

## Best Allotment Competition 2022

There are three categories/classes for differing levels of allotment gardening and experience: Novice, Intermediate and Expert

The categories are defined as follows:

### Novice

For anyone who has had an allotment for two years or less and has not previously won a Best Allotment prize.

### Intermediate

For anyone who has not previously won a Best Allotment prize.

### Expert

For anyone who has previously won a Best Allotment prize.

The judging criteria is given in the chart below.

If you would like to take part, please complete the entry form on the Allotment Society's website (<https://chippenhamallotments.wordpress.com>) or send your entry to: [chippenhamallotments@googlemail.com](mailto:chippenhamallotments@googlemail.com) or paper copy to 31 Park Avenue, Chippenham SN14 0HB by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### Additionally: Warden's choice

Site Wardens will nominate their 'Best Allotment' prizewinners with a varied criteria such as most improved; winners will not necessarily be the most productive, tidiest or that growing the widest range of fruit and vegetables.

Judging for all awards will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Gardening vouchers will be awarded to prize winners plus the Drewett Cup for best overall allotment.

### Entry Form

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Allotment site:</b>	Cricketts Lane	Deansway	Lordsmead
	Hardenhuish	Ladyfield	Hungerdown Lane
<b>Plot number:</b>			
<b>Class entered:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>	Novice	Intermediate	Expert

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### Criteria for Allotment Plot judging

	Points available
<b>1. Cultivation and Workmanship</b>	35
a) Plot and path well maintained: defined edges to plot and tidy pathways, grass paths cut and edged	
b) Cleanliness: absence of weeds and litter throughout plot including on uncultivated areas. Canes and other planting aids stored tidily	
c) The cultivated area shows signs of being regularly hoed, etc.	
<b>2) Cropping</b>	35
a) Variety of crops	
b) Continuity: signs of successive sowing, planting or rotation including winter crops (eg. swede, leeks, sprouts/cabbage)	
c) Utilisation of space, maximising available space	
<b>3) Quality of Crops</b>	25
<b>4) Pests and Diseases</b>	20
Steps taken to minimise excessive damage by organic methods such as pinching out the tops of broad beans to inhibit black fly, use of collars or insect mesh to protect against cabbage root fly, barriers against carrot root fly. Plants should not show signs of nutrient deficiency	
<b>5) Structures</b> (Sheds, polytunnels, cloches, plant supports)	15
Condition of structures and appropriate use	
<b>6) Recycling, Environmentally friendly practices</b>	20
a) Compost heaps/boxes, evidence of active use. Use of recycled materials instead of new, creative use of recycled materials, rainwater water collection and conservation. Maximum 10 points	
b) Any additional noteworthy features, eg. overall appearance, wildlife features, bird boxes, pond, etc: Maximum 10 points	
	Maximum number of points: 150