



SOUTH WEST



# Glendale



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## Britain in Bloom - South West Spring Newsletter 2022



### Lawrence Medal for South West in Bloom

Our exhibit at the Chelsea 2021 Show was awarded as the best show Marque exhibit in all of the 2021 RHS shows. This is the second time South West in Bloom has won this award following our first one in 2014.



Keith Weed CBE, President of the RHS  
presented the Award



The Lawrence Medal



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## Presentation Event 2022 Haselbury Mill, near Crewkerne on Thursday 13th October

Following the success of last years presentation format, we will be following the same format this year.

**Details of local accommodation will be available  
on our Web site nearer the time.**

**Table seating - Two course Lunch  
Cost £25 per Delegate**

**Closing date for bookings Friday 23rd September**



### **Pennant Entries**

Due to the success of the Pennant entries, we are continuing these classes, but with the village section, there will be a combined class for the whole of the area.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Northern Area Town</b></p> <p>Burnham on Sea South Swindon in bloom</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judges Martin Davis ( R ) &amp; Ian Murphy</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village</b></p> <p>Mitchell Westfield in Bloom Calstock in Bloom Stoke in Bloom/Morice Town Beer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judges Tom Sharples ( R ) &amp; John Davies</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Southern Area Town</b></p> <p>Crediton in Bloom Bovey Tracey Liskeard in Bloom Ivybridge in Bloom Dartmouth Green Partnership</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judges Tony Moore ( R ) &amp; Dave Purkis</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bids</b></p> <p>Tavistock St Austell inExeter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judges Richard Beale &amp; Lynette Talbot</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town Centre</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judges Rod Pooley &amp; Sean Fletcher</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chippenham</p>
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## 2021 Pride in Park Awards

NAME OF PARK/OPEN SPACE	TOWN/VILLAGE	AWARD
Chard Reservoir LNR	Chard	3 STAR
Central Park	South Molton	4 STAR
Apex Leisure & Wildlife	Burnham on Sea	4 STAR
Jubilee Park	Portishead	4 STAR
Mam Hill Country Park	Stoke-sub-Hamdon	4 STAR
Keynsham Pocket Park	Keynsham	4 STAR
Yeovil recreation Ground	Yeovil	4 STAR
Blackmore Gardens	Sidmouth	5 STAR
Boscawen Park	Truro	5 STAR
Connaught Gardens	Sidmouth	5 STAR
Great Torrington Common	Great Torrington	5 STAR
Grove Park	Weston super Mare	5 STAR
John Coles Park	Chippenham	5 STAR
Kingsgate Park	Yate	5 STAR
Mill Marsh Park	Bovey Tracey	5 STAR
Page Park, Staple Hill	South Gloucester	5 STAR
Penlee Gardens	Penzance	5 STAR
Rodmoor Gardens	Portishead	5 STAR
Stanley Park	Chippenham	5 STAR
Tessier Gardens	Torquay	5 STAR
Trenance Gardens	Newquay	5 STAR
Victoria Gardens	Truro	5 STAR
Yeovil Country Park	Yeovil	5 STAR



Victoria Gardens, Truro



Yeovil Country Park

The path has also made it easier to vary the grass-cutting regime on the Field using the path as a boundary marker dividing areas into “rural cut” (once a year to allow growth of wildflowers) and “recreational turf” (more frequent cutting) to allow the easy use of the larger areas for games, picnics and other leisure purposes. As a result there are now more areas of long grass, which provides a greater range of wildlife habitats and the human visitors do not feel they have lost any of “their” space.

The Friends of Troopers Hill are sharing this story to help other groups that may be thinking of applying for funding. You may find some justifications in this story that go beyond creating better access for families with young children and people with disabilities.

### RHS South West in Bloom 2022 Schools Painting Competition

**The theme for 2022 is**

**“The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Garden“**

**The age groups are as follows:**

**Up to 6 years old, 7 – 11 years old, 12 – 16 years old**

Art should be a maximum of A3 in size. On the back of each painting, put name, age, and name of school and name of city, town or village.

Only one entry per age group, and they should be the winners of your local competition. Please note submitted works are **non-returnable!**

**The best exhibit in each age category**  
**should be sent to:**

**Melissa Poole**  
**c/o 15a Moorcroft Road, Hutton.**  
**Weston super Mare,**  
**North Somerset. BS24 9RW**

Entry Forms are available from the web site

Closing date for entries is Friday 15th July 2022.

**Lady Emma always looks forward**  
**assessing the childrens pictures.**





## Ways to Nature at Troopers Hill

While Friends of Troopers Hill work hard to maintain the site for wildlife they are conscious that Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve in east Bristol is in a very urban setting surrounded by thousands of homes. There is an intermediate care home immediately adjacent to the site. Many people with physical disabilities want to access green spaces safely. Parents going through the stage of having children in buggies find access to parks and green spaces more difficult where there are no all weather paths.

Using £15,000 paid by developers to Bristol City Council to mitigate the impact of development as match-funding, the Friends made successful applications for two landfill trust grants. This money was used to pay for a new path to be laid from a play area on Troopers Hill Field to Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve and for a rough track to be properly surfaced to make a wheelchair accessible route from the nearest road to the Local Nature Reserve.

Before this work was done Lizzy Horn (in photo) had never been able to walk her dog in the periods of the year when Troopers Hill Field becomes waterlogged, usually from autumn through to spring. She followed the whole project with great interest and was very supportive and positive when the first Covid lockdown delayed works. We were delighted to invite Lizzy to “unveil” the path when it was finally completed at the end of 2020.



The arrival of the path led to some unexpected benefits. This final piece of work means there is now a path around the whole edge of the 4 acre recreation field. Parents have found it is a safe environment for children to learn to use their bicycles, people have worked out that 3 circuits is approximately 1 mile and use that as a running or walking measure and with benches

at frequent resting points at one person using crutches was spotted using the route as a way to build back fitness. Chalked artwork is now a regular feature to be enjoyed.

## Britain in Bloom South West Pride in Park award.

The parks and green spaces in the South West with the Pride in Parks award continues to be a success and the 2021 awards were presented at the South West in Bloom Seminar in the Mariners Hall, Beer on Thursday 24th March.

You are able to enter your park for 2022 up to the **closing date of Monday 13th June.**

The criteria is the same as last year and full details are available from the secretary or on our Web site. It is again important that the entry is community led, and there will need to be a community representative at the judging. The time allocation will depend on the size of the park or Green open space, and can be up to 2hrs.

You are to indicate on the entry form the estimated time needed to judge the entry.



Judging can take place from June until the end of the year, as often parks are better judged at different times. You will be able to indicate the general date for judging, but if you have a special event, we will try to judge it on a specific day, if sufficient notice is given. Details can be entered on the entry form, which should be returned to the secretary.

The entries are awarded one to five stars, the five star equating to a Gold award.

Grove Park, W-s-M

**There is an entry fee of £20 for 2022.**

**Entrants will receive a certificate showing the award received, together with a plaque.**



Entry forms are available from the Secretary or on our Web site.

[www.southwestinbloom.org.uk](http://www.southwestinbloom.org.uk)

Closing date for entries

**Monday 13th June.**

Blackmore Gardens, Sidmouth

## 2022 Apprentice Academy

Headline sponsor Glendale has started the search for future gardeners, tree surgeons and landscapers across the Southwest.

2022 will see a total of 50 apprentices working across Glendale, starting their career in this wonderful sector within our teams.



Glendale are looking to recruit 10 Apprentices into the South West Academy.

Our apprentices will undertake a structured training programme which includes an

NVQ level 2 in Horticulture or Arboriculture as well as vocational certificates such as safe use of machinery, chainsaw certificates and spraying.

The South West Academy has allowed for continued investment in the workforce across the region, building staff confidence and morale which has had a positive impact on overall service quality and productivity.

Over the last 10 years we have successfully delivered over 200 apprentices across our business.

We have vacancies for apprentices

- Arboriculture - Bristol and Launceston
- Horticulture - Weston-super-Mare, Shepton Mallet, Devizes, Exeter, Launceston, Hayle, Blandford Forum and Weymouth



Courses will be run at Duchy, Bicton, Bridgwater & Taunton College and Kingston Maurward.

## Glendale delivers Carbon Neutrality



All services delivered by headline sponsor Glendale are now carbon-neutral. After 12 months of collating emissions, having these emissions verified by external consultants and then offsetting them through carbon reduction projects, all grounds maintenance, tree surgery, landscaping and estates management services will now have no

detrimental impact on our environment through emissions produced.

To further support our green credentials, our carbon offsetting programme will also be PAS 2060 accredited via external consultant. PAS 2060 is a specification standard detailing how to demonstrate carbon neutrality, produced and published by the British Standards Institution

Carbon neutral status is the culmination of a 3 year carbon reduction strategy that has seen Glendale continually improve our business.

These improvements include;

**Work Route Optimisation** - Using technology to match our work with teams and locations to ensure that all work is completed with the least amount of miles and emissions.

**Green Vehicle Fleet** - Our company car policy is now 100% electric or hybrid vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles have also been introduced to our commercial vehicle fleet and some smaller vehicles replaced with e-cargo bikes.

**Green Machinery** - All newly purchased strimmers, hedge cutters and blowers are now electric, eliminating emissions, vibration and noise. Electric ride-on mowers have also been introduced into the fleet. Glendale also has five auto-mowers in our fleet.

**Green Energy** - Glendale has migrated all our energy supply to fully green electricity supply.

Sustainable horticulture has been at the heart of Glendale for over 30 years, from green waste recycling, sustainable planting schemes to the removal of chemicals and peat and our ISO14001 accreditation, carbon neutrality was the natural next step for our business.



## **Presidents Message**

Another season will soon be upon us when you will be able to put in place all of your planting ideas to give us more wonderful displays large or small. Our judges are always amazed at what you achieve.

Now with Covid levelling it gives us hope for a return to normality. With my own very complex immune system I was sorry not to be able to attend the events in Beer this year but was advised not to.

Starting on the 23rd March we held a judges training day. These exercises are necessary to ensure everyone is singing from the same "hymn" sheet. Around 30 of our team attended with national judge Rae Beckwith officiating this makes sure we meet the RHS standards.

The 24th March saw the Spring seminar taking place, positive feedback was received to say the quality of speakers was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Currently there are many initiatives in place to care for the environment and community working, like the Daily Mail litter picking being one example, this included beach cleaning.

Things really do turn full cycle as I recall many of our coastal entries involving their community groups doing just that at least 15yrs ago so well done there.

BBC Country file Plant Britain campaign started in 2020 to plant around 750,000 trees across Britain which has been very successful. Now in 2022 launch like the above Country file coastal cleanup, with a target of 1,000 areas per month for a year.

Another important scheme this year is the RHS community gardens (entries now closed). There is one lucky winner in each of our four home nations. They will receive £50,000 to work in partnership with a leading garden designer. The community garden will then receive support for the following three years. Plus one nominated person will get to study for their RHS level two qualification.

Finally on the 18th March a zoom meeting was held for bloom groups and judges relating to the new standard marking criteria, with National judges. Then on the 25th March another with Q&A about the environment and sustainability with Rae Beckwith, Darren Share and our own Richard Budge.

So enjoy your judging, this summer, stay safe and keep well.

**Vic Verrier President MBE RHS South West in Bloom**

Terry Doyle, managing director, south, who started his career as an apprentice commented: *"The Apprentice Academy has been a tremendous success and we have apprentices at every level of our business. The rollout across the business has allowed for Glendale to invest in the team, bringing in fresh ideas and sees the next generation of horticulturalists and arborists start a career with Glendale"*.

For more information on the Glendale apprentice programme, please visit <https://www.glendale-services.co.uk/apprenticeships> and to know more about what it's like to work for Glendale visit <https://youtu.be/Di9NH7K3JdA>

## **Glendale offers environmental, planning and design consultancy**



Did you know that Glendale has its own landscape design practice?

epd offers a unique combination of skills in landscape architecture, heritage and horticulture resulting in a multidisciplinary consultancy fit to deal with even the most challenging of sites.

We are able to provide our clients with inspirational, flexible and sustainable solutions ranging from initial designs to project implementation and maintenance. We offer this in a practical, no-nonsense and cost effective manner.

Our consultation services cover areas of landscape design and management, landscape assessment, contract tendering and administration. We have a broad scope of build and maintain options available to fit any project. From simple landscape designs, to full project management, the team at epd can bring to life ideas, community ambition and projects.

For more information on the epd team, please visit [epdlandscape.co.uk](http://epdlandscape.co.uk)

Our sponsor Glendale offers horticulture expertise including, grounds maintenance and tree surgery, landscaping & fencing and countryside contracting services.

## To Bee or not to Bee at Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve

Troopers Hill is a “wild, romantic” Local Nature Reserve in east Bristol. The volunteers who care for it, in partnership with the landowners, Bristol City Council, aim to manage the site for people and wildlife.

83 species of bee have been recorded on Troopers Hill, a fact often used by the Friends of Troopers Hill to explain the management regime of the site to the public and visiting geography “A” level and university students studying nature conservation. There are over 250 species of bee in Great Britain and many need the same things, bare soil to dig nests and access to pollen and nectar.

This message is repeated by the volunteers on posters, social media, articles in local papers and interviews on local radio and has had a number of positive results, particularly in helping people understand that scrub clearance, in carefully selected areas, at the right time of year, is necessary for the maintenance of this wildlife habitat.

One particularly positive result was an email sent to the Friends of Troopers Hill

*“Hi, we are local residents and considering a hive of honey bees. We want to be mindful of the nature reserve, I have noticed there are many varieties of bee on troopers hill, and no doubt many other pollinators. I know this is a difficult question to answer, but do you think honey bees may affect in the areas might affect/compete with the local wild population? We are considering one small hobby hive. “*



*The bare patches of Troopers Hill – a magnet for mining bees. It has been described as the most important space for invertebrates in the south west of England.*

The Park Awards were presented by Cllr Kathy Head, Mayor of Crewkerne



Connaught Gardens 5 Star



Keynsham Pocket Park 4 Star



Trennace Gardens 5 Star



Central Park, South Molton 4 Star



Victoria Gardens, Truro 5 Star



Tessier Gardens, 5 Star

Our thanks go to Nigel Bloxhan for taking photos at our Spring Seminar.. Photos of the Parks presentations are available from Nigel who has put them on his website <http://www.ukphotogallery.com> where all the pictures can be viewed and ordered. You will need the small print price list which is more reasonable than the Art Print Price List.



## Spring Seminar 2022

We held a very successful seminar on Thursday 24th March at the Mariners Hall, Beer. Our thanks must go to the members of Beer in Bloom, who provided all of the refreshments in the hall, and helped with the arrangements over the two days.

Rae Beckwith was the first speaker and he provided an interesting and amusing talk of some his experiences when judging in Britain in Bloom.



This was followed up by one of the best speakers we have had when Saul Walker gave a very interesting and thought provoking talk on



the effects of climate change, and the ways that Bloom can make a real difference.

Josephine Spring was another to give a very interesting talk focussing on research projects to determine how horticulture can be used to help the neuro disabled.

The work can relieve stress, help their memory attention. The presentation showed with excellent slides how the research is leading to developments in the way these disabilities can be relieved.

The Friends were already aware of the impact of Honey bees (Apis) on native bees. Honey bees frequently carry diseases and parasites that can be passed to native bees. There is also the issue of competition for the same food. To ensure a balanced response to this enquiry the Friends contacted Bristol City Council's Conservation Officer and the ecologist who had written the 10-year conservation management plan for Troopers Hill and who had been visiting the site to carry out surveys since the 1990s.

The answers came back within 2 hours of the enquiry and were remarkably complementary:

*"Regarding the bees, it is good of them to contact you. I would think that so long as the hive isn't right on the edge of the reserve it's unlikely to have any effect on the reserve's bees - as you say honey bees are a common sight there anyway. It might be worth encouraging them to provide a good range of nectar plants close to the hive to reduce the likelihood of them relying too heavily on the LNR (Local Nature Reserve)."*



**Ashy mining bee on Troopers**

Our general position is that we are happy for people to keep bees on allotments or in their gardens, but we wouldn't give permission for a hive within a local wildlife site – and we have had some requests for this in the past.

There is potentially some risk of competition for resources with some native bees, so the other thing they could do if they want to reduce that, is to make sure there is as much pollen and nectar rich flowers in their garden all year, so that their bees don't need to forage from the nearby LNR too much."

Friends of Troopers Hill hope this story will help to inform those who might be considering the pros and cons of bee-keeping.

## How Amberol can help you meet the new Britain in Bloom sustainability criteria

Reducing our carbon footprint is one of the most significant challenges that we face as citizens of the world. This increased awareness of the importance of sustainability is reflected in the changes made to the 2022 Britain in Bloom judging criteria.

Following on from initiatives such as ‘Greening Grey Britain’ and ‘Planet Friendly Gardening’, the RHS has introduced the additions as a way of Incentivising In Bloom groups to ensure that they are building in environmental measures as part of their work.

The changes, which come in the Environmental Management section (B3), encompass a range of areas, from promoting biodiversity to minimising chemical pest control. At Amberol, we welcome the increased awareness and promotion of environmental issues. As manufacturers of [self-watering planters](#) we are particularly interested to note the new criteria around water conservation.

### Raising awareness of water conservation

In the 2022 criteria, community gardening groups are urged to consider water conservation by minimising water use and reducing reliance on mains water supplies. On its website, the RHS suggests several ways of doing this, including finding other ways to collect and distribute water e.g. through the use of water butts.

These strategies to reduce water use are to be encouraged; but they are also time consuming, especially for organisations that rely on volunteers. Which is why self-watering planters can be such an important part of your group’s water conservation strategy at the same time as reducing maintenance demands.

### How do self-watering planters work?

Amberol’s self-watering planters use a specially developed watering system known as Aquafeed™. This system is comprised of a collection of high capacity capillary wicks that extract water from the subsoil water reservoir. The water is then dispersed evenly via special matting. This means that plants access moisture as and when required.



At the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in London, raised wooden units are used for growing. Participation with Thrive in a design project with Forest Garden led to the purchase of the corner planters below. These are very good for stroke patients who can garden with one hand but need encouragement to use the other hand.



Suttons V-shaped trough and corner planters

The other unit is the v-shaped trough from Suttons which is deep enough to grow vegetables. All these units can be emptied and relocated to other parts of the hospital as patient numbers change, allowing flexibility.

The tiered ladder allotments below take a standard trough and are at heights which allow a wheelchair-based patient to water. They are good for maintaining a succession of flowers.



These are combined with the V trough and corner planters.

Very stable wooden armchairs were requested by relatives and a table the wheelchairs fit underneath.



## Container gardening in Scandinavia and Britain Josephine Spring

For wheelchair-based gardeners and those with balance or mobility issues, gardening is easier seated at a desktop height container. The person's feet fit underneath the unit. Trying to garden sideways is tricky and definitely not ergonomic.



In the roof garden at Dalheimers House in Goteborg, all gardening is in containers, including fruit trees. The wooden units were made in a Swedish prison and have a lip, tiers with soil and a central pillar.

A wide range of plants are cultivated including ornamentals, vegetables, fruit including bush and tree fruit. In the picture are an occupational therapist, psychologist and physiotherapist who work with neurological patients.

The view from the terrace garden at Sunaas Rehabilitation Hospital on Oslo fjord is stunning.

The garden was designed by the Agricultural University of Norway situated nearby. The raised beds of contoured concrete allow access by chair-based patients.

Plants are grown, include ornamentals, herbs and fruit. There are trellises for the climbers. There is sufficient soil to grow the fir tree.

The hospital restaurant is adjacent and visitors can dine al fresco with patients. There is a telescope to watch the shipping sailing to the port.

The steep slopes of the fjord have only small areas of flat land but there are two other gardens on the site, one for vegetables, left overleaf, and one outside the therapeutic kitchen growing strawberries and herbs, on the right.



The balance between the size of the water reservoir and the size of the planter has been carefully calculated to enable maximum space for root growth, while allowing ample space for a week's worth of water. This means that even in the driest weather, most Amberol self-watering planters need to be topped up just once or twice a week at most.

In addition, because each planter has overflow holes, they cannot be overwatered, and issues such as overflow that are common when watering containers and hanging baskets are avoided.

### More benefits of using Amberol self-watering planters

**Maximum growth** - Not only do self-watering planters reduce water consumption, they create ideal conditions for optimal growth because plants are able to access moisture and nutrients as required.

**Environmentally friendly** - All Amberol's black planters are made from recycled polyethylene. The coloured planters that we manufacture can all be recycled at the end of their lifespan, avoiding adding to the landfill problem

**Longevity** - Because Amberol planters last for so long (over 30 years and still going strong according to some of our long standing customers), they provide value for money as well as reducing material wastage.

### How can Amberol help resolve your watering issues?

If you are pressed for time or funds to maintain your containers, Amberol's self-watering planters are an ideal solution. We are always happy to talk to you about your needs and to offer advice where required. We also offer virtual demonstrations so you can see our products up close and ask any questions that you may have.



Call 01773 830 930, email [sales@amberol.co.uk](mailto:sales@amberol.co.uk) or go to our [website](https://www.amberol.co.uk) for more information or to book a no-obligation virtual demo.





## South West entries in Britain in Bloom Nationals 2022



Kingsbridge  
Small Town



Sidmouth  
Coastal



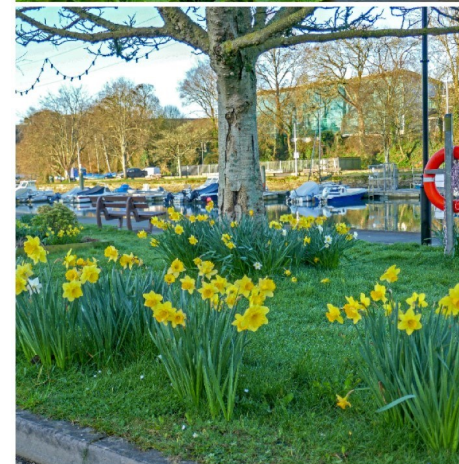
Bath  
Small City



St Austell  
Bid



Portishead  
Large Town



Fortunately our businesses can see the advantages that our bloom group brings to keeping the town attractive throughout the year and the increased footfall that results from that.

It also has a knock-on effect and as a result of the transformation that our bloom group have achieved, our Town Council have committed to replacing most of the old street furniture in the centre of town, replacing tatty litter bins in our parks with stainless steel bins and greening up the hard landscape area of our main shopping street with new tree planting.

New monolith signage has already been installed throughout and has been very well received.

Restoration of pride in the town has certainly reduced ant-social behaviour and we believe that bloom has very much played it's part.



Like many groups it's often difficult to continue with our work through the winter months due to the weather but it is important to keep the maintenance of our displays ongoing and always enjoyable to discuss our campaign plans over a hot drink at our regular working parties.



Funding is always a challenge and we raise money from our monthly prize draw and various other initiatives during the year. We find that it always makes it easier to go to the businesses to ask for sponsorship when they see that our group make an effort to raise your own revenue. This is particularly relevant to us as we do not receive any funding from our District or County Councils.



## RHS Community Environment Fund, or the RHS Connected Communities Fund

There are four "It's your Neighbourhood" groups in the South West, who have been successful in receiving an RHS grant for 2022. Congratulations to these groups that have been successful and this should be encouragement to other groups to apply for future RHS grants etc.

### Community Environment Fund

Bath Organic Group Enhancing our Environment

Pynes Community Orchard Working Group - Ide

### RHS Connected Communities Fund

Exmouth and District Allotment Association (EDAA)

Stroke Survivors Gardening Group

Horticultural Therapy Trust Garden and Grow Together

## SWIB 2022 It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) Entries

Thank you to all that have submitted an entry for the  
[It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme 2022.](#)

We have received a large number of entries and so to acknowledge receipt (and to ensure none have slipped through the net or got lost in the post!), SWIB will upload very soon a list of all the names of this year's entries on our website:

[www.southwestinbloom.org.uk](http://www.southwestinbloom.org.uk).

Please take a moment to check your entry is registered, and if in the event it is not showing, please contact Melissa by emailing [southwestinbloom@aol.com](mailto:southwestinbloom@aol.com) as soon as you can, confirming your IYN entry details.

The IYN Assessment period for 2022 will run between 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July, so if you have not been contacted by a Judge, Assessor, or your In Bloom Group Lead towards the end of June, to fix a convenient date for your assessment to take place, please let Melissa know and she will follow this up for you.

2022 IYN Results will be announced on our website on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Wishing all the very best to our South West IYN's 'Greening Up' your area in 2022!



## Judges Accreditation & Training



Our judges attended an accreditation & training day on Wednesday 23rd March at Beer, prior to the Seminar on 24th March.

The training was based on the new changes to the judging criteria, and ensure that we have consistency between judging teams.

The training was undertaken by Rae Beckwith and Jon Wheatley.



## Chairman's Report

2021 turned out to be an excellent year due to all your enthusiasm commitment and wonderful efforts.

This was in spite of the continued covid crisis which still seems to be plaguing many of our South West Communities

The future looks positive for Local growing particularly with productive foodstuffs which have the potential to reduce our carbon footprint as well as being healthy and wholesome.

Sustainable growing is also high on the agenda with the avoidance of the use of peat being a real challenge to growing.

We may have to go back to the future with more composting and leaf moulds.

Our Spring Seminar in my view was one of the best we have had with the excellent papers by Josie and Saul as well as the Judges training day which was run by Terry and delivered by Rae.

I would like to thank the RHS and our sponsors for their continued support as well as the Five National entry's who are going to represent us this year.

SWIB for the second time it entered Chelsea won the Lawrence Medal for the best exhibit in the RHS Shows season 2021

This represents a wonderful achievement and the team who designed constructed and exhibited are congratulated

Good luck to you all in 2022 enjoy Bloom and have fun.

I look forward to meeting as many as possible who can join us at this year's presentation event at Hazelbury Mill. Good luck

**Jon Wheatley**  
**Chairman RHS South West in Bloom**