



Press Release

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Gardening Guru gives thumbs up to Nottingham's green fingered tenants

Judging has now taken place for this year's Nottingham City Homes Best Garden Competition.

The 2008 competition not only attracted entries from regular competitors - we also had a number of new gardeners going for gold.

On the judging panel for the Special Cup this year was BBC gardening expert, Martin Fish. This was a first for the competition that has been running for more than 75 years. The main competition was judged by a group of our Tenant Services Inspectors team for the first time.

Representatives from Nottingham City Council's Street Scene team also joined the judging panel.

The Best Garden Competition has been running since the early 1930s and is well respected amongst the tenants and leaseholders who enter year after year. Its success is down to the genuine pride that tenants take in making their gardens look so beautiful.

Judges visited more than 100 gardens across the city and all of them commented on how hard our tenants work to keep their gardens in such great condition.

Those who won their category in the main Best Garden competition last year are automatically entered into this year's Special Cup. The winner of this cup takes the top spot in the competition.

During his judging, Martin Fish was "very impressed" with the standard and quality of all the gardens he visited. In a very closely won competition, there were only three points between the top three positions.

The eventual winner was Mr Bradley from Bilborough. After visiting Mr Bradley's garden, Martin said it was: "A well thought out garden that is maintained to a high standard. A wide range of plants give colour and interest all year round. In this garden the plants are certainly the stars of the show!"

Please see below the top three winners in this year's Special Cup category and each area category winner.

Special Cup:

1st place – Mr A Bradley, Bilborough

2nd place – Mrs and Mrs Roome, Whitemoor

3rd place – Mrs Mary Franklin, Heathfield

Category winners in main competition:

Area 1 – Abbey Bridge - Mr T Spencer

Area 2 – Aspley - Miss Z and B Sanders

Area 3 – Beechdale - Mr G Greatbatch

Area 4 – Bells Lane - Miss R Costello
Area 5 – Hyson Green – Miss J Redfern
Area 6 – Bestwood - Miss B Willetts
Area 6a – Bestwood Park – Mr Cairns
Area 7 – Bilborough Central - Mr M Ryan
Area 8 – Bilborough East – Mrs J Sabellini
Area 9 – Bilborough West – Mrs A O’ Connor
Area 10 – Broxtowe Lane – Mr and Mrs A Hatfield
Area 11 – Bulwell Hall - Ms Taylor
Area 11a – Bulwell & Crabtree – Mr K Butt
Area 12 - Radford – Mr Stephenson
Area 14 – Clifton South West – Mrs B Lupton
Area 15 – Clifton south east – Mr D Cooke
Area 16 – Clifton north west – Mr M Smith
Area 25 – Meadows – Mr I Smith
Area 26 – Sherwood – Mr R Tolley and Miss L Eaton
Area 27 – Sneinton - Mr Birch
Area 29 – Stockhill – Mrs J Marshall
Area 30 – Strelley – Mr R Bexon
Area 31 – St Anns – Mr M Breffitt
Area 32 – Whitemoor – Mrs J Hurst
Area 33 – Wollaton – Mr Grigg
Area 36 – Wollaton Vale and Fernwood - Mr and Mrs H Bates

Sheltered Housing Complex – Willowbrook Court, The Meadows

Balcony / Window box – Mrs S Gamble, Clifton

Community Garden – Mrs Banner, Bulwell Hall

Vegetable Plot – Mr M Winstanley, Bestwood

Young Person’s Garden – Ms V Edwards, St Anns

The Best Garden Competition winners will all meet at the Council House in December, where they will be presented with their cups which they will keep for a year and mini cups which they get to keep for good.

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Notes to editors:

Nottingham City Homes was created on 1st April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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