

Beautiful Scotland Judging Report Sheet



Name of Entry: Linlithgow	Judging Date: 10th August 2010
Category: Medium towns Electoral Role: 6001-12000	Judges: Colin Ainsworth, Gregor McGillivray, Sandy Scott

Introduction (*introductory remarks from the judges*): **Linlithgow is an attractive medium town with the emphasis on Community involvement and residents are self sufficient to a high degree. Their commitment to the In bloom themes is very impressive and the changes made from last year have assisted them in delivering a successful campaign for the whole town.**

SECTION A - Horticultural Achievement

Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

		MAX	ACT.
A1	Impact - <i>design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation</i>	20	18
A2	Horticultural Practice - <i>cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting</i>	20	18
A3	Residential and Community Gardening - <i>residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks</i>	20	20
A4	Business Areas and Premises (if applicable) - <i>retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.</i>	20	18
A5	Green Spaces - <i>verges, parks and open public spaces</i>	20	20
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A <i>50% of maximum points</i>		100	94

Areas of Achievement: Good liaison with Local Authority regarding themed bedding. Community Gardens around the West Port flats and Linlithgow Loch area were outstanding. All this dovetails well with the historic architecture of this town.

General high standards of all the planted areas. The medicinal garden area in front of the Linlithgow Health Centre and the vegetable demonstration garden in the High Street are well worth a mention for

innovation and foresight.

Areas for Improvement: Not a lot! Keep up the work and keep pushing the boundaries!

SECTION B - Environmental Responsibility

Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.

		MAX	ACT.
B1	Conservation and Biodiversity - <i>wildlife areas, natural habitat</i>	10	8
B2	Resource Management - <i>recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment</i>	10	7
B3	Local Heritage - <i>management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage</i>	10	9
B4	Local Environmental Quality - <i>management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.</i>	10	9
B5	Pride of Place - <i>management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping</i>	10	9
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	42

Areas of Achievement:

Heritage Trail Markers and Public Art. Clever use of vacant premises

Areas for Improvement: Recommend more evidence of recycling and how this affects how Burgh Beautiful works.

SECTION C - Community Participation

Assessing year-round community participation

		MAX	ACT.
C1	Development and Continuity - <i>Development and sustainability of the local bloom initiative and evidence of on-going projects</i>	10	9
C2	Communication and Education - <i>community awareness and understanding, engagement with Eco- Schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials</i>	10	9
C3	Community Participation - <i>community involvement is representative of the community's size and diversity</i>	10	8
C4	Year-round Involvement - <i>schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity</i>	10	9
C5	Funding and Support - <i>initiatives to secure on-going support for the local bloom campaign including local business support</i>	10	8
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	43
<p>Areas of Achievement:</p> <p>The local business funding of hanging baskets and good evidence of that and the involvement of multinational companies was impressive. Linlithgow Bridge Primary School Eco Gardens was a good stop and was enhanced by the enthusiastic schoolchildren who acted as great tour guides!</p> <p>Evidence of extensive publicity and publications to demonstrate year round participation.</p>			
<p>Areas for Improvement: Possible linkages with Community Service Order teams and more youth involvement for the future.</p>			
GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		200 <i>(max.)</i>	179
MEDAL AWARDED		Gold	