



PRESS RELEASE

Loughton Horticultural Show 2022 and Town Mayor's Best Allotment Awards

Loughton Town Council's Horticultural Show is back. Following two years' 'Covid' absence, the show, staged on Saturday 3 September 2022, proved a great success. Open to any Loughton resident with an interest in gardening, baking and flower arranging – the afternoon proved to be a delightful and welcome community event. Exhibits included Jubilee themed floral arrangements, beautiful blooms, an array of assorted flavoured chutneys and jams, home baked Victoria sponge cakes and tables laid full of prize worthy vegetables and fruit!

Assessment took place following strict judging conditions. Loughton Town Council is extremely grateful to the Judges and Volunteers who gave their time and expertise in making the show a success.

Winners of the 'Best in Show' went to Freddie Sheridan, with his Bug hotel, (photos attached of the winner receiving his award from the Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen).

The public were treated to a plant sale with a wonderful selection of hardy perennials, and winter bedding from Matthews Plants; and teas and coffees were served with mouth-watering homemade delicious cakes along with a selection of cakes and doughnuts kindly donated by Lidl Loughton - all donations on the day were raised for 3Food4U.

Judging took place for the Town Mayor's Best Allotment in Loughton, now in its 12th year, in July with plots from the Loughton Potato Ground, the Roding Road and Willingale Road allotments. Over 200 allotments were inspected by shortlisting volunteers, from these shortlisted plots the final judging was made on 20 July 2022 by Terry Dickinson and Jeff Barber representatives of the National Allotment Society.

The prize presentation took place at the end of the Horticultural Show. The overall winner was Beata Sheridan from the Roding Road Allotments who also received a certificate for the Site Winner.

Beata along with her family were presented with the Horticultural Association Challenge Cup by the Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen, along with a £25 garden voucher and a certificate. The judges commented that the plot was "a great design, had good water collection, environmental sustainability with a large insect home and compost area".

The Town Mayor's Best Newcomer award was made to Donna and Jeff Webb from Loughton Potato Ground who received the best newcomer's shield and a certificate and also the Best

Allotment on site award. The judges said, "there was a wonderful section of crops, and it is a charming plot".

Best Newcomer on Roding Road allotments was Janna Richardson and Best Newcomer on Willingale Road Allotments was awarded to Marjorie Fairlamb. The Site Winner at Willingale Road Allotments was awarded to Jim Smith.

Highly Commended and Commended winners were awarded certificates of which there were seven Highly Commended and twenty one Commended across the three allotment sites.

If you would like information about vacancies on local allotment sites, contact the Town Council.

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Freddie Sheridan – Best in Show with his Bug hotel
receiving his award from the Loughton Town Mayor – Cllr Barbara Cohen



Beata Sheridan & her family – Overall Winner,
receiving her award from the Loughton Town Mayor – Cllr Barbara Cohen



