

**Press Release:
Best Kept Front Garden Competition Now Open To
Hailsham Residents**

The Town Council's Hailsham In Bloom committee is now searching for the town's most attractive residential front gardens.

The Best Kept Front Garden competition, organised in conjunction with Environment Hailsham, is open to residents in Hailsham with colourful and well-landscaped front gardens. Front gardens will be assessed on the following criteria:

- A pleasing first impression and overall impact
- Variety of plant range, with few or no weeds
- Good planning in layout and selection of plants
- Good floral colour combinations
- Paving and garden structures that complement, not dominate
- Evidence of recycling (e.g. use of grey water)
- A tidy appearance all round

Gardens of any size, which are regularly maintained, can enter the competition. There is no entry fee.

Councillor Mary Rowe, Hailsham In Bloom member and chairman of Environment Hailsham said, "Whether it's an immaculately kept lawn, spectacular floral arrangement or appealing landscaping design, the tremendous efforts of many of our local gardeners are so often overlooked. The Best Kept Front Garden competition is an opportunity for these people to receive the praise and recognition they deserve for their efforts."

"A riot of colour bowled over the judges in the competition last year, and I look forward to seeing this year's entries in June!"

The closing date for all entrants into this competition is Friday 10th June 2011. Entry forms can be downloaded at hailshaminbloom.org and are available to collect at the Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Street.

Judges will visit their preferred destinations and announce the winners shortly after the closing date. A presentation will be held in late June (date to be confirmed), where awards will be allocated to entrants who have been chosen as 1st and 2nd place prize winners.

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