

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

IYS Name & Area:

Judge/Assessor:

Date:

LEVEL ACHIEVED:	
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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.

**Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)**

School/Nursery group understands and is engaged in environmental activities such as:

- Conservation e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment
- Biodiversity
- Sustainability
- Composting
- Recycling
- Actively creating, designing, maintaining, or improving a green space.
- Understanding the need for habitats for wildlife and pollinators, eco-systems
- Sharing knowledge and skills across the school setting
- Area tidy and maintained, tackling issues like litter/graffiti
- Understanding the causes and helping to tackle the effects of climate change

**Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)**

School/Nursery is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:

- good plant choice, design features and impact
- 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
- Good maintenance, presentation, and management
- Improving and enhancing the area through gardening, creativity and innovation
- Overcoming site difficulties

**Scoring****Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)**

Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)

**Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)**

Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)

**Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)**

Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)

**GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED**