



Mid and East Antrim in Bloom

Competition and Prizes

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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. Entry forms can then be 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
Tel: 0300 124 5000
Email: inbloom@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

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

*Rules apply. Please check our website for details.



Lots of Fantastic Prizes to be Won!

Prizes and Categories

Categories

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

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.
- Entries 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. The tallest sunflower will win. Submissions to be received by 1 September.

8 Painting Competition

Entrants are invited to submit a picture on the theme Mid and East Antrim in Bloom. There are two age categories: 10 and under and 16 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. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

9 Poetry Competition

Entrants aged 16 and under are invited to submit a poem on the theme Mid and East Antrim 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. Submissions to be received by 30 September.

10 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@midandeastantrim.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.

11-13 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@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Submissions for categories 11-13 to be received by 1 September.



Mid and East Antrim Flower Show & Summer Market

FREE
Admission

Third Saturday in August (annually)
Larne Market Yard, 1pm-4pm

Flower show exhibition opens at 1pm
Prize giving at 3.30pm

For more details
call 0300 124 5000 or visit
www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/flowershow



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Community Competitions Entry Form

Competition Category Number(s) - Tick appropriate box

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 Best Kept Front Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Painting Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Best Kept Front Container Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 Poetry Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Best Kept Community Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 Best School Gardening Project* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Best Kept Allotment Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 Volunteer of The Year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Best Kept Commercial Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 Young Volunteer of The Year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Gardening for Wildlife Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 Outstanding Contribution to In Bloom | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Tallest Sunflower Competition* | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Your Details (Please complete in capitals)

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone Number _____ Age (if applicable) _____

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@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Terms and Conditions

Categories 1-6 must be received by 20th July, category 7 by 1st September, categories 8-10 by 30th September, and categories 11-13 by 1 September. Visit www.midandeastantrim.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 & under only competition.





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