

Allotment Competition 2019

After many years of organising the Allotment Competition both Iain Crawford and John Eckton stood down. Unfortunately, despite several pleas, nobody came forward to take their place. In order to keep the competition going Caroline Ford took over the organising on a temporary basis and Kelvin Mason undertook the judging. **Please consider offering to help** – the job description is attached to this report.

Despite the late advertisement, 6 Societies entered a total of 38 plots. The allotments were all judged between the 1st and 3rd of July during good weather which made the task very pleasurable. Both the winners were of a very good standard and the 10 Rod competition was a very close between first and second. The overall standard was also improved over previous years I have judged the competition with very few poor quality plots. Considering the dry weather and cold start to the growing season we have had this year there were some very good crops and the general maintenance was also good. Next year we will try to revert to having two judges but also see if they can judge the whole competition as this seems to give more consistent results. Congratulations to all plot holders who achieved an award.

The result of the judging was as follows:

10 Rods & Over

1st Mr I Haussauer
Bramshott, Liphook & District Horticultural Society
2nd Mr B Dickinson
Aldershot Allotments Association
3rd Mr P J Wicker
Basingstoke Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association

Photo: Mr Haussauer's Allotment



Mr Haussauer and Mr Dickinson were awarded a Diploma of Special Merit. A Diploma of Merit was awarded to Mr P J Wicker.

Under 10 Rods

1st Mr J Gilbert	Bramshott,	Liphook	&
	District Horticultural Society		
2nd Mr A Lewis	Basingstoke	Allotment	&
	Leisure Gardeners Association		
3rd Miss K M Hudson	Basingstoke	Allotment	&
	Leisure Gardeners Association		

Photo: Mr Gilbert's Allotment



Diplomas of Merit were awarded to Mr J Gilbert, Mr A Lewis and Miss K M Hudson.

We are extremely grateful to the six societies who entered the competition this year and congratulations to all the plot holders themselves for providing such excellent plots to be judged.

Caroline Ford (Organiser) & Kelvin Mason (Judge and Photographer)

HFHS Allotment Competition Organiser Job Description

1. Promote the Competition/Awards through the Bulletin and by contact with known Allotment Associations.
2. Undertake all administrative work associated with the competition.
3. Prepare and produce application forms for distribution.
4. Following the receipt of all completed application forms, produce a judging schedule by areas.
5. Engage pairs of judges to judge groups of entries and distribute judging forms and criteria as required. Collate the completed judging forms.
6. Produce list of results for the two allotment groups and the awards to be given.
7. Inform the Secretary, Editor, Judges, all entrants and overall winners of the results.
8. Liaise with the Treasurer for payment of prize monies.
9. Inform Trophy winners of presentation arrangements and date/venue of prize giving.
10. Recover Trophies from the previous year's winners in time for engraving.
11. Prepare and present reports of activities at Committee and AGMs
12. Keep records and receipts of all expenditure, including fees and expenses of all judges for the Treasurer against recompense from Federation funds.

Suitable for Job Share

The Allotment Competition Organiser tasks have for several years been carried out by two volunteers. One carries out the general administration and the other manages the judging aspects (Items 4 and 5).