

BEAUTIFUL FIFE JUDGING REPORT SHEET

ALL CATEGORIES

Name of entry: Leuchars	Judging Date: 25.07.18.
Category: Large Village	Judges: Janice Jackson, Susanneke Lucas

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

		MAX	ACT.
A1.	Impact – <i>design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation</i>	20	17
A2.	Horticultural practice – <i>cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting</i>	20	16
A3.	Residential and Community Gardening – <i>residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks</i>	20	16
A4.	Business Areas and Premises – <i>retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.</i>	20	15
A5.	Green Spaces – <i>verges, parks and open public spaces</i>	20	16
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A <i>50% of maximum points</i>		100	80

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SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility			
Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.			
		MAX	ACT.
B1.	Conservation and biodiversity – <i>wildlife areas, natural habitat</i>	10	7
B2.	Resource management – <i>recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment</i>	10	6
B3.	Local heritage – <i>management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage</i>	10	6
B4.	Local environmental quality – <i>management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.</i>	10	5
B5.	Pride of place – <i>management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping</i>	10	8
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	32

SECTION C – Community Participation			
Assessing year-round community participation			
		MAX	ACT.
C1.	Development and continuity - <i>Development and sustainability of the local initiative and evidence of on-going projects</i>	10	7
C2.	Communication and education – <i>community awareness and understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials</i>	10	8
C3.	Community participation – <i>community involvement is representative of the community's size and diversity</i>	10	7
C4.	Year-round involvement – <i>schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity</i>	10	6
C5.	Funding and Support – <i>initiatives to secure on-going support for the local campaign including local business support</i>	10	7
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	35

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Comments

TOTAL POINTS – 147

MEDAL AWARDED - Silver

AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT

The bloom campaign in Leuchars is organised by the Community Council and those involved have only been working on this for a short time as they are new to this role. They have established close links with the council and this has had a positive impact on the work they are undertaking.

They have taken great steps to raise public awareness of their campaign by leaflet dropping every house in the village. The response to this has been very positive and a number of planters have been moved in order that locals can maintain, and in some cases, plant them out. This has led to a variety of planting throughout the village which is well maintained and evidences the commitment of those who have adopted planters. The planters on the gates at the school have been adopted by an 8 year old pupil who is taking very good care of them and is to be commended for her efforts.

The group are also making good use of Community payback members to help with some of the bigger tasks they have set themselves.

The wildflower garden has been very impressive and there are plans to extend this to cover a much greater area.

They have chosen to limit the number of hanging baskets this year to make watering manageable.

There is a good mix of sustainable and annual planting with plans to plant some bubs on the verge into the village in the future.

The local pubs were both making a great effort to enhance their surroundings with planting and one publican helps water the hanging baskets.

The benches on the cycle route mirrored the commitment to wildlife and the work planned for the school grounds will enhance this further.

The benches planned to mark the anniversary of the end of WWI will further enhance the village.

There is signage of the local heritage but this could be enhanced further particularly along the cycle route, which is also a popular path with walkers.

Since the group have only been working together for a short time there was little evidence of year round involvement but this should be clearly obvious next year.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

There was quite a bit of litter, graffiti and dog mess within the village which needs to be addressed. A poster campaign with local school children can be a good way to get the message over.

There were several vacant premises within the village and the group have plans to address the issue of making these look better, perhaps through the use of street art.

The area near the church hall, which currently holds a litter bin, would benefit from a sizeable planter, perhaps one from near the roundabout, and from the railings being painted.