

BARTON UPON HUMBER ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Judging criteria for best plot and half plot. 2023.

The primary purpose of an allotment is to provide crops of vegetables, fruits flowers and culinary herbs for household use and the more completely a plot fulfils this objective the greater the credit accorded. Plots given over to monoculture will be judged according to the standard and quality of cultivation.

Plots and half plots are judged as separate classes and the principles upon which the competition and these criteria have been developed are:

- All plots must be maintained in accord with our plot & site maintenance rules,
- The timing of the competition for best plot & half plot will be determined by the show sub-committee with the endorsement by the Committee before the Annual Show,
- The plots will be judged by at least 1 independent judge,
- The following criteria are based on RHS guidelines, but adapted to our requirements.

CRITERIA FOR ALLOTMENT PLOT JUDGING

1) Cultivation

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| a) Defined edges to plot and tidy pathways - | 5 points |
| b) Cleanliness ie. Lack of weeds throughout plot,
including vacant land | 15 points |
| c) Labelling of plot ie Plot number clearly displayed | 5 points |
| Total | 25 points |

2) Cropping

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| a) Range of crops, 1 point for each variety of vegetable,
flower or fruit to a max of 30. | 30 points |
| b) Continuity – signs of successive sowing, planting
or rotation, inc winter crops | 5 points |
| c) Labelling of crops | 5 points |
| Total | 40 points |

3) Quality

a) High level quality, good colour and vigour, little or no damage	13-20 points
b) Medium level, less vigorous, some damage, some dead leaves	6-12 points
c) High levels of damage, poorly grown, weakly plants	0-5 points
Total	20 points

4) Pests and Diseases

A maximum of 20 points to be awarded in this section

a) Incidence of pests and disease.	
High level	0-5 points
Medium level	6-12 points
Low level	13-20 points
Total	20 points

5) Beneficial to wildlife

A maximum of 10 points to be awarded in this section

a) Presence of wildlife 'furniture' such as feeders, housing	0-5 points
b) Presence of planted pollinators	0-5 points
Total	0- 10 points

6) Miscellaneous

a) Compost heaps/boxes, evidence of active use. Use of recycled materials instead of new, creative use of recycled materials	Total 0- 10 points
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Max number of points obtainable on any plot 125