

# SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

## Marking Sheet

<b>Name of entry:</b> Kingsbridge	<b>Judging Date:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
<b>Category:</b> Champion of Champions	<b>Judges:</b> Terry Porter

**Introduction** (*introductory remarks from the judges*):

Congratulations on organising an excellent tour of your town, and you certainly showed it off to its best. I was not only amazed at the number of volunteers that you have, but their level of enthusiasm. The presentation at the start was good, and the opportunity to meet and thank all you group at the end was very welcome.

### 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	
A2.	Horticultural practice – <i>cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting</i>	20	
A3.	Residential and Community Gardening – <i>residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks</i>	20	
A4.	Business Areas and Premises – <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	
A5.	Green Spaces – <i>verges, parks and open public spaces</i>	20	
<b>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A</b> <i>50% of maximum points</i>		<b>100</b>	

#### Areas of Achievement:

The quality of the beds at the centre of the town are of excellent quality and all very well maintained. It was good to meet each of the volunteers at the beds they looked after. It gave me a chance to talk with them about how they planned and looked after their beds.

The Queen's birthday bed with the crown and the flag was very good.

Coming from Weston super Mare i was not surprised to see that the tide was out, The estuary looked a real haven for wildlife. The beds along the estuary were also well planned and maintained.

I liked the Mural in the town. The planters were well developed. Good green open spaces.

The Lime kiln garden has developed very well, and the volunteers in the garden are doing an excellent job. King street garden very attractive.

The tourist centre was well presented and in an excellent location.

**Areas for Improvement:**

The pond area in the memorial recreation ground still needs a little more development. I like the sculpture in the pond.

Some of the planting in the beds was not up to the excellent standard throughout the rest of the town. Overall however the recreation ground was still good.

**SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility**

Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.

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

**Areas of Achievement:**

The history in the lime kiln garden and the Primrose line Railway bridge help to keep the heritage of the town alive. The Railway bridge was well planned and enhanced by the planting. You have done a good job in restoring it.

The town was very clean and tidy. There was no sign of graffiti.

The information boards were good.

The Schooner is a good use of art in the landscape and it was well and appropriately planted.

The management of Britton's field is good, and the team seem enthusiastic.

Kingsbridge community garden was certainly very different. I certainly like the community aspect of it with the veg etc and being able to harvest it. The honesty box is a nice touch. A very good information board at the community garden.

The museum was very interesting, especially all of the old farm equipment etc. The work on the garden has certainly added to the museum.

**Areas for Improvement:**

The addition of another railway line under the bridge will certainly add to what is already a very good project.

You could have added a little on the tour to add to the local recycling that was in the portfolio

**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	
C2.	Communication and education – <i>community awareness and understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials</i>	10	
C3.	Community participation – <i>community involvement is representative of the community's size and diversity</i>	10	
C4.	Year-round involvement – <i>schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity (primary evidence to be presented in 15 minute presentation)</i>	10	
C5.	Funding and Support – <i>initiatives to secure on-going support for the local bloom campaign including local business support</i>	10	
<b>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C</b> <i>25% of maximum points</i>		<b>50</b>	

**Areas of Achievement:**

The school visit was very good. They certainly do get involved in many horticultural projects. Their wild flower garden was particularly good. They had a good selection of vegetables that they had grown.

I like the garden outside the headmistress's window.

The portfolio certainly shows that your group is very active throughout the year.

It was a very well planned and executed tour. I enjoyed it very much. You all deserve to be congratulated of the difference you make in the town.

A very well presented portfolio

**Areas for Improvement:**

It is difficult to suggest additions to what you already do, but from the Portfolio you seem successful in fundraising, it may be a good idea to get one of those involved to just add a little extra

<b>GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>■</b>
<b>MEDAL AWARDED</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	