

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom 2025



UK FINALIST
2025



Celebrating 15 Years of
Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

2010
2025

What is Britain in Bloom?

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom is a nationwide community gardening campaign to transform cities, towns & villages. With over 2,000 communities taking part across the UK, it is one of Europe's largest horticultural campaigns.

What is Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom?

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom brings together community groups, businesses, schools and residents to promote green and imaginative ways to make the town look its best.

Royal Tunbridge Wells takes part in the South & South East in Bloom competition since 2010. Over the last twelve years our town has received and retained Gold.

As the town is developing, we have outgrown the Large Town category and now fall into the Small City criteria. In 2022 we have received our first Gold as a Small City in the South & South East in Bloom.

In 2023 Tunbridge Wells was selected to represent the S&SE region in the RHS Britain in Bloom finals, and was awarded Gold.

This year we are proud to be part of the Britain in Bloom finals yet again, while celebrating 15 years of continuous campaign.

How can you take part?

- Enter the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom garden competition
- Sponsor the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom campaign
- Join a Friends group. Our main parks and open spaces have volunteer groups that help to maintain our open spaces. Visit tunbridgewells.gov.uk for contact details.
- Sign up to a local conservation project led by Kent High Weald Partnership. Visit khwp.org.uk for their current volunteering programme.
- Take part in the TW Community Nature Reserve project: Facebook @ TWCommunityNatureReserve
- Engage with the TWBC Climate Action twbcclimateaction.co.uk
- Join Love Where We Live campaign and organise a Big Clean Up in your area. Visit tunbridgewells.gov.uk for more information.
- Enter the Bloom Photo and Art competitions
- Let us know if you have a fantastic Bloom idea!



Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom Garden Competition 2025

Entries are free of charge and are open to any resident within a three-mile radius from the Town Hall in Royal Tunbridge Wells.

To enter, simply fill in the form on our website, or use the paper form and post to the Town Hall address.

Closing date to enter the competition:
1 June for Allotments and Schools,
30 June for other categories.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on 29 September 2025 at the Assembly Hall Theatre.

Email: competition@royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk

Phone: 01892 554031

Website:
royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk

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 **RTWinBloom**

A Short Guide to the Garden Competition Categories

Residential Categories:

ALL RESIDENTIAL ENTRIES MUST BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET (apart from Back Gardens which are judged on appointment)

**LIMIT OF 4 CATEGORIES
ENTRIES PER
HOUSEHOLD PLEASE!**

Best Hanging Basket and Best Planter/Tub/Container

Judges will mark impact of the design, condition and choice of plants.

Best Street/ Flats

At least two houses or flats on the street must make a joint entry to fall into this category. Judges will mark overall visual impact, maintenance and sustainability, horticultural content, and special features.

Best Allotments

When judging allotment sites we will consider quality of produce, cultivation, efficient use of plot including recycling and composting, lack of pests and diseases and overall site presentation.

Best Front Garden

Judges will mark overall impact of the garden and its' maintenance, appropriate choice of plants and special features.

Best Wildlife Garden and Best Wildlife Pond

Judges will look at the variety of different habitats for wildlife, places where invertebrates and animals can breed and shelter, forage and feed. They will mark maintenance and sustainability of the garden as well as horticultural interest..

Best Allotments

When judging allotment sites we will consider quality of produce, cultivation, efficient use of plot including recycling and composting, lack of pests and diseases and overall site presentation.

Best Back Garden is the only residential category that we judge on appointment. We will contact you in advance to inform you about the dates. Judges will mark overall visual impact, maintenance and sustainability, horticultural content, and special features.



Commercial Categories:

Best Community Allotment/Garden
Judges will mark quality of produce, cultivation, efficient use of the garden including recycling and composting, lack of pests and diseases and overall site presentation. Community involvement is important in this category too.

Best Café/Pub/Club and Best Shop Front

Judges will mark overall impact of the gardens and floral displays and their maintenance. Appropriate choice of plants for space available and any special features are important part of both categories.

Best Business Ground

Judges will mark overall impact of the garden and its' maintenance. We will look for appropriate choice of plants, use of space, sustainability and special features.

Best Commercial Basket/Planter

Judges will mark impact of the composition, condition and choice of plants and use of space available.

We consider site difficulties in all categories when judging.



Blooming Marvellous Photo Competition



Fungi and lichens of our parks and woodlands

Get your cameras at the ready! We are looking for photographs capturing the beauty of fungi and lichens found in parks and woodlands of our borough. Look out for fungi identification walk in your local park! Pictures must be taken this year in open spaces located within the borough of Tunbridge Wells. The best images will be displayed in RVP.

This competition is open for all and will be judged in two categories: children (up to age 18) and adults (18 plus).

Photos can be taken in landscape or portrait, but we require high resolution. To ensure its delivery, please send one image per email. There is a limit of three pictures per person.

Please submit the photos in digital format on email to

BloomPhoto@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
by Friday 14 November 2025 and include the following information:

- **the photographer's name**
- **title of the image**
- **location where it was taken**
- **if the photographer is under 18, please include their age**

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom reserve the right to use winning entries in any promotional publicity. Entered work should not have won any previous competitions.

Art Competition for Children



15th anniversary of Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

Join us to mark 15 years of the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom campaign and create amazing posters, celebrating the community spirit and floral side of our town. We look forward to seeing the many entries and displaying the winning posters in town centre.

Please use A4 or A3 size format (not bigger) and write artist's name, age, and name of the school on the back of each picture and post to:

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

Town Hall

Mount Pleasant Road

Royal Tunbridge Wells

Kent

TN1 1RS

Alternatively, please scan or photograph the artwork and email to BloomPhoto@tunbridgewells.gov.uk stating the child's name, age and school. High resolution scans or photos are required.

The closing date for entries is 1 June 2025. RTW in Bloom reserve the right to use winning entries in any promotional publicity. Entered work should not have won any previous competitions.



Tunbridge Wells Community Nature Reserve

The idea is to create a network of small, wildlife-friendly spaces in local people's gardens, allotments, window boxes, balconies, business grounds. Each member is asked to allocate at least two-square meters of their land for any kind of wildlife-friendly features they might want to have.

We will be providing handy tips and tricks on pollinator-friendly plants, wildlife ponds, hedgehog homes and access ways, bird feeders, and insect lodges. This will help encourage wildlife to your land and begin to create pathways across the area.

Sign up to our mailing list by sending us your email address, and like our Facebook page for more information!

Email: cmp@khwp.org.uk

Facebook: [@TWCommunityNatureReserve](https://www.facebook.com/TWCommunityNatureReserve)

Open Gardens

Sunday 8 June 11am-4pm

Open Gardens is an annual community initiative organised by the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom, raising funds for the Hospice in the Weald and the Bloom projects. Our previous RTW Open Gardens tours were great, and we have raised over £6000 for the Hospice to date.

This year we have 13 amazing gardens on our tour. Please check our website for details, or give us a call.

Sponsorship

Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom aims to engage the community to deliver environmental improvements throughout the town.

We welcome local communities and businesses to support our campaign.

Funding raised through sponsorship will be utilised for:

- Installing of seasonal horticultural displays across the town (hanging baskets, barrier troughs, three tier floral units, planting schemes)
- Marketing and promotion, including launching events, judging and award ceremony

Sponsors will be acknowledged on the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom website, in local competition literature and at the Bloom Awards ceremony. Sponsors will have the option of working with the Bloom Committee.

For further information regarding the sponsorship contact us:

Email: marketing@royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk

Phone: [01892554031](tel:01892554031)

Website: royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk





Sponsorship Entry Form 2025

- **Level One sponsorship (up to £300)**
- **Level Two sponsorship (£300 upwards)**
- **Level Three sponsorship (In kind donation)**



Sponsor's name:

Address:

Postcode:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Post to:

**Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom, Town Hall,
Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS**

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We will collect and use your personal data to process your entry for the competition. If you would like to see a copy of our Privacy Notice, please go to royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk

- By ticking this box you consent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council processing your personal data for the purposes of running the competition, and contacting you in relation to the competition.
- By ticking this box you consent to have a photograph of either your garden or yourself used in promotional material for the competition.

Should you wish to withdraw this consent and have your personal data removed from our records at any time please contact the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom e-mail competition@royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk





Competition Entry Form 2025

Closing date: 1 June for Allotments, 30 June for other categories

Please tick as applicable (enter maximum 4 categories per household)

Residential

- Best Hanging Basket
- Best Planter/Tub/Container
- Best Front Garden
- Best Allotment
- Best Wildlife Garden
- Best Wildlife Pond
- Best Streets/Flats
- Best Back Garden

Commercial

- Best Commercial Basket/Planter
- Best Commercial Allotment/Garden
- Best Commercial Cafe/Pub/Club
- Best Shop Front
- Best Business Ground

Coolings Garden Centres are supporting Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom this year. Each entrant will receive a £5 cash value voucher valid at Coolings Wych Cross garden centre in the Ashdown Forest and a £5 off voucher for Coolings at Knockholt.

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By ticking this box you consent to your name, address and email address being shared with our sponsor, Coolings Garden Centres, for the purpose of issuing the £5 voucher.

By ticking this box you consent to have a photograph of either your garden or yourself used in promotional material for the competition.

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competition@royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk

Entrant's name

Address

Address of Allotment

Postcode

Phone number

E-mail

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