

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM FLORAL and DISCRETIONARY AWARDS

Here are three additional Floral Awards that “In Bloom” entrants can register Free.

The entry Form is on our web site [East Midlands in Bloom \(emib.org.uk\)](http://emib.org.uk)

Please let us know which award/s you intend to enter by the **closing date 30th April**

(If you do not know your exact nomination/s you can tell our Judge prior to Judging)

Category	Name of Award
A	The Frank Constable MBE Award <i>for Best Residential Garden</i>
B	East Midlands in Bloom Award <i>for Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display</i>
C	East Midlands in Bloom Award <i>for Best Retail/Commercial Premises</i>

Floral Award Rules:

- An “In Bloom” entrant is only allowed to nominate one entry in each category of the Floral Award which will be inspected during the first two weeks of July as part of their “In- Bloom” Judging visit.
- Please use the Floral Awards form available from our website and make sure you register your intention to enter before the closing date of 30th April, even if you do not know your nomination/s by this date.
- You can let us have the full and correct details of your nominations when your judge contacts you. This ensures our judges allocate adequate time for your ‘In Bloom’ entry when they make the judging arrangements. Unfortunately, if this is not done, an entry may not be able to be judged or award a certificate may not be correctly issued.
- Please keep informed if you need to withdraw an entry
- A maximum of 15 minutes each for categories A, B & C is allowed in addition to your normal “In Bloom” judging time, and may be judged before, during or after your ‘In Bloom’ judging tour. Judges must be informed when this will be before the start of the tour.
- If the entire 15 minutes is not used, the remainder cannot be added on to the ‘In Bloom’ judging time.
- The “In Bloom” entrant should inform the owner/proprietor of their visit date and time to ensure access and someone is available to discuss how the display is produced and maintained.
- It is always useful to see photographs showing the entry in Autumn Winter and Spring. These should be available to the judge during judging. Either Digital or Printed
- The entry must be permanent and original.
- Entry will be marked out of 20 using the Floral Award Judging Form on our website. The use additional photographic evidence taken during judging will also determine the overall regional winners.
- EMIB Judges reserve the right to disqualify entrants who submit outside of the criteria and their decision is final.
- East Midlands in Bloom reserve the right to use photographs of the entry for publication purposes.

Marking criteria for all Floral Awards

1. **Attractiveness of planting** e.g. Colour schemes; design to function; use of *scent*; *duration of attractiveness across seasons*; *innovation*.
2. **Design** e.g. *suitability to location*; *balance*; *proportion*; *focal points / focal picture*; *light and shade*; *use of texture*; *unity*
3. **Quality of Care and Maintenance** e.g. edged up lawns; minimal weeds; mulching; health of plants; lack of pests and diseases.
4. **Sustainability** e.g. minimising peat use; composting; mulching; minimising use of pesticides.

A: The Frank Constable MBE Award for Best Residential Garden

This award was introduced in 2001 and is sponsored by the Constable family in memory of our late President, Frank Constable MBE, who sadly passed away in February 2014. The nomination must be linked to an "In Bloom" entry.

Details of the award

Winners Award: An engraved carriage clock together with a certificate.

- Previous winners cannot win the award again or receive the carriage clock, although they can re-enter each year and receive a certificate.
- Previously winning garden can be entered and win if the property has changed ownership.
- Front, Side and rear gardens may be entered if they are clearly visible to the public from a public highway, public open space or footpath.

B: Best Pub/Hotel Garden or Display Floral Award *and*

C: Best Retail/Commercial Premises Floral Award

Details of the award

- Winners Award: A plaque (subject to sponsorship) together with a certificate.
- This award can only be won outright for three consecutive years.
- All areas including The Front, Side and Rear displays, Hanging Baskets, Carparks and Gardens will be judged, provided they are used by customers, Residents and patrons.
- Care and Maintenance - Cleanness of the site, maintenance of furniture/features must be considered.

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM DISCRETIONARY AWARDS

The following Discretionary Awards are awarded to the “In Bloom” entry by the judges where they feel it is merited each year.

No application form is necessary, these are announced at the Awards Presentation in September.

Please mention to Judges any young person for the Doug Stacey Young Person Award

East Midlands in Bloom Award for Horticultural Excellence within Parks. (sponsored by geViews)

Awarded for: Planting and maintenance of flower beds and green spaces within public parks.

East Midlands in Bloom Award for Best Wildflower and Conservation Area.

Awarded for: Efforts made to provide a wildflower and conservation area and effectiveness of the area. Appropriate management of these areas.

East Midlands in Bloom Award for the Most Improved Entrant (sponsored by Taylors Bulbs)

Awarded for: The entry who has increased their total marks from the previous year by the highest margin.

East Midlands in Bloom Award for the Least Littered Environment

Awarded for: Upkeep and cleanliness of areas, general tidiness, lack of litter, graffiti, and vandalism.

East Midlands in Bloom Committee Award – awarded if merited by the judging panel

To someone or something which is not included in our range of awards

East Midlands in Bloom Award for Best New Permanent Landscape

Awarded for: A newly landscaped public area not seen by the judges in the previous 3 years.

The Doug Stacey Young Person Award

(Trophy provided By Doug Stacey our previous Bloom President)

Awarded to: To a young person who has shown independent initiative to supporting the In- Bloom campaign in any one of the three pillars (Bloom Groups- please mention this person to the judges.)

Best Entrance Display – Given to an entranceway to a town/village/city who may or may not be currently taking part in Bloom (seen on the judges travels anywhere in the East Midlands)