

Rules & Guidelines for the ideal plot.

1. Quality of crops. Maximum points available = 40

Plants should be free from disease, pests and damage, A broad range of food crops and flowers should be in evidence with the available growing space taken into account.

2. Condition of the plot. Maximum points available = 20

Unplanted areas where crops have been harvested or about to be planted should be free from weeds and the soil should be of a good well cultivated condition. *or MULCHED*

3. Good workmanship Maximum points available = 15

Soil between crops should be weed free, paths and other areas should be neatly edged and well maintained. Evidence of successional sowing will be given credit as so should good practise such as pinching out broad bean tips, protection from carrot fly. Intelligent use and sturdiness of plant supports where appropriate.

4. Condition of sheds, greenhouses and other structures. Max points available = 10

Structures, including cold frames and cloches, should be neat, clean and well maintained. Use of plant supports crop protection also attract credit.

5. Environment friendly practises. Maximum points available = 10

Good use of compost bins, rainwater collection where possible and any other environmental/animal friendly practices will be given credit.

6. Originality of layout and planting. Maximum points available = 5

Intelligent adaptation of the plot layout to suit the plot holder's needs, use of companion planting, overall visual effect, cultivation of less common plants and use of no-dig or deep bed methods will all be given credit where evident.

Maximum total points available = 100.