrim.gov.uk, handed in to or posted to the following address:

Mid and East Antrim In Bloom
Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street
Carrickfergus BT38 7DG

T: 0300 124 5000
E: inbloom@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

For further information and gardening tips visit www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/inbloom

*Rules apply. Please check our website for details.

Prizes and Categories

Categories

- 1 Best Kept Front Garden
- 2 Best Kept Front Container Garden
- 3 Best Kept Community Planting Scheme
- 4 Best Kept Allotment Garden
- 5 Best Kept Commercial Premises
- 6 Gardening for Wildlife Award
- 7 Tallest Sunflower Competition
- 8 Blooming Creative
- 9 Best School Gardening Project
- 10 Volunteer of The Year
- 11 Young Volunteer of The Year
- 12 Outstanding Contribution to In Bloom

Lots of Fantastic Prizes to be Won!



Prizes

There are prizes for winners and runners up in each category. Winners and runners up will be invited to an awards ceremony in October.

Why Not Lend a Hand?

By supporting the 'in Bloom' campaign and community competitions, you not only brighten our Borough but help our towns and villages continue their great success in awards like the Translink Ulster in Bloom and the RHS Britain in Bloom.

Here are just a few of the ways that you can lend a hand this year:

- Planting flowers
- Filling containers
- Arranging window boxes & hanging baskets
- Make your area wildlife friendly
- Keeping gardens tidy
- Keeping everywhere litter free

Competition judging this summer by mystery shop visits. You will not be contacted by judges.

Judging Criteria

1-6 General Categories

- Design and general effect.
- Plant variety and diversity.
- Cleanliness and neatness (presentation).
- Quality of plant growth and produce (husbandry).
- Special features (eg. wildlife area, pool, etc.).
- Plants in bloom.
- Only front gardens, visible from the street, for all the community to enjoy, will be judged.
- Submissions to be received by 20 July.

7 Tallest Sunflower Competition

Entrants aged 16 and under are invited to enter their planted sunflowers, including the height of the sunflower and a photo, showing the grower and the measurement. The tallest sunflower will win. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

8 Blooming Creative

Entrants are invited to submit a poem (less than 250 words), a painting (max A3), a sculpture (please send photo) or any other creative piece of art (please send photo, if not practical to send or bring in the piece of art) on the theme Mid and East Antrim In Bloom. Please state name, address and age on every piece submitted. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

9 Best School Gardening Project

Do you have a school gardening project you are proud of? To enter, please email details of the project to: inbloom@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Please include school contact details, a description of your project in no more than 200 words and supporting photographs. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

10-12 Volunteer of The Year, Young Volunteer of The Year and Outstanding Contribution to In Bloom

Awarded to the individual, group or business who has shown long term commitment to improving their local community clean ups, green ups, and in bloom activity. If you would like to nominate a worthy winner for any of the above please send information (no more than 200 words) and accompanying photographs to: inbloom@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Submissions for categories 10-12 to be received by 30 September.



Community Competitions Entry Form

Competition Category Number(s) - Tick appropriate box

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 Best Kept Front Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 Tallest Sunflower Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Best Kept Front Container Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Blooming Creative* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Best Kept Community Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 Best School Gardening Project | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Best Kept Allotment Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 Volunteer of The Year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Best Kept Commercial Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 Young Volunteer of The Year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Gardening for Wildlife Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 Outstanding Contribution to In Bloom | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Your Details (Please complete in capitals)

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone Number Age (if applicable)

Email

Property Nominated (If different from the address above)

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone Number Age (if applicable)

Electronic Entries

Applications can also be emailed to inbloom@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Terms and Conditions

Categories 1-6 must be received by 20 July, categories 7 to 12 by 30 September. Visit www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/inbloom for further information and advice on growing flowers and shrubs in your garden. For a full list of rules please check our website. Rules are subject to change without notice. *16 and under only competition.





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