CYNGOR TREF BAE COLWYN
BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL

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Ein Cyf: IL/RD

9fed Medi 2026

Annwyl Syr/Fadam

Gŵys:

Fe'ch gwysir i fod yn bresennol mewn cyfarfod o **Bwyllgor Colwyn yn ei Blodau** a gynhelir yn yr Ystafell Bwyllgor, Neuadd y Dref ac o hirbell (trwy Zoom), **2.00pm dydd Mercher 16eg Medi 2026.**

*Cysylltwch â'r Clerc ar 01492 532248/Ebost:**info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk** os ydych angen i'r manylion mewngofnodi ar gyfer y cyfarfod cael eu hanfon atoch.*

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

Clerc y Cyngor

0ur Ref: IL/RD

9th September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Summons:

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Colwyn in Bloom Committee**, to be held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, and remotely (via Zoom) at **2.00 pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026.**

*Please call the Clerk on 01492 532248/email: **info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk** if you require the log-in details for the meeting to be sent to you.*

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

1. **Croeso ag Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb:**
(a) Croesawu'r aelodau i'r cyfarfod (gan gynnwys aelodau o'r Grŵp Gwaith Hyrwyddo Colwyn Gwyrddach y Cynllun Lle) a gwneud unrhyw gyhoeddiadau.
(b) Derbyn unrhyw ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

2. **Cylch Gorchwyl:**
Cael ac adolygu Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor ac ailystyried aelodaeth. (Copi yma)

3. **Cofnodion:**
Derbyn, cymeradwyo a llofnodi, fel cofnod cywir, cofnodion y cyfarfod, a gynhaliwyd ar 3ydd Mehefin 2026. (Copi yma)

4. **Materion yn Codi o'r cyfarfod diwethaf:**
(a) **Cofnod 26(b) Gerddi'r Frenhines:** Cael cais gan GBS Conwy i enwebu cynrychiolydd o 'Colwyn yn ei Blodau' i eistedd ar y gweithgor.
(b**) Cofnod 26/26(d): Jack y Ci Pysgota:** Cael diweddariad ar atgyweiriad Jack.
(Lluniau ynghlwm)
(c) **Cofnod 27/26(b) – Plannu yn y Dref** – Trafod unrhyw broblemau gyda'r plannu eleni ac i wneud penderfyniad ynghylch gofyn am ddyfynbrisiau gan ddarparwyr eraill ar gyfer 2027**.**

5. **Cyllid:**
(a) Derbyn adroddiad cyllid wedi'i ddiweddaru a baratowyd gan y Dirprwy Glerc.
(Bydd copi yn cael ei gyflwyno yn y cyfarfod)

6. **Cymru yn ei Blodau:**
(a) Cael adroddiad byr gan Gadeirydd Cymru yn ei Blodau.
(b) Cael adroddiad byr gan y Cadeirydd (IL) am ddiwrnod y beirniadu a nodi y bydd y canlyniadau'n cael eu derbyn ar 16eg Hydref yn Seremoni Wobrwyo Talgarth. Yna bydd datganiad i'r wasg yn cael ei gyhoeddi.
(c) Ystyried a thrafod y manteision/negyddion o newid y dosbarth eleni a phenderfynu pa ddosbarth i'w gyflwyno yn 2027 (tref arfordirol fwy neu dref fawr).

7. **Cystadlaethau Colwyn yn ei Blodau:**
(a) Nodi bydd y Noson Gyflwyno yn cael ei chynnal ddydd Iau 8fed Hydref (mae gwahoddiadau wedi'u hanfon at y pwyllgor) a bydd y canlyniadau'n cael eu cyhoeddi yn y cyflwyniad hwnnw a datganiad i'r wasg yn cael ei gyhoeddi wedi hynny.

(b) Cael unrhyw enwebiadau (a ofynnir amdanynt drwy e-bost) a phenderfynu ar enillydd Bowlen Rhosod Ruth Cavill 2026 a fydd yn cael ei chyflwyno yn y noson gyflwyno. (Copi o enillwyr blaenorol yma)

(c) Trafod dyfarnu tystysgrifau gwerthfawrogiad i grwpiau sbwriel gwirfoddol yn y cyflwyniad yn dilyn eu cyfraniad anhygoel at ddiwrnod y beirniadu a hefyd am yr holl waith cymunedol a wneir ganddynt.

(ch) Adolygu'r cynllun Basgedi Crog (BOGOF) a'r meini prawf ymgeisio i'w wneud yn fwy cyson a thecach i bob cystadleuydd a hefyd i asesu pa mor fuddiol ydyw i ardal Bae Colwyn. (Copi o ffurflen gais/meini prawf 2026 yma)

(d) Adolygu'r brif gystadleuaeth garddio (dosbarthiadau a meini prawf). (Copi o ffurflen gais/meini prawf 2026 yma)

8. **<u>Bwyd Bendigedig a Gardd Pawb:</u>**

(a) Cael diweddariad am brosiect y pwll ar gyfer Gardd Pawb.

(b) Cael diweddariad am y tanc dŵr a'r sefyllfa ddyfrio ger Grisiau'r Orsaf.

9. **<u>Cyflwyniadau:</u>** Cael unrhyw adroddiadau gan y rhai sy'n bresennol:

(a) **Y Cynllun Lle**: Cael diweddariad gan Reolwraig y Cynllun Lle ar gamau gweithredu/blaenoriaethau cyfredol – "Yn Wyllt am Golwyn" a Phrosiect Grisiau'r Orsaf.

(b) Nodi bod yr Ysgrifennydd wedi mynychu 3 sesiwn o weithdai Adferiad 5 Piler Natur drwy gydol mis Mehefin. Gofynnwyd am nodiadau ar gyfer y 2 sesiwn ddiwethaf. (Copi o nodiadau ar gyfer sesiynau 1-3 ynghlwm)

10. **<u>Potiau Planhigion:</u>**

Cael gohebiaeth e-bost a ffotograffau am hen blanhigion ar Groes Road. (Copïau yma)

11. **<u>Cyfryngau Cymdeithasol:</u>**

Cael unrhyw bynciau/awgrymiadau gan aelodau'r pwyllgor ar gyfer yr ymgyrch codi ymwybyddiaeth bob deufis, fel y cytunwyd mewn cyfarfod blaenorol.

12. **<u>Newyddion:</u>**

Nodyn atgoffa i Aelodau'r Pwyllgor gyflwyno unrhyw eitemau o newyddion neu adrodd ar unrhyw weithgareddau y maent wedi bod yn rhan ohonynt ers y cyfarfod diwethaf. Gellir hyn gynnwys unrhyw beth a adroddir ar y dudalen Facebook hefyd. ***Nodyn atgoffa i adael i'r Ysgrifennydd wybod am unrhyw ddigwyddiadau fel y gellir diweddaru calendr digwyddiadau'r portffolio yn barod ar gyfer portffolio 2027.***

13. **<u>Calendr dyddiadau cyfarfodydd yn 2027:</u>**

Nodi dyddiadau cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol:

(a) Dydd Mercher 20fed Ionawr 2027 am 2pm

(b) Dydd Mercher 24ain Mawrth 2027 am 2pm

(c) Dydd Mercher 9fed Mehefin 2027 am 2pm

(ch) Dydd Mercher 22ain Medi am 2pm

AGENDA English

1. <u>Welcome & Apologies</u>:

(a) To welcome members to the meeting (including members of the Promoting a Greener Colwyn, Place Plan Working Group) and to make any announcements.

(b) To receive any apologies for absence.

2. <u>Terms of Reference</u>:

To receive and review the Terms of Reference for the Committee and to reconsider membership.

(Copy herewith)

3. <u>Minutes</u>:

To receive, approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting, held on 3rd June 2026. (Copy herewith)

4. <u>Matters Arising from last meeting</u>:

(a) **Min 26/26(b) Queen's Gardens:** To receive a request from Conwy CBC to nominate a representative from CIB to sit on the working group.

(b) **Min 26/26(d): Jack the Fisherdog:** To receive an update on Jack's repair.

(Photographs attached)

(c) **Min 27/26(b) – Town Planting –** To discuss any issues with the planting this year and to make a decision about asking for quotations from other providers for 2027.

5. <u>Finance</u>:

(a) To receive an updated finance report prepared by the Deputy Clerk.

(Copy will be tabled at the meeting)

6. <u>Wales in Bloom</u>:

(a) To receive a brief report from the Chair of Wales in Bloom.

(b) To receive a brief report from the Chair (IL) about judging day and to note the results will be received on 16th October at the Talgarth Awards Ceremony. A press release will then be issued.

(c) To consider and discuss the positives/negatives of changing the class this year and to decide which class to enter in 2027 (larger coastal town or large town).

7. <u>Colwyn in Bloom Competitions</u>:

(a) To note that the Presentation Evening is being held on Thursday 8th October (invites have been sent to the committee) and the results will be announced at that presentation and a press release issued after.

(b) To receive any nominations (requested by email) and to decide the 2026 winner of the Ruth Cavill Rose Bowl which will be presented at the presentation evening.

(Copy of previous winners herewith)

(c) To discuss awarding certificates of appreciation to volunteer litter groups at the presentation after their amazing contribution to judging day and also all the community work that they do.

(d) To review the Hanging Basket (BOGOF) scheme and entry criteria to make it more consistant and a fairer scheme for all entrants and also to assess how beneficial it is to the Bay of Colwyn area. (Copy of 2026 Application form/criteria herewith)

(e) To review the main gardening competition (classes and criteria).
(Copy of 2026 Application form/critieria herewith)

8. <u>Incredible Edibles and Gardd Pawb</u>:

(a) To receive an update about the pond project for Gardd Pawb.

(b) To receive an update on the water bowser and watering situation at Station Steps.

9. <u>Presentations:</u> To receive any reports from attendees***:***

(a) **Place Plan:** To receive an update from the Place Plan Manager current actions/priorities – "Wild about Colwyn" and Station Steps Project.

(b) To note that the Secretary attended 3 sessions of the 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery workshops throughout June. Notes for the last 2 sessions have been requested.
(Copy of notes for sessions 1-3 attached)

10. <u>Planters:</u>

To receive email correspondence and photographs about a old planter on Groes Road.
(Copies herewith)

11. <u>Social Media</u>:

To receive any topics/suggestions from members of the committee for the bi-monthly awareness-raising campaign, as agreed at a previous meeting.

12. <u>News</u>:

Reminder for Committee Members to submit any news items or to report on any activities which they have been involved in since the last meeting. Anything reported can also be included in the face-book page. ***A reminder to let the Secretary know of any events so the portfolio calendar of events can be updated ready for the 2027 portfolio***.

13. <u>Calendar of dates of meetings in 2027</u>:

To note dates of future meetings:

(a) Wednesday 20th January 2027 at 2pm

(b) Wednesday 24th March 2027 at 2pm

(c) Wednesday 9th June 2027 at 2pm

(d) Wednesday 22nd September at 2pm

BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL

Terms of Reference:

Colwyn in Bloom Committee

Membership (2026/27): Town Council members: Cllr C Brockley, Cllr H Fleet, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr A Khan, Cllr A Jones and Cllr Tom Maclean

Co-opted members representing other organisations are appointed as full voting members of the committee.

Current representation is:

Horticultural Society	1 representative
Business rep	1 representative
Wales in Bloom	1 representative
Ex-Town Manager	1 representative
Resident's Associations & Environmental Federations (Old Colwyn/ Dingle / Glyn etc)	3 representatives
ERF Dept, Conwy C.B.C.	*2 representatives (Vacancies)*
Bryn Euryn Nursery	1 representative
Other Community Rep(s)	2 representatives

Chairman: 2026/27 (to be appointed by the Committee)
Ingrid Lewis (Chair)
Paul Richards (Vice-Chair)

Quorum: One third of the current members

Reporting: The Colwyn in Bloom Committee reports directly to the Town Council

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The Colwyn in Bloom Committee has delegated powers to consider and decide all matters in connection with the organisation of the annual Colwyn in Bloom competition(s) and annual entries for the town into Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom (when invited). This uses the general power given in S.144 of the Local Government Act 1972 to attract visitors to the town by making the environment more attractive.

The Committee also has delegated powers to consider and keep under review the Climate and Nature Emergency Action Plans and broader environmental/sustainability matters, making recommendations to the Town Council as/when additional actions are required.

The group has delegated powers to commit to expenditure on behalf of the Council, within the limits of the budget approved by the Council each year for Colwyn in Bloom activities.

Minutes of a meeting of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council, held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Colwyn Bay at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2026

PRESENT: Chair: Ingrid Lewis (IL)
Cllrs: Chris Brockley (CB), Chris Hughes (CH) and Ann Jones (AJ)
Community Reps: Chris Hemmings (CHe), and Paul Richards (PR)
Peter Barton-Price (PBP)

OFFICERS: Rachael Gill (RG), Town Clerk & Place Plan Officer
R Dudley (RD), Assistant Clerk & Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Place Plan Promoting a Greener Colwyn Working Group Members:
Cllr Jason Higgins (JH) and David Clearly (DC)

23/26 <u>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</u>

a) The Chair, Ingrid Lewis, welcomed members & Place Plan Promoting a Greener Colwyn Working Group Members to the meeting.
b) Apologies for absence were received from:
CIB Committee: Cllrs Hannah Fleet, Abdul Khan, Tom Maclean, David Birtwistle and Des Mahony
PGC Working Group: Matthew Day, David Dudley, David Sewell, Shane Wetton, and David & Lisa Wilkins.

24/26 <u>Election of Chairman</u>: Ingrid Lewis was re-elected as Chair and Paul Richards was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2026-27.

25/26 <u>Minutes:</u>

Resolved to approve, as a correct record, the notes of the last meeting, held on 26th March 2026.

26/26 <u>Matters arising from Minutes:</u>

a) **Min 466/25(c) Up the Poles:**
Members noted the work to shorten/straighten the 20 poles at Station Steps has been completed.
b) **Min 471/25(a): Queen's Gardens:** The Clerk gave an update regarding the Fee Proposal Request for Masterplan and submitted the detailed design for biodiversity enhancement of Queens Gardens, Colwyn Bay and incorporating a statue from the 'Wild about Colwyn' project into the brief. The Committee were asked for their observations to submit to Conwy CBC:

Queens Gardens are considered the Jewel in Colwyn Bay's Crown and any change

should be in keeping with its heritage as a Victorian garden. The Committee asked if we would be committed to any plans that are submitted. CBCEF asked could they provide Cherry trees for the borders. Queen's Gardens has been designated Field in Trust status and it was queried how the changes would affect that status. The Committee requested that they meet with the consultants to stress the importance of Queen's Gardens. CH reported the dog signs (keep dogs on leads) had been installed in the gardens.

Resolved to send the committee's feedback to Conwy CBC.

c) **Min 472/25:Sponsorship:** The Clerk gave a brief update about sponsorship after receiving advice from One Voice Wales. The Clerk said a sponsorship policy is currently being drafted which will be brought back to the Committee.

d) **Min 475/25(d): Jack the Fisher-dog:** The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the current situation regarding Jack's repair and submitted a quotation from a company.

Resolved to approve the quotation of £220 (for repair) and £264.50 (for a perimeter with chippings) subject to permission from the land owner (Conwy CBC).

27/26 <u>Finance Report</u>:

a) RD submitted the income/expenditure report for the year to date which had been prepared by the Deputy Clerk. There is money still available in the budget for community planting projects. A budget of £18,000 has been approved by Council for 2026/27, plus any underspend from this current year. It was agreed that this should be sufficient to cover the Committee's core costs for 2026/27.

b) Members noted the town planting has been installed this week and were asked to ratify/approve payment of invoices for the planting in the town centre and the cost of the BOGOF business hanging baskets from Conwy CBC. Members had concerns about the quality of the planters/barrier planters which had already been installed. Meetings had taken place with the nursery after the negative comments received from the Wales in Bloom judge last year. RG/IL will go to the Nursery to put formal instructions in place and the Committee suggested we test the market for next year.

Resolved to approve payment of invoices for the planting in the town centre and the cost of the BOGOF business hanging baskets from Conwy CBC.

The next agenda item was bought forward on the agenda (with the agreement of the Chair) as the Chair of Wales in Bloom had to leave to attend another appointment.

28/26 <u>Wales in Bloom</u>*:*

a) The Chair of Wales in Bloom, PBP reported that Wales were the 4th highest entrants in the It's Your Neighbourhood assessments. IYN champions local community and celebrate the unsung heroes. PBP asked us to encourage schools to enter the WIB competitions which seem to have lost momentum after covid. The awards ceremony will be in Talgarth this year.

b) Members noted the date for judging of the Colwyn Bay entry has been confirmed as Friday 24th July 2026.

c) The positives/negatives of changing the class this year and enter in the larger coastal town rather than large town were discussed by the Committee and Members noted a route is currently being finalised for the coastal entry, subject to the Committee's approval. The condition of the planting and weeds along the promenade was discussed. It would be beneficial to have biodiversity officer to speak to the judge on the tour.
Resolved to enter in the Larger Coastal Town for 2026.

d) ***Resolved to approve that the tour after finishing on the promenade then arrives at Bryn Euryn for after tour refreshments and authority was delegated to the Clerk to order sufficient catering for the expected guest numbers.***

e) Members noted the 2026 portfolio will be collated soon after a meeting between RD/IL to discuss the contents had taken place and the committee were asked to urgently submit any information/pictures regarding your organisation's activities throughout 2025/26 as soon as possible.

f) The Assistant Clerk gave an update regarding volunteer litter pickers who have been asked to help to litter pick the route pre-judging and to think about the Committee organising a 'tidy up event' before 24th July 2026 involving community groups. The Committee agreed a tidy up event was a good idea and also requested that RD contact Conwy CBC to inform then about the judging date and route to see if they can help in any way.

29/26 <u>Colwyn in Bloom Competition</u>:

a) Resolved to appoint CHE, HF and AJ as judges for the main gardening competition and the school's gardening competition. JH also offered to accompany the judges to learn what is involved.

b) **Schools:** Members noted the judging for the art competition took place earlier today and the presentation will take place the week after next in the Town Hall.

c) ***Resolved to send a photograph/copy of the winning entries c/o Sir David Attenborough, with the consent of the winning pupils/schools.***

d) To review the Hanging Basket (BOGOF) scheme and entry criteria to make it more consistent and a fairer scheme for all entrants and also to assess how beneficial it is to the Bay of Colwyn area.
Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

30/26 <u>Climate and Nature Emergency</u>:

a) Members noted the copy of the Climate Action Plan.

b) Members noted the S6 Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Action Plan for 2026-28.This will be presented at Full Council on 8th June 2026.

31/26 <u>Incredible Edibles and Gardd Pawb</u>:

a) RD reported that the funding application for the pond project for Gardd Pawb had been successful and the design for the pond was displayed in the screen. RD was asked to check how shallow the pond would be from a safety aspect.

b) CHE gave an update on the water bowser and watering situation at Station Steps and said that the bowser was broken. CH suggested taking it to the repair café to see if they could fix it as to replace it was beyond our budget.

c) Members noted that Gardd Pawb judging for IYN will take place on Tuesday 14th July 2026. CHe and volunteers from the Kind Bay Initiative would be invited to meet the judge.

32/26 Presentations: To receive any reports from attendees*:*

a) **Greener Colwyn Place Plan Working Group:** RG gave an update from the Place Plan Manager current actions/priorities – "Wild about Colwyn" Section 106 application. RG explained that the £5,576.30 in EMR's would be used to produce a sculpture under the Wild About Colwyn Project.

b) Members noted that the Secretary will be attending the 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery workshops throughout June (subject to workload) and will report back at the next CIB Meeting.

33/26 Yellow Legged Asian Hornet:

Members noted the information submitted and to note this information has been displayed on our face-book page.

34/26 Funding:

Members noted details about funding from Social Farms and Gardens.

35/26 Social Media:

Members were asked to submit any suggestions for any future topics.

36/26 News/AOB:

a) A reminder was given to Committee Members to submit any news items or to report on any activities which they have been involved in since the last meeting. Anything reported can also be included in the face-book page. A reminder was also given to let the Secretary know of any events, so the portfolio calendar of events can be updated.

37/26 Date of next meeting:

a) It was noted that a 'save the date' will be sent, once the next committee meeting date has been agreed.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m. …….. Chair

From:	Liz Ackerley
To:	Rachael Gill
Cc:	Kate Surry; Colwyn Info
Subject:	Queens Gardens, Colwyn Bay Brief for consultants
Date:	10 June 2026 14:31:32
Attachments:	image002.png image003.png image004.png Consultants Brief development of Queens gardens masterplan and first phase of works 1 final to tc docx.docx

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Hi Rachael,

Thank you for your comments related to the brief for consultants. I have reviewed all the comments and have adjusted the brief accordingly. Please see attached. I have highlighted in yellow the changes made in line with the feedback to make it easier for you to see.

Also, for clarity I have the following comments:

1. Addition of the wild animal trial sculpture into the brief. Thank you for sharing information about the Wild about Colwyn sculpture trail . I have included mention of it in the objectives of the brief.

2. Bloom committee 'Jewel in the crown' of green spaces and catering for its formal planting and history. I have incorporated this directly into the introduction and objectives to strengthen these comments. I have also mentioned Bloom and Green Flag award (please check that this is correct). Our intention is to marry the formal traditional elements with the biodiversity-focused, less formal elements as has been successfully achieved elsewhere. We certainly don't want to undermine the ability of the Town Council to put the park forward for awards again in the future, but the planting palette and management techniques will need to be sustainable.

3. The greenspace and memorial are safeguarded in perpetuity as a Fields in Trust Centenary Field. Therefore, we will need to check whether approvals from the fields in Trust organisation is required. This is now included in the brief under outputs.

4. The Environment Federation asked if they could provide cherry trees for the borders. This can be mentioned at the time of appointment of consultants and discussed within the project team. Our remit is to plant trees that are climate resilient and tolerant of pollutants as much as we are able, to ensure greater sustainability.

5. At present we are focusing upon Queens gardens as a demonstrator project.

We don't currently have plans in the short term to look at other formal parks e.g. Happy Valley. We have been working with Friends of Happy Valley and Haulfre Gardens to improve biodiversity over the years. Grant funded interventions include Perennial Pollinator Bed and interpretation, Installation of Solitary Bee Post, Rill Restoration, Orchard, and Installation of Vinery. We worked with a landscape architect and the Friends of Group similarly on a biodiverse reimagining of Eden Hall Gardens, Penmaenmawr repurposing fountain to a rain garden, removing dense shading , perennial planting and improving accessibility.

6. Process i.e. 'are we committed to the plans?' (this was something that came out of the bloom discussion and was reported by Roz in her email) . The brief will enable us to select a consultant to work with us to develop a masterplan and detailed design of a chosen element. The specific element to be detailed won't be known until the team work with the consultants and have an overall plan. The chosen detailed element will then be delivered on site by a contractor. Our Local places for nature funding covers both the consultancy fees to come up with the plan and detail plus the installation of the first phase/element.

   For other aspects of the agreed implantation measures there is S106 funding which could perhaps be accessed with Place Plan committee approval.

   As you will see from the brief, there will be a project team, and we suggest that a nominated person from the Bloom committee/Greener Colwyn is a member of the project team. We will also consult with you on the Wild about Colwyn sculpture element.

We plan to send the brief out to consultants by Monday 15th June. We will let you know as soon as the consultant is appointed. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best wishes

Liz

Liz Ackerley
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GULLS BUY QUEEN'S

Ruth Cavill Rose Bowl Recipients

Year	Recipient
2009	Bryn Euryn Nursery
2010	Mags Richardson
2011	St John's Church Garden Volunteers
2012	Tan y Bryn Allotments
2013	Glyn in Bloom Committee
2014	Not awarded in this year
2015	Horticultural Society
2016	Rhos on Sea Traders
2017	Men's Shed
2018	Ingrid Lewis
2019	Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos
2020	Not awarded in this year due to pandemic
2021	Bill McMillan
2022	Gwenda Matthews
2023	Incredible Edibles Colwyn
2024	Rhos Rotary Club
2025	Peter Barton-Price
2026	

Judging Criteria

Assessors will look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, overall design, plant selection and any integration of seasonal displays with more permanent planting. Assessors will assess the maintenance of hard landscape features and evaluate the approach to sustainability in cultivation methods.

Suitability of design in relation to site and best use of space (including access)	20
Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range, edibles and diversity	20
Quality of horticultural maintenance of trees, shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal planting	20
Health and vigour and any associated pest/disease control	10
Environmental, organic or sustainable options, such as rainwater harvesting peat free compost for plants, companion plants and reclaimed materials e.g. barrels	10
Maintenance of paths, lawns (where appropriate) and any hard landscaping e.g. gravel areas, boundaries, drive ways, pergolas	10
Cleanliness – Absence of litter, weeds and dog/cat fouling	10

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE 100

Best Container or Hanging Basket/Balcony Garden/Small Front Yards

Assessors will look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, approach to design, along with plant selection and structure. Assessors will also consider health and vigour along with measure to reduce the need for watering und sustainable cultivation methods.

Health and vigour – absence of pest and disease e.g. balanced feeding	20
Design and suitability in relation to container and best use of space	20
Choice of planting, variety of species, impact and range plus potential of plants used for long term display	20
Visual Impact – presentation, use of colour, texture and scent	20
Horticultural maintenance including watering and dead-heading, absence of weeds	20

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE 100

Awards will be made as follows:
80-100 points = Gold Award
60-79 points = Silver Gilt Award
40 -59 = Silver Award
Less than 40 points = a merit award may be given, at the discretion of the Assessors

There will be an overall winner in each Class

FREE PLANTED HANGING BASKETS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
COLWYN IN BLOOM - TWO FOR ONE OFFER (MAX 3 free baskets)

**16" plastic baskets, with reservoirs, 16" wicker baskets,
or 21" plastic baskets, with reservoirs are now available to order

Retail Premises, Businesses, Hotels, Public Houses, Restaurants, Churches & Chapels are all eligible to take advantage of this generous offer.
**** All baskets must be on public display at the front of the property****

Please note that the 21" baskets are *extra-large and heavy (up to 37kg in weight) and must be watered via the base reservoir. If you hang baskets from canopies or other infrastructure, **please ensure that the fixings are suitably robust for the new weight load.** A limited number of heavy-duty, dual purpose brackets (basket/flag) are available free of charge from the Town Hall - **Please see below**.** You will be responsible for safely installing these yourself.

Please note that this offer relates to the contents of the baskets only. All of the plastic, self-watering baskets will <u>remain the property of Colwyn in Bloom</u> and will be erected by Bryn Euryn Nursery and collected at the end of the season.

Please complete and post/email the tear-off slip below to the Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay to order your baskets.

We will contact you to inform you when the baskets are available and how delivery/payment can be arranged.
PAYMENT IS MADE TO BRYN EURYN NURSERY <u>NOT</u> TOWN COUNCIL

Cost of Baskets: £19.20 16" (Wicker) £20.40 (inc VAT) per 16'' basket (plastic)

or £24.00 (inc VAT) per 21" basket (plastic)

Orders must be received by **<u>Friday 22nd May 2026</u>**

***** The information requested will be stored on a secure spreadsheet at the Town Hall and will only be shared with Bryn Euryn Nursery for the purpose of purchasing the baskets and to organise the judging of the In-Bloom competition.***

ORDER FORM

Return to: info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk or

Colwyn in Bloom, Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TE

COLWYN IN BLOOM HANGING BASKET SCHEME 2026

Traders, Businesses, Hoteliers, Public Houses, Restaurants, Churches & Chapels are all eligible to take advantage of this generous offer

Name/Trade Name:

_____

Email address: _____ **Tel No:** _____

Address where baskets will be on public display at front of the property:

_____

_____

_____ **Post Code:** _____

Number of 16" self-watering plastic baskets to be paid for: _____

(NOTE: limited stock – first come, first served basis: wicker baskets will be offered once orders have reached maximum)

Number of 16" wicker baskets to be paid for: _____

Number of 21" self-watering plastic baskets to be paid for: _____

Number of free baskets of same size/type (Max 3): _____

Total Number of Baskets: _____

****Hanging Basket Brackets(free) for 21" baskets: Total Number:** _____

I am aware I will be contacted to confirm when/if the baskets are available and how delivery/payment can be then arranged with Bryn Euryn Nursery. I am aware that participating businesses/organisations are expected to have their baskets on public display at the front of their property and will be automatically entered into relevant Class of the Colwyn in Bloom competition, to be judged in July/August.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

DATA PROTECTION: ***The information requested will be stored on a secure spreadsheet by the Bay of Colwyn Town Council and will only be shared with Bryn Euryn Nursery for the purpose of ordering/purchasing the baskets and to organise the judging of the In-***

COLWYN IN BLOOM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2026

(Colwyn Bay/Rhos on Sea & Old Colwyn)

CLASSES (NO ENTRY FEE):

1(a) Commercial Premises (includes Public Houses and Restaurants) Tubs, Planters and Hanging Baskets only

1(b) Commercial Premises (includes Public Houses and Restaurants) with Gardens

2. Individual Dwellings - Houses/Flats/Apartments (including individual flats in sheltered accommodation and Small Front Yards)

3. Hotels and Guest Houses

4. **Day Care Centres (all ages);** Nursing and Care Homes/Children's Nurseries

5. Sheltered Accommodation Complex/Housing Associations

6. Churches and Chapels

Judging Assessment: - Quality & maintenance of displays, sustainable planting, impact on immediate locality. Judges will visit to view Frontage, Balconies etc only- <u>PLEASE NOTE: REAR OF PROPERTIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED</u>. Hanging Baskets purchased through the Town Council 'BOGOF' scheme must be visible from the road.

No notice will be given of the judging date but it is usually during July.

*****Winners of each Class will be invited to a presentation evening on October 8th 2026 when the results will be announced on the evening and published later in the local Press.***

Please complete and return the tear off slip below to the Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TE by <u>26th June 2026</u>.

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WE/I wish to enter/nominate the following premises in the **Colwyn in Bloom Competition** in Class.....

(See above and note some classes have changed this year)

Contact Name:	
Email Address:	
Address of Entry: Postcode:	
Contact Tel Number:	

** ***This data will be stored on a secure spreadsheet for the purposes of running the competition only. The judges will leave a calling card once your premises have been judged.***

The 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery Action

1. **Create and Protect Habitats**

   Different types of habitat: Coastal dunes, Cliffs/shingle, Grasslands, Saltmarsh, field margins/hedgerows, heathland, marshes and fens, rock and scree, peatland and bogs, wet woodland, ponds, rivers and streams, lakes and woodlands.

   Habitat loss is the primary driver of Wales's biodiversity crisis, with nearly 80% of terrestrial and freshwater habitats classed as un 'unfavourable-bad' condition:

   - 97% Wildflower meadows lost since WW2
   - 1 in 6 species in Wales at risk of extinction – 73 species already lost
   - Semi-natural grassland drained for agriculture and development
   - 90% of Wales is farmed leading to habitat modification and degradation
   - 40% of freshwater bodies are on good condition
   - Wales is ranked 224/240 countries for biodiversity intactness

   What can we do to create and protect our local habitats?

   - Manage amenity grasslands – they block biodiversity and stop wildlife - just by changing them and leaving some areas wild would encourage the wildlife back – making

corridors of green would bring benefits such as climate benefits, cost benefits, wellbeing, help with flooding, cut use of pesticides, makes places attractive to visit.

How do we create this change?

- Identify areas for reduced mowing
- Invest in machinery
- Community Engagement
- Natural Recovery
- Enhance species diversity
- Create Tree and shrub cover

Mass deforestation of Wales between 1750-1900
By 1900 Wales had only 5% tree cover
No significant change in tree cover for the last 20+years
Tree and Shrub cover are so important for biodiversity: Wildlife, air filtering, help with temperature. We need to plant trees.
We need to provide different habitants to replace ones that have been lost. Even stone walls encourage wildlife.

- Develop green infrastructure – what is it? – a network of natural and semi-natural areas providing environment, social and economic benefits (Green features working with blue features) – Hedgerows/trees, verges/edges,

orchards/street trees, green walls/green roofs, green spaces/parks/fields, planters/bus stops and litter bins, SUDs/swales/rain gardens, Community gardens/allotments, domestic gardens, water courses/bodies.

- Why is infrastructure so important? – Nature based solutions support ecosystem services – benefits: increased aesthetic, connects habitats, cleaner air, greener urban spaces, improved wellbeing, slow the flow, improve water quality, resilience of sewage systems, reduced flooding.
- How can we create it? – Add green spaces wherever you can
  Work with nature not against it
  Don't be so tidy!
  Allow nature to do its thing
- Protecting habitats – take control of community asset transfers, have integrated policies as part of Council services and commit budget, long term management plans such as bee friendly status, educate partners and friend groups, signage awareness, community buy-in – events, record impact with publicity.
- One Voice Wales can help with their grant packages and advice.
- What can we do today?
  Create a wildlife pond for breeding, build log

pile habitats and leave a shady damp vegetation
Reduce mowing and leave areas untidy over the winter. Create bee hotels.
Install swift boxes on all suitable council buildings and start a project to encourage residents and businesses to do the same.

2. **<u>Provide Forage:</u>**
Sam started by giving context as to why providing foraging for wildlife is important in a world with climate and ecological emergencies where we are seeing a huge decline in species numbers. Insects make up 51% of the wildlife population compared to other animals making up 20%.

<u>How much does our global food production depend on pollinators</u>?

75% of crops are partially dependant. Pollinators increase their yield to some extent. 25% are not dependant at all (staples such as cereals).

Decline in crop production without pollinators: 8% in low – middle income countries/ 5% in high income countries.

Essential (yield reduction greater than 90% without pollinators): fruits such as kiwi, melon, pumpkins and

watermelons, Cocoa beans and brazil nuts.

High Dependency (yield reduction of 40% - 90% without pollinators): fruits such as apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, mangoes, plums, pears and raspberries, nuts including almonds, cashew and kola, Avocados. Also includes cucumber, buckwheat, anise, fennel and coriander.

Modest Dependency (yield reduction of 10% - 40% without pollinators): oil crops (including sunflower seed. Rapeseed, sesame, mustard seed, Soybeans, fruits including strawberries, currants, figs, gooseberries, eggplant, coconut, okra and coffee beans. Also includes broad beans, karite nuts and seed cotton.

Little Dependency (yield reduction of 0% - 10% without pollinators): Fruit and Veg including oranges, tomatoes, lemons, limes and papayas, oil crops including palm, poppy seed, linseed, safflower seed, legumes including beans, cow peas and pigeon peas, ground nuts. Also includes Bambara beans. Chillies, grapefruit. Persimmons and string beans.

No Dependency (yields are not affected by pollinators): Cereals: wheat, maize, rice, sorghum, barley, rye, millet and oats, Roots and Tubers: cassava, potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, Legumes

including lentils, peas and chickpeas, fruit and veg including bananas, pineapples, grapes, lettuce and peppers, sugar crops: sugar cane and sugar beet. Also includes areca nuts, asparagus, cabbages, castor oil seed, cauliflower, chicory root, dates, garlic, hazelnuts, jojoba seeds, leeks, olives, pistachios, quinoa, spinach, taro, triticale, walnuts and yams.

Massive insect decline threatens collapse of nature:
% decline in the last decade:
Caddisflies 68%, Butterflies 53%, Beetles 49%, Bees 46%, Mayflies 37%, Dragonflies 37%, Stoneflies 35%, Flies 25%. Total global insect population decline over the past decade 41%.
Source: Sanchez-Bayo & Wyckhuys, Biological Conservation 2019

kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/bugs-matter have conducted a survey where people can send photographs of their car windscreens and number plates after long journeys for them to identify the bugs – 78% decrease overall in the UK. 79% decrease in Wales.

<u>What are the biggest threats</u>?

- Habitat loss – in Wales largely due to farming.
- Climate Change
- Pesticides – have knock on effects
- Invasive Species: e.g. Harlequin bugs and Asian Hornets.

- There are more non- native plants in the UK than Native.

<u>What can we do</u>?

- Embrace 'untidiness' – less manicured grass ! long grass is a good source of food for our insects. Hedged need to flower.
- Go Native with selection of planting – 70% loss of native wildflowers. UK is starting to introduce non-native species to plan for the future due to climate change – this introduction needs an end plan/purpose. Kew Gardens are importing tree seeds to plant in London. We should replace with native species. Plant natural hedges not leylandii. Native flowers will ALWAYS have more nectar then non-native.
- Waste not, Want not – use what nature provides e.g. dead leaves, twigs, sticks and deadwood to make a habitat. Nature is beautifully complicated and interconnected.
- Plant for the season to provide foraging all year around for insects to survive. Use this link for ideas: naturecalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk
  Winter – Snowdrops, hazel trees
  Spring – Dandelions (so important to insects), native bluebells, Blackthorn to create variety
  Summer – Meadow species, bright & Colourful
  Autumn – Ivy is the last thing to flower and

provides an end of year boost to our pollinators.
Climate change is disrupting the Cycle of life: spring flowers are blooming in Autumn. Birds are coming back from migration at different times and then have no food. The Cycle is broken ☹️

- Stop the spraying – all UK councils are still using pesticides in Cemeteries, parks and green spaces, roads and pavements, road verges and roundabouts, playing fields. Housing estates. 72% of Councils **do not** have a pesticide reduction policy. Europe is moving towards a ban of chemical pesticides. Not even a consideration in the UK. As a Town Council we should encourage the County Council to think about alternatives: Foam sprays/ hot water sprays. Do they need to kill them? Are they causing damage?

<u>Myth Busting</u>:

- Weeds are a nuisance and need to be removed Wild flowers are beautiful.
- Ivy needs to be removed from trees – no it doesn't do any harm to the tree and is so good for pollinators. If a tree dies with ivy around it it probably was deceased – death not caused by ivy.

- We will get complaints, people don't want it – 75% of people like wild meadows/urban wild flowers on verges/roundabouts. 73% want more trees planted. Unfortunately the small % of people against shout louder ☹️
- If we stop cutting grass, it will look messy. No it won't. Just cut at the start and end of season and take the grass away. Just needs to be managed.
- Planting something is better than doing nothing – not always the case – plant native species for maximum effect.

<u>What can we do today</u>?

- Leave leaves on the ground to rot down so that frogs can hunt for insects.
- Replace horticultural daffodils with native and varied bulbs, leave dandelions to flower in spring and leavy ivy to flower in autumn.
- Create open wildflower meadows that support lots of flying insects for swifts to eat.

3. **<u>Provide Water:</u>**

Sam started by giving context as to why providing water for wildlife is important in a world with climate and ecological emergencies and where there are pressures on funding.

60% of our fresh water is sourced from rivers and lakes. 40% is sourced from streams, ponds, wet

patches etc – we need to provide more of these.

Biggest threats: humans interfering with dams, weirs. Canalising waters which are build on flood plains. We have no natural wetland system. We have messed out so much and need to make it better.

Impact of dredging and draining: Section 7 (highest priority species) need fresh water to survive. Bees drink 2 pints a day; bats forage over water and birds use water to feed and wash.

Poor water management effects the human race as well: England is parched, Wales is not as bad – lets help to keep it that way! Poor management leads to flooding, wild fires an water scarcity.

<u>What can Town Councils do to provide water?</u>

- Drinking stations – small bowls filled with pebbles and put outside – can go anywhere – simple
- Mini ponds – recycled container – make sure things can get out and can't get stuck
- Garden ponds – 10 times surface area to 1 depth – shallow gradients – use native plants – needs liner – have a deeper section for creating a stable environment and to provide shelter.

- Large Ponds need space and funding. Useful for migratory birds – may need planning permission and a digger.
- Natural Rivers – river face many problems due to humans draining/dredging them. If left alone rivers will do their thing – our historical management has created so many issues e.g. flooding. Left alone it will naturally widen its banks and slow it's flow down. Beavers used to help with this process a 'eco-engineers' as their dams help create wetlands, filter water and mitigate flood risks.
- Wetlands – big complex things to create – need specialist advice.

<u>Water can be provided everywhere</u>:

- Tree pits: excavated spaces in paved/urban areas designed to house trees while supporting healthy root growth and drainage.
- Rain Gardens: shallow planted depressions designed to capture and absorb rainwater runoff from hard surfaces like roofs and driveways. They slow down run-off, filter out pollutants and naturally recharge groundwater, acting as a highly effective, low maintenance solution to prevent surface flooding and support local diversity.

Boundaries to providing water in our area: Funding, ongoing maintenance, insurance, health & Safety, public perception, space to name a few.

Myth Busting:

- Ponds are too dangerous – Deaths from drowning in natural bodies of water are less than falling off steps or choking on food, we need to mitigate the risk.
- Ponds are too expensive to install and maintain – no they can be installed using recycled stuff and need very little management – you may need to rake it occasionally to get out vegetation
- Fish should go in ponds – if you want a thriving biodiverse wildlife pond, avoid fish. They will eat frogs, toads and newts. Fish consume insect larvae that are essential to a healthy natural ecosystem. Fish waste adds excess nutrients to the water which encourages invasive banket weed and algae blooms.
- Dredging rivers is important – slowing down the flow is more effective and makes water cleaner. Public pressure in Somerset made them dredge and steepened the sides of a river which held good for 2 years but then the whole area was flooded - it's not a long term solution – we have disconnected rivers from the flood plain – we need to understand how rivers/waterways work.

What can we do today?

- Create a pond with no fish
- Create attenuation pond(an engineered basin designed to temporarily store stormwater runoff during heavy rainfall) or a rain garden
- Add drinking stations to the cemetery, village hall and bus stops
- Install a large pond so that swifts can drink while flying

4. Create Connections

5. Spread the Word

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We welcome correspondence in both Welsh and English. We will respond to correspondence in either language without delay.

From: Cllr Chris Hughes <Cllr.Chris.Hughes@conwy.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 July 2026 14:08
To: Colwyn PlacePlan <PlacePlan@colwyn-tc.gov.uk>; Rachael Gill <clerk@colwyn-tc.gov.uk>; Colwyn Info <info@colwyn-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: Groes Road Planter,

Good Afternoon All, some years ago former Cllr Paul Richard's used his Ward allowance and the services of the men's shed to construct and install a raised bed planter at the bus stop on Groes Road, sadly the planter has seen better days and is falling apart.
As this street furniture was not provided by CCBC they say they are unable to remove it, is this something the town council could consider.

Chris.

Cyng. / Cllr. Chris Hughes,
Hyrwyddwr Bioamrywiaeth / Biodiversity Champion
Cynghorydd Llafur dros Ward Glyn/ Labour Councillor for Glyn Ward
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COLWYN IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Calendar of dates of meetings in 2027:

(a) Wednesday 20th January 2027 at 2pm

(b) Wednesday 24th March 2027 at 2pm

(c) Wednesday 9th June 2027 at 2pm

(d) Wednesday 22nd September at 2pm