

# 2026 South West in Bloom It's Your School Assessment

IYS Name & Area:

Judge/Assessor:

Date:

**LEVEL ACHIEVED:**

Level	Description	Points
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Advancing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100

## AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT & FOR DEVELOPMENT

### Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)

School/Nursery group working towards/shows examples of:

- Understanding the benefits of gardening for all
- Building life skills e.g. teamwork, confidence and resilience through gardening and horticulture
- Taking ownership and direction
- Being inclusive and accessible
- Making a difference to the school/nursery setting
- Involved with the local community
- Getting support e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.
- Planning for the future
- Engaging/connecting with other gardening/community groups outside of the school setting, working together in partnership with other organisations, schools, businesses, residential homes, environmental groups etc.
- Sharing plants, seeds, and food produce.

<b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)</b>	
<p>School/Nursery group understands and is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Composting</li> <li>• Recycling</li> <li>• Actively creating, designing, maintaining, or improving a green space.</li> <li>• Understanding the need for habitats for wildlife and pollinators, eco-systems</li> <li>• Sharing knowledge and skills across the school setting</li> <li>• Area tidy and maintained, tackling issues like litter/graffiti</li> <li>• Understanding the causes and helping to tackle the effects of climate change</li> </ul>	
<b>Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)</b>	
<p>School/Nursery is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• good plant choice, design features and impact</li> <li>• Learning and sharing knowledge on gardening skills. Learning plant names, plant life cycles. Understanding how to look after and care for their green space/school or nursery garden</li> <li>• Good maintenance, presentation, and management</li> <li>• Improving and enhancing the area through gardening, creativity and innovation</li> <li>• Overcoming site difficulties</li> </ul>	

## Scoring

<b>Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)</b>	
Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)	
<b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)</b>	
Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)	
<b>Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)</b>	
Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)	
<b>GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED</b>	