

ALLOTMENTS – JUDGING

CULTIVATION

POINTS

A possible total of 25 points to be broken down into the following;

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| a) Defined edges to plot, tidy pathways, neatly maintained. | 5 |
| b) Cleanliness- differentiation to be made between annual weeds and perennials, as annual weeds are usually a short term problem, where as perennials are a nuisance (or worse) to other plot holders. If couch grass, buttercups, dandelions or docks are evident, it is indicative of poor husbandry on a continuing basis, where as annual weeds (which can be eradicated with a hoe) are not as serious. | 15 |
| c) Plot number clearly displayed. | 5 |

TOTAL 25

1) CROPPING

A possible total of 45 points to be awarded as follows

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| a) Variety of crops – 2 pts for each <u>type</u> of vegetable, flower or fruit to a maximum of | 30 |
| b) Continuity – signs of successive sowing, planting or rotation, inc. Winter crops. | 5 |
| c) Utilization of space, maximising available space. | 5 |
| d) Labelling of crop, identifying variety. | 5 |

TOTAL 45

2) QUALITY

A possible maximum of 20 points to be awarded in this section

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| High level of quality, good colour, vigour etc. | 13 – 20 |
| Medium level, less vigorous, some damage dead leaves etc., | 6 – 12 |
| High levels of damage, poorly grown weakly plants etc., | 0 - 5 |

MAXIMUM 20

PESTS AND DISEASES

A possible maximum of 20 points to be awarded in this section

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| Low incidence of pests and diseases | 13 – 20 |
| Medium level | 12 - 6 |
| High level | 0 - 5 |

MAXIMUM 20

MISCELLANEOUS

A possible maximum of 16 points can be awarded in this section – **Zero, 1 or 2 points for each as follows**

- Compost or manure Heap/Boxes must be in evidence, structured fit for purpose, and should not be a nursery for growing weeds.
- Evidence of composting management, making allowance for the various stages of breakdown. Look for evidence of use if containers empty.
- Rubbish free and safe. If it is stacked tidily for future use it is not rubbish. If it is just lying around it is!
- Use of recycled materials/rain capture, used effectively in a safe manner (instead of new resources).
- Safe and Creative use of recycled materials.
- Overall appeal/appearance; eg. colour, shape, symmetry etc., a good advert for allotments
- Wildlife features; eg. Pond, insect/hedgehog/bird/bee plant allures/nesting boxes.
- Structures – obelisks/bird scarers/pots/sheds/cold & netted frames/greenhouses, all in good order.

MAXIMUM 16

Therefore a maximum number of points attainable by any plot is 126