

Warwick in Bloom 2026 Judging Criteria

Category 1 – Shops

Horticultural achievement

1. Impact – design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation
2. Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting

Community

1. Engagement with Warwick in Bloom through Shop Windows

Categories

2 – Commercial Premises

3 – Hotel, Public Houses, Guest Houses, B&B's and Restaurants

4 – Domestic Front Garden

5 – Domestic Window Box or Basket

8 – Public Access Gardens

10 – Domestic Back Garden

Horticultural achievement

1. Impact – design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation
2. Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability

Category 6 – Sheltered / Retirement Accommodation

Horticultural achievement

1. Impact – design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation
2. Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting

Community

1. Community Participation - proof of Community Spirit and Pride

Category 7 – Schools

Horticultural achievement

1. Imaginative use of plants, flowers and vegetables
2. Proof of children's participation

Community

1. Commitment to supporting Warwick in Bloom – can be illustrated in drawings and/or photographs.

Category 9 – Community Participation

Horticultural achievement

1. Impact – design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation
2. Horticultural practice – cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting

Community

2. Community Participation - proof of Community Spirit and Pride

Category 11 – Wildlife Friendly

1. Overall use of wildlife area
2. Bird feeders with a variety of foods
3. Pollinator friendly plants with potential for seed production: annuals, perennials, herbs
4. Unproductive areas used for log and branch piles
5. Bug hotels
6. Small water containers for bees and hedgehogs. Pond areas with aquatic plants
7. Uncultivated areas
8. Quality and quantity of compost areas
9. Use of water butts on or sheds and greenhouses
10. Incorporation of fruit trees or orchards

40 + Gold

35 - 39 Silver Gilt

30 - 34 Silver

Under 30 Commended