



# **AMENITY ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2024**

## **RULES AND CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY COMPETITORS**

- 1. All entries must be on the approved forms and must be submitted before judging commences.**
- 2. Entries will only be accepted from the registered plot holder of each plot entered.**
- 3. Plots will be judged once, in late June.**
- 4. Competitors must clearly display the number of each plot entered to be eligible for judging.**
- 5. The decision of the judges shall be final. The interpretation of any rules governing the competition and any matter covered by these rules shall rest finally with the Council Allotment Officer.**
- 6. Points will be awarded in accordance with the attached schedule and judges will take into account ingenuity, skill or enterprise shown by competitors in overcoming local difficulties.**
- 7. The size of the area under cultivation will not be allowed to prejudice the result, but the bulk of the produce, especially the amount of food produced from each square metre, will be considered. In this way a 125 sq. m. plot can win as many points as one twice that size.**

### **Judging**

To be carried out by an adjoining association in late June.

### **In 2024**

**Longbarrow will judge Brook road,  
Bournemouth East will Judge North Bournemouth  
North Bournemouth will Judge Bournemouth East &  
Brook Road will judge Longbarrow**

**150 points are available.**

**The judging association must then inform the officials at the site judged, the positions and points awarded for all entries.**

**The top four plots must then, as quickly as possible, be notified to the Council's Allotment Officer by the "owning" association, *without points awarded*.**

**As soon as possible after all results are declared and advised, the Allotments Officer will judge the first place plot on each site to decide the best plot on the Bournemouth allotment sites.**

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## SCHEDULE

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<b>Quality of Cultivation</b>	
Points should be awarded for the percentage of neat, weed free areas, well stocked with produce (vegetables, fruit & flowers) <i>Max. 20points</i>	
<b>Workmanship</b>	
Evidence of composting, water harvesting, crop rotation & successional planting <i>Max 30 points</i>	
<b>Crop Categories</b>	
Salads (Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers etc.) Brassicas (Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale etc.) Alliums (Onions, Leeks, Shallots) Legumes (Peas, Beans) Fruit (Any sort) Flowers (Any) Others (Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Courgettes) <i>Max 10 points each</i>	
<b>Nomination by Plot Holder of the crop they are most proud</b> <i>Max 10 points</i>	

### Guidance notes for competitors and judges.

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*Workmanship: Soil between crops should be weed free. Paths and leisure areas, where included, should be neat and well maintained. Credit should be given for pest control methods.*

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## Marking sheet

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