

OXFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS

Allotment Competition 2019

Judging Criteria and Marks for Individual Allotment Holders

The aim of the competition is to encourage the growing of fresh vegetables all year round, and soft fruit in season.

The judging criteria differ between the first and second judging as set out below.

Cultivation and cropping	1 st Judging	2 nd Judging
1. Number of Crops (½ point per crop)	15	15
2. Number of Winter/Spring crops (1 point per crop)	0	10
3. Soft fruit (1 point per type)	5	5
4. Herbs (½ point per type)	5	0
5. Companion planting and flowers	5	5
6. Quality of crops	15	15
7. Overall productivity	15	15

Husbandry

1. Compost	10	10
2. Freedom from annual weeds	5	5
3. Freedom from perennial weeds	10	10
4. Freedom from rubbish	5	5
5. Neatly maintained paths and edges around plot	5	5

Comments on Judging Guidelines

Cultivation and cropping

1. Half a mark is given for each vegetable crop
2. One mark is given for each vegetable crop harvested from November onwards at the second judging
3. One mark is given for each soft fruit type, including rhubarb. At the second judging one mark for types in fruit at the time.

Husbandry

1. Compost - the quality and quantity of compost will be assessed
2. A clear differentiation will be made between annual and perennial weeds and the two types are therefore judged separately. Annual weeds are a less serious, short-term problem, which can be eradicated by hoeing
3. Perennial weeds are a long-term problem that may also be a nuisance for adjoining plot holders. Couch grass, bindweed, buttercups, dandelions and docks etc. are indicative of poor husbandry
4. Freedom from rubbish - materials stacked tidily for future use will not be penalised
5. Paths - neatly maintained and free of weeds.

Judging Criteria and Marks for the Best Kept Site Competition

Cleanliness of Site

1. Tidiness and Freedom from Rubbish: 25 marks
2. Freedom from Weeds: 25

State of Repair

1. Paths and roadways well maintained: 10
2. Fences, hedges and walls sound and tidy: 10

Site General

1. Site entrance: 10
2. Plots numbered and clearly demarcated: 5
3. Notice Board: 10

Communal and additional facilities – 2 marks for each with a maximum of 10 marks
For example: Shop, Toilet, Orchard, Communal seating, Communal compost area,
Facilities for children, Barbecue area, Waste management, Bees