



NEW PLOTHOLDER AWARDS 2020 AND 2021

Prizes sponsored by the Incorporation of Gardeners of Glasgow.

The aim of the awards is to recognise the work of new plotholders and to encourage a good standard of cultivation in its widest sense.

Who can enter?

Any plotholder who is an Allotment Association member of a Council or privately owned site within the Glasgow City area. The plot-holder can have taken on their new plot at any time after January 1st of the year preceding entry, thus giving an opportunity to apply over two growing seasons.

This award did not run in 2020 due to the pandemic, and therefore we are running two sets of awards this year:

- 2020: Applications for plotholders who would have entered last year and who have had their plot after 1 January 2019 (New Plotholder Award 2020); and
- 2021: Applications for plot-holders entering this year and who have had their plot since 1 January 2020 (New Plotholder Award 2021).

Please indicate on your application which group you are applying to.

How do you enter?

By application form.

Entries must be submitted to Sarah Henry by Sunday 15th August 2021 to sarahlhenry77@gmail.com. If you wish to submit a paper copy then please phone to make arrangements on 07792873268.

Judging will take place at the end of August and will be confirmed later.

Applicants and site secretaries will be sent a receipt of acknowledgment of the application form. Please contact us directly if you do not receive this confirmation.

Plotholders should ensure that someone is able to open the site and show the plot to be judged on the day. Plot-holders will be emailed the preceding evening to advise whether the visit will be in the morning or the afternoon and will be messaged by text approximately 45 minutes before the judge expects to arrive at their site.

Presentation of prizes will be at the GAF AGM on 4 November 2021.

What are the prizes?

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| 1 st Prize | £50 gardening vouchers and 1 st Prize certificate designed by the Incorporation of Gardeners. |
| 2 nd Prize | £40 gardening vouchers and 2 nd Prize certificate designed by the Incorporation of Gardeners. |

Two commendation prizes of £20 are awarded for the most significant progress in overcoming adversity in particularly challenging conditions.

Judging Criteria

A short description of the state of the plot when it was assigned must be included with the entry form, along with photographs of the state of the plot at assignment.

Areas of judging and awarding of points:

1. **Overall growing plan**—including attention to sustainability and biodiversity in both the process and your desired outcomes in matters like rainwater harvesting, mulching, soil care, understanding of crop rotation, etc. **(maximum 20 points)**
2. **Overall appearance**—general tidiness, evidence of planning and organisation. Appropriate proportion of the plot as growing space.

Structures if present, such as sheds and greenhouses, should be in a serviceable state of repair. **(maximum 20 points)**
3. **Cultivation** should be generally weed-free with evidence of on-going cultivation. A variety of healthy plants—vegetables, fruit and flowers—should be growing. Appropriate weed-control strategies are acceptable for areas not yet cultivated. **(maximum 20 points)**
4. **Paths, hedges and boundaries** including frontage should be tidy and clear of pernicious weeds. **(maximum 10 points)**
5. **Systems and methods** of composting rainwater harvesting and water conservation should be evident. Evidence of an understanding of biodiversity and soil care and nurture. **(maximum 20 points)**
6. Evidence of your **contribution to the wider allotment community** including supporting other new allotmentees, contributing to the care of communal areas, contributing to committee, contributing to open days, etc. **(maximum 10 points)**

New Plotholder Awards Entry Form

NAME	
HOME ADDRESS	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
ALLOTMENT SITE	
PLOT NUMBER	
DATE PLOT ASSIGNED	
Application for 2020 or 2021 Award	
Site Secretary Name	
Site Secretary Telephone Number	
Site Secretary Email Address	

PLEASE COMPLETE A SHORT PARAGRAPH FOR ALL SECTIONS
(max 200 words per section).

Description of your plot when it was assigned. If you have them, attach photos to the application.

Overall Growing Plan

Overall appearance

Paths, hedges and boundaries

Systems and methods

Wider allotment community contribution