

Blooming marvellous crop of winners for annual garden competition

Winners of the Malmesbury in Bloom Garden Competition, and the children's Multimedia Art Competition, have gathered together for an awards ceremony at the Town Hall.

Organised by Malmesbury Town Council, the two competitions run hand-in-hand and showcase the best of Malmesbury's green-fingered residents and business owners, as well as the artistic talents of local children.

Malmesbury Mayor Cllr Phil Exton presented certificates and goody bags to the children, and later in the evening gave out certificates and cups to the successful gardeners.

He was ably assisted by councillors Catherine Doody and Kim Power, who helped organise the competitions. The garden entries were judged by garden designer Kevin Franklin, while the children's artwork was judged by former teachers Rose Scanlon and Suzanne Tennant.

Commenting on the children's artwork, Cllr Exton said: "The standard was exceptionally high, and the judges had great difficulty in deciding on the winners. We had 200 entries, and it was wonderful to see how much artistic talent there is in the town."

There were a number of categories for the Malmesbury In Bloom competition, including best vegetable patch, commercial premises, and large garden.

The overall winner was Roy Wain. Special thanks went to the team who carry out conservation work at Malmesbury Cemetery - Ann Skinner, Melissa Robb, and Sue Alex - and to Shaun Bleaken and Mark Williams, who look after the town's many hanging baskets and floral displays.

Cllr Exton added: "It was lovely to see everyone here and to present these awards. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make our town such a beautiful place to live in, to work in and to visit."

Full details of the winners, and photos, will be on the Malmesbury Town Council website at <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/>.

Editors' notes

Full list of winners for Malmesbury in Bloom:

Window boxes, Hanging Baskets & Containers

3rd – Jacqueline Jones

2nd – The Smiths – The Horse Fair

1st – Athelstan Care Home

Courtyard Gardens, Patios & Small Garden

3rd – Diana Johnson

2nd – Sue & Keith Player

1st – Sylvia Brooks and Andrew Denley

Large Garden

3rd – Jacqueline Jones

2nd – Ann Robert-Phare

1st – Roy Waine

Street, Road or Area

3rd – Patrick Moloney – Kings Wall

2nd – Marlene Sanderson – The Horse Fair

1st – Orchard Court

Commercial Premises

3rd – Riverside Community Centre

2nd – St Aldhelm's Church

1st – Rose and Crown

Wild Flower Area

3rd – Sylvia Brooks & Andrew Denley

2nd – Joanna Fraser

1st – Caroline Tye

Vegetable Patch

3rd – Athelstan House

2nd – Joanna Fraser

1st – Caroline Tye

Sustainable Gardening

1st – Tracey Hughes-Tiley

Super Gardeners

Residents Car Park 90 to 94 Avenue de Gien

Overall Winner

Roy Waine

Children's Art Competition 2024

Age Group - 12 Years and Over

- 1st Place – Christopher Hills

Age Group - 10 Years Old

Highly commended: Prisha Bhardwaj ,

Kira Willis

- 3rd Place – Imogen Auty
- 2nd Place – Skyla Hudson
- 1st Place – Eliza MacMahon

Age Group - 9 Years Old

- Highly commended: Jessica Hills,
Rowan Pearson
- 3rd Place – Logan Walker
- 2nd Place – Paul Zheng
- 1st Place – Phoebe-Lilly Scott

Age Group 8 Years Old

- Highly Commended: Fred Flockhart,
Maximus Grayson
- 3rd Place – Robyn Haywood
- 2nd Place – Ethan Macpherson
- 1st Place – Alexander Leea

Age Group 7 Years Old

- Highly Commended: Ben Ward,
Freddie Morris
- 3rd Place – Ava Beckwith Carter
- 2nd Place – Amelia Reboli
- 1st Place – Puiki Li

Age Group 6 Years Old

- Highly Commended: Lyra Crouch,
Rosie Walters
- 3rd Place – Philippa Conway
- 2nd Place – Tabitha Glen
- 1st Place – Gwendolyn Clancy

Age Group 5 Years Old

- Highly Commended: Robyn West,
Huxley Elliott
- 3rd Place – Florence Blaken
- 2nd Place – Harriet Lock & Ernie Kingsbury
- 1st Place – Noah Vincent

Age Group 4 Years Old

- 3rd Place – Molly Sparrow
- 2nd Place – Lo McCallum
- 1st Place – Alice Mundy

Age Group 3 Years Old

- 1st Place – George Pye