



**Wokingham Town Council**  
**'GREEN FINGERS' GARDENING COMPETITION**  
**2008 ENTRY FORM**

**Please complete this form and return to: Hilary Bamberger, Amenities Officer, Wokingham Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Wokingham, RG40 1AS, (telephone 0118 974 0886 or email amenities@wokingham-tc.gov.uk), or drop it into the Information Centre in the Town Hall**

I wish to enter/ nominate the person named below – **please note entrants must be amateur gardeners and live within the boundary of Wokingham town.** In the window boxes & containers category, there will be a special award for best entry by a physically handicapped competitor.

**NAME**.....

**ADDRESS:**  
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**POST CODE**..... **Tel no**.....

- Please delete as necessary:
- FRONT GARDEN** (kindly sponsored by The Wokingham Times)
  - BACK GARDEN**
  - WINDOW BOXES & CONTAINERS**
  - I WISH TO ENTER AS PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

Closing date is **28th June 2008**. Judging will be in mid-July by the Wokingham Horticultural Association.



**Wokingham Town Council**  
**'Best Commercial Floral Display'**  
**Competition**  
**for Retailers, Restaurants and Public Houses**  
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**We are a business operating within the boundary of Wokingham town.**

**NAME OF BUSINESS**.....

**CONTACT NAME** .....

**ADDRESS:** .....

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**POST CODE**.....**Tel no**.....

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**WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
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GARDENING COMPETITION 2008**

**Rules**

1. The Competition is open to any resident and commercial business residing within the Wokingham boundary and is free to enter
2. The previous year's category winners will not be eligible to enter for the same category in the current year's competition but may enter for the category again in the following year.
3. All completed entry forms must be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008 by post or in person, addressed to Ms Hilary Bamberger, Amenities Officer, Town Hall, Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1AS
4. Competitors will be advised of the date(s) in July when judging will take place and an official calling card will be left to confirm that a garden has been judged for the competition. The 'Best Commercial Floral Display' category will be judged by the Mayor, the Town Centre Manager and our sponsor.
5. The judging panel for the gardens entered will be from Wokingham Horticultural Association and will follow judging criteria laid down by the Royal Horticultural Society. Their decisions will be final and no subsequent complaints can be considered.
6. Entrants placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the gardening competition, plus those who have been highly commended, will be invited to a special awarding ceremony at Wokingham Town Hall. The winner of the 'Best Commercial Floral Display' category will be invited to attend the ceremony also. The date will be advised later.

## **Guidance to Competitors**

### **1. Front & Back Gardens:**

The judging panel will give credit to the best use of the space, attractiveness and creativity in design, all-year-round interest, the quality of plants and intelligent placing.

The overall size of the garden will not be taken into account. A limited number of healthy, well grown plants making best use of the space available is more meritorious than a wide variety of plants poorly grown and overcrowded or sparsely planted.

Credit will be given to upkeep of patios and paths, weed control in lawns, beds and borders

Brown patches in lawns where the spent foliage of spring bulbs such as daffodils or crocuses has recently been mown off, will not be considered a demerit. The relative immaturity of some trees or shrubs will not, in itself, be considered a demerit provided that the plant is appropriately sized and, where necessary, properly staked and/or protected.

Indications of planting for climatic change and measures for water conservation will also receive credit from the Judging Panel.

### **2. Window Boxes & Containers:**

Most credit will be given to bright, bold, colourful displays which succeed in catching the eye without appearing vulgar.

Plants should be closely grouped and overflow the edge of their container so as to almost hide it.

They should be arranged in an attractive, well-balanced fashion. They must be healthy and well-developed with no obvious signs of damage by weather, pests or disease.

Preferably, there should be a potential for attractive display until the winter frosts arrive.