

Competition Rules

- 1. Entry is open to Kingsway Village residents only.
- 2. Entries are restricted to **one** entry per household from either the Family **or** Youth categories. Child entries are unlimited per household and can be **in addition to** a Family or Youth entry. Entrants under the age of 16 must obtain permission from a parent/guardian before entering. We do not accept any responsibility for late or lost entries. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
- 3. Entries must not be maintained by a professional gardener or contractor
- 4. All prizes are as listed at <u>www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk</u> and there are no <u>cash</u> alternatives. Prize winners agree to take part in any competition publicity if asked to do so. Entries may be used by Kingsway Residents' Association or competition sponsors for promotional purposes.
- 5. Last year's prize winners **cannot** enter the same category this year but this does not apply to those awarded 'Highly Commended'.
- 6. Kingsway Residents' Association will convene an independent judging panel whose decision will be final.
- 7. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and to agree to be bound by them when entering this competition.
- 8. Personal details will be retained for the purposes of running this competition and will be destroyed on completion.
- 9. This competition is not open to the judging panel, any person involved in the running of the competition, or their immediate family members.
- 10. Front garden **can** include side gardens, balconies, window boxes, containers or hanging baskets for those homes without front gardens.
- 11. Gardens and tubs etc **must be visible** from the street; hidden gardens will not be entered for judging.

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider the following points:

- Does the front garden or frontage make a significant impact upon the street scene?
- Has this entrant made good use of the different circumstances and limitations of the site, eg large garden, small garden, no garden etc?
- Is there a 'wow factor'? Would passers-by be likely to pause in admiration as they passed this garden or frontage?
- Does the garden exhibit a good use of colour, plant texture and shape?
- Is there variety and good design, perhaps with a sensitive use of non-plant materials?
- Is this garden likely to be attractive to wildlife, e.g. appropriate plants for feeding birds and insects? (Note: nesting is unlikely to be relevant given the small size of most gardens).
- Is there evidence that neighbours have co-operated with each other, offered practical help etc, especially to older or disabled people, in order to raise the visual quality of the street?