

Scoring Matrix

Quartet:

Date:

Garden 1	
Garden 2	
Garden 3	
Garden 4	
Garden 5	

Add the score from the matrix below to the appropriate box in the score sheets.

N.B: Weed and Pest Control points are reversed from the other criteria.

Evidence → Category ↓	None	Minimal	Some	Significant	Strong
Flowers for pollinators	0	2	4	6	8
Grass & lawn management	0	2	4	6	8
Wildlife	0	2	6	8	10
Soil	0	4	8	10	12
Aquatic habitat	0	4	8	10	12
Weed & pest control	8	6	4	2	0
Trees, hedges, shrubs	0	2	4	6	8
Water management	0	2	4	6	8
Inspiration and innovation	0	2	6	8	10

Please note: some items are included in more than one category (for example ponds, pond life, aquatic wildlife). This helps emphasise their importance to green gardens.

Flowers for pollinators

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Native flowers					
Locally sourced annuals					
Successional flowering					
Plants grown from seed					
Flowering perennials					
General floral abundance					
Annuals mostly brought in					
Use of chemicals (see pest control and fertilisers)					
Exotic (non-native) plants					
wind pollinated plants (grasses)					
Score					
Cumulative score					

Grass and lawn management

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Flowers in grass					
Reduced mowing regime					
Different grass varieties					
Areas of unmown grass					
Ant hills, mole hills					
Smaller lawns					
Moss in lawn					
Electric mower/stripper					
Large area of lawn					
Sprinkler use	REPEAT				
Use of chemicals (see pest control and fertilisers)					
Astroturf					
Petrol powered mower/stripper					
Score					
Cumulative score					

Wildlife (undomesticated animals)

Evidence is based on record keeping and observation as well as the provision of wildlife infrastructure such as nesting boxes, feeders, wildlife habitats and forage. We are looking for a vibrant and diverse population of animals in the garden. Slugs and snails represent an important source of protein for other animals.

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Birds					
Mammals					
Amphibians and/or reptiles					
Bumblebees, solitary bees, wasps, ants					
Butterflies and moths					
Slugs and snails					
Pond life (including Dragonflies)					
Other wildlife (spiders, worms, woodlice and other insects)					
Woodpile					
Gaps in walls and fences					
No winter cutback					
Fruit trees and bushes, fruit left on ground					
Traps/poisons					
Outdoor cats	UNDER REVIEW				
Score					

Cumulative score					
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Soil

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Soil Structure/Tilth					
Earthworms					
Composting					
Mulching					
No dig					
Fungi/mycelium					
Water Infiltration					
Subscription to the Rother Council's Brown Bins Scheme					
Chemical fertilisers					
Bonfires					
Hose used for watering	REPEAT				
Soil compaction					
Score					
Cumulative score					

Aquatic / boggy habitats

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Water feature (any size or shape)					
Small pond/ stream					
Medium pond					
Large pond					
Marginal plants					
Boggy areas					
Rainwater butt					
Aquatic wildlife					
Water fowl					
Easy access to the water for wildlife					
Clean and clear water	UNDER REVIEW				
Underwater lighting					
Goldfish	UNDER REVIEW				
Filled from mains water	UNDER REVIEW				
Score					
Cumulative score					

Weed and Pest control

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Natural pest control (hand picking)					
Nematodes/ ichneumon wasps/ladybirds					
Bio-control (soapy sprays, homemade)					
Barrier controls					
Companion planting					
Herbicides					
Insecticides					
Poisons/traps					
Professional pest control (for wasps, bees, birds, rodents)	UNDER REVIEW				
Score					
Cumulative score					

Trees, Hedges, shrubs

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Mature trees	UNDER REVIEW				
Woodland area					
Younger trees/ new planting					
Tree management plan					
Hedges					
Fruit trees					
Berry trees					
Brambles					
Dead wood/ wood pile					
Walls/fences	UNDER REVIEW				
Use of wood preservatives	UNDER REVIEW				
Non-native species of trees and shrubs	UNDER REVIEW				
Score					
Cumulative score					

Water management

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Dry garden/ No irrigation					
Rainwater collection					
No sprinkler use					
Hoses	REPEAT				
Sprinklers	REPEAT				
Score					
Cumulative score					

Inspiration and innovation

Items	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Overall aesthetics					
"Flow"/ garden zones	UNDER REVIEW				
Views and integration with wider environment	UNDER REVIEW				
Future plans					
Play areas/games					
Engagement with social media online					
Member of garden society/clubs					
Participation in local and/or national wildlife audits and counts					
Concrete/tarmac Parking	UNDER REVIEW				
Score					
Cumulative score					

Grand totals

Garden	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Final score					

Notes:

Items marked **UNDER REVIEW** are likely to be changed or deleted. If you have insights or comments on any of these items please email Paul and Shirley: greengardenawards@gmail.com