

Liss Parish Council
Best Kept Allotment Competition 2019

Every year the Parish Council awards a shield to the plot holder who achieves the highest number of points in the competition. Additionally, Certificates of Merit are awarded to those who have made significant efforts with their plot.

Members of the Council's Grounds Committee will undertake the judging on a two stage basis, all plots will be inspected at the same time early-mid June, a shortlist of plots will then be drawn up for further inspection mid-July, Members of the Grounds Committee then make their final choices in time for the shield and certificates to be presented at the LHS annual Summer show in early August.

Tenants have the opportunity to be included in the competition by selecting yes on the Tenancy Agreement for 2019. If you wish to check that you are on the list, or have changed your mind and wish to be considered after all, please contact the office on 01730 892823 before the end of May.

Up to a maximum of 10 points can be earned in the first round for each of the following categories, further points on the same basis will be added during the 2nd inspection to those shortlisted.

Condition of the Plot –	Well stocked with crops, unplanted or harvested areas clean & free of weeds. Successional sowing & planting in evidence.
Workmanship –	Paths edged & maintained, plants well staked.
Quality of Crops –	Plants in good condition & free from excessive pest damage & disease, skill of cultivation taken into account.
Originality of Layout -	Adaptation of the layout to best utilise the plot for optimum growing conditions, raised beds & other innovative structures/ growing methods (no dig etc.) will be taken into account.
Dealing with Local Conditions –	A 5 point handicap to be awarded to all plots at Riverside Walk, Fernhills and Princes Bridge.
Overall aspect of Plot –	In summary: Plots should present in a pleasing & neat style, showing a broad range of crops & attention to all aspects of cultivation.

Condition of Structures – Greenhouses & sheds will not be marked for points, but the condition of them will be taken into account when looking at the overall aspect of the plot.

Thanks are extended to Liss Horticultural Society who have provided the basis on which this judging criterion has been set.

The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into, any items which require further information can be brought to the Parish Office for response before the competition.

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