

NEWBURY IN BLOOM 2023 JUDGING CRITERIA

- Horticultural Achievement – The judges will be looking for the variety of planting species and the difficulty in growing those species. This is not necessarily the most interesting plant but the variety you have managed to achieve impressive results with and the skill that has gone into achieving your end product.
- Environmental Consideration – Are you looking after the creatures that live amongst your planting? The judges will be looking at whether chemicals have been used and whether elements such as rainwater retention and pollinators have been used as well as houses for the creatures such as bat and bird boxes, bug hotels and ponds.
- Visual Impact – This is the ‘wow’ factor, the impact it has on the judges when they see your entry, whether the mixture of planting compliments each other and produces a visually appealing display.
- Well Maintained – is the garden tidy (where it needs to be)? Are the planted beds weeded and tidy, is the garden tidy and is there distinction between areas in relation to your planting? Is the planting maintained and been dead headed where needed have the trees been pruned correctly? This is the criteria the judges will be looking at.
- Involvement of volunteers/staff (applicable to businesses, Neighbourhood, Community Projects, Places of Worship or assembly and schools)

The judges want to see that people are engaging with your entry whether this is employees of the business helping with the care of the entry, volunteers engaging with a community project, a group of residents coming together as a community for their neighbourhood entry or even assisting a neighbour with their garden. For Schools entries, are the parents getting involved as well as the pupils? It is about seeing people brought together through the enjoyment of gardening.