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Loughton Horticultural Show 2018 and Best Allotment Awards

The inaugural Loughton Horticultural Show took place on Saturday 1 September 2018 at the Murray Hall in Borders Lane and was hailed a great success.

Classes included vegetables, fruit, cut flowers and flower arrangements, jams, preserves, and chutneys, and sponge cakes.

We are pleased to report that monies raised from the entrance fees, plant sale, the raffle and donations enabled £200 to be given to the Loughton Town Mayor's chosen charity, the Epping Forest Food Bank. Entrants also donated their fresh fruit and vegetables to the Foodbank at the end of the show – Claire from the charity said how much they appreciated this gesture as fresh produce is not always easy to source for the food boxes.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers, judges and entrants for their valuable contributions and support; it was quite an effort to bring to fruition especially when local horticultural societies are struggling! We particularly thank Pat and John from the Buckhurst Hill Horticultural Society for their advice and wish them well in their show this Saturday 8 September.

We also thank Matthews Plants for providing a selection of plants to sell for charity and Grangewood Investments, owner of The Crate business centre in the Oakwood Hill Industrial Estate, for their generous donation.

The show was followed by the presentation of the 2018 Best Allotment awards by Deputy Town Mayor, Stella Murphy. Congratulations to Lesley Ford from the Roding Road Allotments, the overall winner. The judges from the National Allotment Society commented on an extremely attractive plot, with a great variety of features and produce. The Best Newcomer Award went to Amy Tang, also from the Roding Road site. Her plot already showed excellent weed control and good use of the whole area.

Brian Smith from the Loughton Potato Ground and Theresa Witham from the Willingale Road Allotments received site winner awards. Keith Thornhill, from the Loughton Potato Ground, and Louis Le Grange, from Willingale Road Allotments also received Best site Newcomer awards.

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