

Community Resources –16 July 2019

Bersted in Bloom

This is the seventh year of running this event.

There were only 7 entries this year in the adult section but not all the same people as last year. The judges were very impressed by the winning garden which was created by a newcomer. It was decided, because of the lack of entries, that there would only be first and second prizes awarded in the front garden category and only first in the containers and hanging baskets. The cups and certificates will be given out at the next full Council meeting on Tuesday 13 August at 7pm.

The children's drawing competition was run in-house in the three local nursery schools – Dizzy Ducklings, Happy Times and Stepping Stones. We received between 50 – 60 entries altogether. The judging has taken place and the presentations have been made before the end of the summer term. All three nursery schools have expressed an interest in taking part again as they felt the children had really enjoyed the competition.

I do want to thank you all for supporting Bersted in Bloom 2019. I am having a wash-up meeting with the judges on Friday 26 July to discuss how they feel it went, any improvements to be made and the way forward if we wish to run it again. The lack of entries is a real concern even though we tried very hard to encourage participants.

However, I do feel we should continue with the children's section as this is definitively gaining in momentum. The cost, even with three separate award presentations, is very reasonable.

Obviously, the decision about sponsoring next year will have to be made by this Committee later on. The three garden judges and the children's judge are all willing to support it again.

Finally, there is one more person to thank regarding this competition. Herbie, who kindly drove the judges to the competitors' houses as I was without a car that day. Your help was really appreciated.

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