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Richmond Borough in Bloom

MERIT AWARDS 2015

Celebrating 25 years of Floral Achievement

SEND US YOUR ENTRY NOW!

There are 10 categories to choose from, covering residential, business and community enterprise. Our MERIT AWARDS recognise the high standards achieved in all of them.

PLUS an exciting NEW CATEGORY introduced this year – BEST VILLAGE IN BLOOM. This is an opportunity for all those who live and work in the borough to combine their ideas and skills to achieve recognition of a local environment which gives pleasure to everyone.

See inside for details of all categories.



Judging criteria

Our judges will assess what they see on the day but their evaluations will note where planting has not yet reached its optimum bloom. In some categories, the judges will be looking for specific attributes, indicated by the descriptions (e.g. Cat. 3 Park & Bloom and Cat. 10 Environmental Garden). **Marks will be awarded for the following qualities:**

IMPACT – overall visual effect of the choice of plants, their shape, varied heights and colours. We are looking for that 'wow' factor.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT – use of space available.

MAINTENANCE – cleanliness, condition of the plants and the grounds.

ECO FRIENDLY – special marks for plants which are attractive to bees, insects and butterflies and the use of edible plantings.

The judging period will be Friday July 17th to July 24th inclusive. Representatives for entries in Cat.4 Estates, Cat 5 Community Building and Cat 10 Environmental Garden may be contacted in advance to arrange that the judges are met on site and given necessary access. Entrants in other categories will not be informed of the specific date of the visit.

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Last date for receipt of entries is Friday July 10th 2015.

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Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday July 10th

THE MERIT AWARDS ENTRY FORM

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE CATEGORY ONLY

To enter your own property or the property you represent (e.g. community building) you need to complete ONLY Section A. **No nominator is required.**

Please read the description of categories very carefully. If we find entrants have not placed themselves in the correct one the judges may effect a change (e.g. between categories 1 and 2) in which case you will be advised.

For categories 4, 5 and 10 it is essential to provide details of a contact who will

be able to meet with the judges by prior appointment to show them around areas that cannot be viewed from the street.

Nominated entries are invited. If you have seen gardens or buildings you feel deserve recognition, enter the details in both sections A and B, having first obtained the necessary contact details of the property's occupant(s) and informed them of your nomination. **Without this information the entry will not be judged.**

SECTION A. ENTRY DETAILS (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (INCL. POSTCODE):

NAME & FORENAME OF OWNER/OCCUPANT

OR REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT:

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

NUMBER/NAME OF CATEGORY ENTERED (SEE LIST OPPOSITE).

SIGNATURE

DATE

SECTION B. NOMINATOR DETAILS (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

NAME (MR./ MRS./ MISS.)

ADDRESS (INCL. POSTCODE):

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

REASON FOR NOMINATION OF PROPERTY IN SECTION A.

SIGNATURE

DATE

CATEGORIES

1 Front Garden, including side areas that can be seen from the street. Includes all frontages having shrubs or flowers planted in the ground. *Sponsored by Squire's Garden Centre.*

2 Residential Frontage of minimal ground area, including floral displays in containers, hanging baskets and on balconies, visible from the road.

3 Park & Bloom, where residential front gardens are arranged to allow off-street parking. Must include a porous membrane to allow rainwater penetration into the ground. Area to include planted borders and shrubs to retain a garden aspect.

4 Estates, comprising blocks of flats and/or houses, where floral display on the buildings and in surrounding grounds are judged as a whole, either from the street or within the grounds with co-operation of the designated contact.

5 Community Building, or Communal Area, e.g. sheltered housing scheme, almshouses, church, library, including displays on the buildings and in surrounding grounds and courtyards, viewed from within if appropriate, with co-operation of designated contact.

6 Hotel or Pub Exterior, including on-building display and use and maintenance of grounds. *Sponsored by Continental Landscapes Ltd.*

7 Shop Frontage or Business Premises, viewed as an individual property from the street.

8 Commercial Centre, comprising four or more adjacent shops or office buildings, viewed as a whole. *Sponsored by Veolia Environmental Services.*

9 Richmond & Twickenham Times Award for the Best Residential Floral Display, chosen from short-listed entries in Front Garden and Residential Frontage categories.

10 Best Environmental Garden or Project, using using sustainable organic methods and home-grown compost, encouraging wildlife and saving water, viewed from outside or within the grounds if appropriate, with co-operation of designated contact. *Sponsored by Serco.*

Where to send the form: Cut out and mail the completed entry form to:-
Richmond Borough in Bloom
c/o 7 Strawberry Hill Road
Twickenham TW1 4QB

Best Village in Bloom.

Celebrating this 25th Anniversary Year of Richmond Borough in Bloom we are proud to introduce an important new category to recognise the floral enterprise of many of the 14 'villages' which make up our borough. This special competition is being sponsored by Richmond Council and the winner will receive a commemorative trophy for public display.

All floral and greenery aspects of the village will be judged as a whole, and the elements to be included are high streets and shopping areas; community buildings and their surroundings; residential properties of all kinds; school areas and all public spaces. The judges will be looking at hanging baskets, window boxes, containers of every variety, and all forms of natural planting.

It is expected that in each village there will be one community, residential or trading organisation (or a consortium) willing to co-ordinate efforts from all quarters. It will initiate or assist in fundraising projects, and facilitate floral supplies and maintenance arrangements which are available from the Council's contractors. This designated group will guide the judges on their tour of the village on a date in July to be mutually arranged.

In Section A opposite please state the name of the village and the contact details of the group representative, to whom advisory information will be sent.

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