# The Island's Gardening Competition and Awards - 2024

# BLOOM



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# 🖰 Key dates

**Deadline to apply for the competition:** 31st May

**◆ Judging:** 4th – 25th June

Shortlisted finalists: 2nd July

◆ Awards Ceremony at Albert Cottage Hotel, East Cowes: 18th July

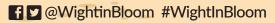
For 200 years the RNLI have been saving lives at sea and are an integral part of the island. This year Wight in Bloom wants to encourage you to support them through being creative in your garden. Think about the RNLI colours, water features or even lifeboat planters.

Planting hope for a safer tomorrow. Learn more about the RNLI at rnli.org





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# Competition Entry Form. One category per entry form.



Please complete the details below. The 2024 categories are:

- 1 Best Small Front Garden (Under 15 sq metres)
- 2 Best Large Front Garden (Over 15 sq metres)
- 3 Best Small Tourist Attraction Garden (Free to enter and paid admission attractions are eligible - visitors up to 75,000 pa)
- 4 Best Large Tourist Attraction Garden (Free to enter and paid admission attractions are eligible visitors over 75,000 pa)
- 5 Best Commercial Garden (Public house, restaurant, shop, cafe, business, hotel & all other visitor attractions)
- 6 Pride of Place Floral Project (Community displays, shopping areas, church grounds, includes town and parish councils)

- 7 Best Young People Initiative (Schools, pre-schools, youth groups, individuals)
- 8 Best Edible Garden
  (Mix of flowers, vegetables, fruit and herbs)
- 9 Best Container Garden (Creative use of tubs, baskets, vertical planting and recycled containers)
- 10 Best Care Giving Complex Garden (Residential home, retirement complex, nursing environment)
- 11 Best Climate Resilient Garden
  (For gardens that conserve or restore our natural landscapes and wildlife or who are inspired by the Island's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status in their creative practice.)
- + Overall 'Best of Year' winner of the Peggy Jarman Trophy

The judges will asses using the following criteria, each one contributing 20% of the total score.

- ✓ OVERALL IMPRESSION (initial impact etc)
- ✓ DESIGN / LAYOUT (use of plants/features/range of plants etc)
- ✓ HORTICULTURAL PRACTICE (cultivation & maintenance / quality of plants / layouts etc)
- ✓ INNOVATION (creative design, use of form and colour, use of features/furniture/infrastructure etc)
- ✓ SUSTAINABILITY (composting, wildlife friendly, recycling, use of natural resources etc)

Categories 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 accessibility consideration: Judges will be identifying gardens that demonstrate accessibility for all.

Competition Rules: The decision of the judges is final. Judging will take place in June and the awards are on 18th July. All entries must be received by 5pm 31st May in order to qualify for judging. One category only per entry. Judging is usually by mystery visit, and you will be informed when your entry has been judged by a postcard left at your property. Your garden must be accessible as we do not inform you when we visit.

Contacting Wight in Bloom: 2024 Wight in Bloom Coordinator | 07498 214 533 | Email address bloom@visitwight.org | Website wightinbloom.org

### Entry form | Deadline 31st May 2024

Please complete and post to The Wight in Bloom Coordinator, Visit Isle of Wight, Suite 4, Mill Court, Furrlongs, Newport PO30 2AA You can also complete the application process online at wightinbloom.org

I wish to enter category no.	Name	
Name of premises (for categories 3-10)		
Tel no.	Full address	
Postcode	Email	
Any special instructions to find your garden?		

Please note: the data you supply on this entry form will not be shared with any third party. We will only use this information to contact you about your entry and the competition this year.

Your data will be stored in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Please read Visit Isle of Wight's privacy notice at visitwightpro.com/2018/01/01/privacy-notice - a hard copy is available from GDPR@visitwight.org - by submitting this form you are agreeing to the terms of this privacy notice.

You may opt out of photo consent and future contact consent at anytime. Please email GDPR@visitwight.org and put Wight In Bloom within the subject in order for this to be processed.