



East Midlands in Bloom are recruiting **New Judges.**

Are you an enthusiastic gardener?
Do you care about the environment?
Do you enjoy meeting people?
Would you be interested in visiting one of the
East Midland in Bloom Categories during the first two
weeks of July?



If you answer yes to any of these questions, then why not become **a judge** with East Midlands in Bloom?

East Midlands in Bloom is an annual competition organised by the EMIB and is one of the 18 regions/nations which comprise 'Britain in Bloom', the campaign organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The aim of the competition is to encourage the improvement of our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter free and sustainable environment. This links directly to the three RHS core pillars of excellence which are:

- Horticultural Achievement
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community Participation

Each summer every entrant receives a visit from a judge or usually a pair of judges who meet and chat with the volunteers and are shown some amazing projects and places within the East Midlands region.

Following each visit **judges** write a report for the entry and agree an award and score using the RHS marking scheme. **Each new judge is paired with a more experienced judge in their first year.**

You do not need formal horticultural qualifications for this role, all that is needed is a love of growing plants, a sense of community and an ability to ask questions and listen.



It is not essential to have your own transport but it is an advantage.

Training and mentoring will be provided.

The role is voluntary but travel costs and subsistence will be reimbursed

More information can be found at www.emib.org.uk

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