

Points awarded	1	2	3	4	5
Use of water					
Collection of rain water in water butt or similar					
Planting suitable for situation; i.e. wet and dry areas of garden					
Watering at most efficient times of day, i.e. early morning or evening					
Use of resources					
Use of home produced compost, local leaf mould or manure.					
Avoidance of peat and inorganic fertilisers					
Plant sources; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant / seed / cutting swaps with friends and neighbours • Use of perennial plants and sown annuals • no need to buy new plants every year 					
Wildlife					
Plants, especially native species, chosen to provide food and shelter for insects and birds					
Maintenance to allow habitat for insects, birds and invertebrates, i.e. not too tidy.					
Weed and pest control measures to be harmless to wildlife, especially predators.					
Edible gardening					
Salads and herbs grown					
Fruit grown - hard (apples, pears etc) and soft (currants, strawberries, raspberries etc)					
Vegetables grown					
Sense of place and local distinctiveness					
Garden responds to location and makes the most of assets and opportunities					
Garden uses local materials					
Garden gives sense of delight and enjoyment of the natural world.					

Suggested text for newsletter / publicity

In the 'Sustainable Garden' category, credit will be given for responsible use of water and other resources, benefits to wildlife, growing edible plants and gardens which give a sense of place,

enjoyment and local distinctiveness. In addition, reducing the use of fossil fuels for fertilisers and transport of plants and materials will be important. Points will be awarded for;

- water butts to collect rainwater and choice of plants to minimise the need to water;
- use of home made compost or local manure and avoidance of peat and artificial fertilisers;
- wildlife friendly gardening;
- growing edible plants;
- using local materials to make a distinctive garden which gives delight and enjoyment to its users.