

RUSHMOOR COMMUNITY IN BLOOM 2023



**We are delighted to welcome
you to the Rushmoor
Community in Bloom Awards
2023!**

We are grateful to every person and
organisation that has entered this year's
competition.

Together we are creating a greener future!

Rushmoor Community in Bloom is organised by:



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CATEGORIES

Best Wildlife Friendly Garden

Best Front Garden

Best Community Garden

Most Unusual Planted Container

AWARDS



Gold



Silver Gilt



Silver



Bronze



RVS VICE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Firstly, I would like to welcome you – sponsors, participants and supporters – to the 2023 Rushmoor Community in Bloom Awards Presentation Event. Many of you will be aware that Rushmoor have a long history of taking part in the Britain in Bloom initiative organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Last year, local authority pressures and COVID saw a pause in the Borough's involvement but I am pleased to say that Rushmoor Voluntary Services have now taken on the community co-ordination role. So, the 2023 event sees some small changes, together with a new impetus and a determination to see what works for our community.

The RHS national guidance for Britain in Bloom competitions has emphasised the importance of environmentally friendly horticulture. Judging in all categories has looked at sustainability, water conservation, plant diversity and wildlife friendly planting, as well as impact and creativity.

This year we have focused on four categories:

- Best Wildlife Friendly Garden
(Sponsored by Farnborough Airport)
- Best Front Garden
(Sponsored by Wellesley Homes)
- Best Community Garden
(Sponsored by KEBUR Garden Materials)
- Most Unusual Planted Container
(sponsored by Squires Garden Centres)

In addition to the support the event has received across the community, we are incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors who have enabled this re-launch to take place.

Gardening in all its forms and scale is good for our physical and mental health – and we are continually reminded of the importance of responsible horticulture to the health of our planet. Supporting initiatives like Rushmoor Community in Bloom enables us to display what is good in the everyday things around us, which all contribute to our sense of wellbeing and reflect on our 'Pride of Place' in Rushmoor.

I have been hugely impressed by the quality and creativity of this year's participants. Well done to you all, and I hope we can build on this experience for future years.

Enjoy your evening

Colin Slatter,

Vice Chair, Rushmoor Voluntary Services



MAYOR OF RUSHMOOR

It is great to see that this event is back running and that RVS have picked up the reigns to ensure that this wonderful competition carries on.

Cllr Clive Grattan

Mayor of Rushmoor 2023 - 2024



BEST WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDEN

Best in Category

Liz Thompson

The ideal home and feeding space for wildlife, especially pollinators.



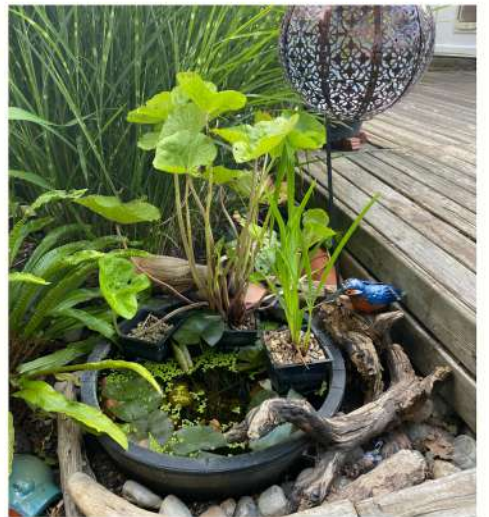
List of Winners

- Hawley Community Garden
- Jackie Morris
- Joanne Gale
- Johnpaul Kastein
- Knellwood
- Les Murrell
- Reginald Coleman
- Raymond Waites
- Rebecca Salveson
- Reg's Garden
- Sreeja Rojmohan

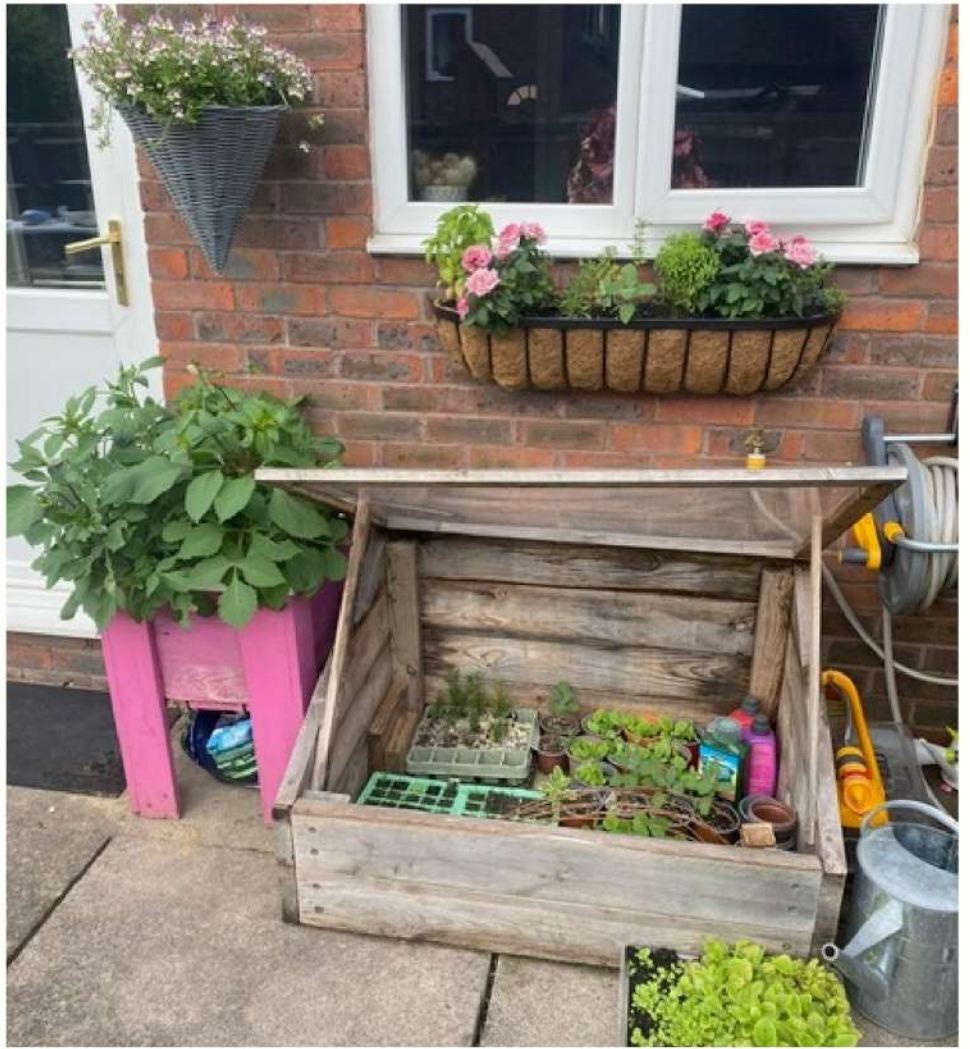
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FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT

Farnborough Airport supports conservation and biodiversity in the local community through sponsorship of Rushmoor Community in Bloom

Farnborough Airport, the birthplace of British aviation, is a proud sponsor of this year's Rushmoor Community in Bloom (RCiB), which celebrates the variety of wonderful gardens and biodiversity we have across our local community.

Biodiversity is a key focus of Farnborough Airport's wider efforts to become a sustainability showcase for airports around the world. Earlier this year, we were awarded the highest level of carbon neutral accreditation, having become the first business aviation airport in the world to achieve carbon neutral status in 2018; while in 2022 we committed to be Net Zero for those emissions we can control by 2030 or sooner.

With some areas of the airfield registered as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) - we chose to sponsor RCiB's best wildlife friendly garden category. Like the competition organisers, Rushmoor Voluntary Services, which works to support the general wellbeing of the borough, Farnborough Airport also strives to play a full and active part in the surrounding community.

Over the last 13 years, the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund has donated more than £850k in grants to 141 different projects all designed to enhance outdoor community areas within and around the Rushmoor area. These have included a range of community garden and nature projects at schools and for charity and wildlife organisations.

Put simply, we want our community to be a place to live, a place to work and a place to prosper. Gardens and outdoor green space are things to be cherished and enjoyed, so we are very much looking forward to seeing what Rushmoor residents have achieved in their wildlife friendly gardens.

BEST FRONT GARDEN

Best in Category

Wendy Logan

The many entries in this category were of a very high standard, congratulations to the winner.



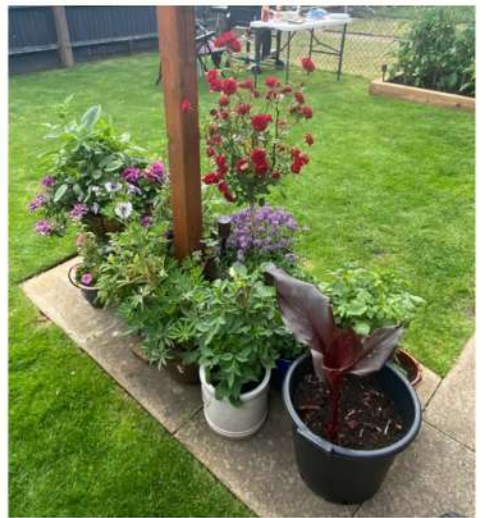
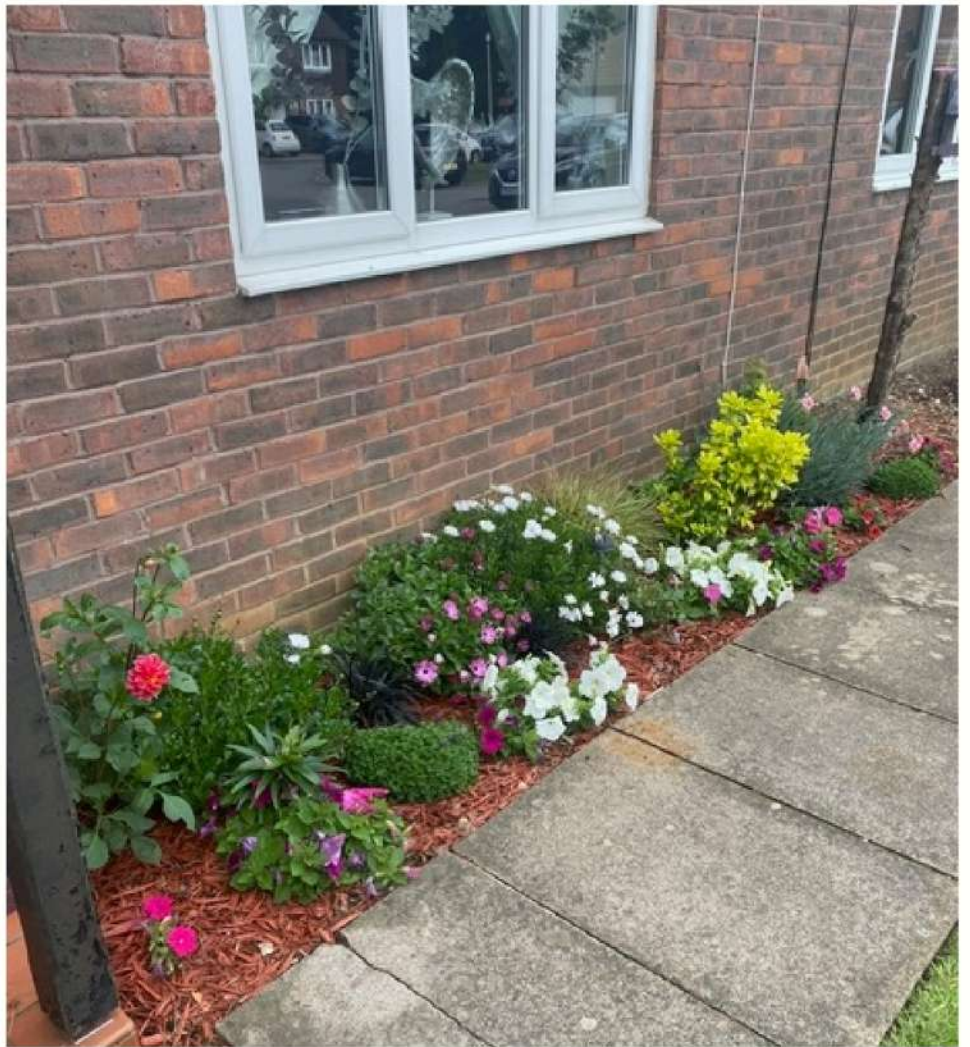
List of Winners

- Emma Gould
- Jackie Morris
- Johnpaul Kastein
- Lee Smith
- Reginald Coleman
- Rebecca Miles
- Rebecca Salveson
- Richard Shultz
- Robert Kiteley
- Samuel Brown
- Sheila Ruff
- Sheila Sale
- Sreeja Rajmohan
- Tanaka Tabassum

Sponsored by:



WELLESLEY
A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD



WELLESLEY HOMES

Wellesley are proud to sponsor Rushmoor in Bloom's - Best front Garden Award

The awards are a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the green fingered creativity of the wonderful Rushmoor residents. Here at the Wellesley Estate in Aldershot we have been working hard to redevelop and deliver a wide range of different green spaces for our residents and the wider Rushmoor Community with projects from the award-winning Wellesley Woodlands to community vegetable planters, nature walks and parks, we understand the tremendous amount of work involved in transforming green spaces and how important it is to recognise and celebrate it.

Following the success of these projects we are now working with the Wellesley Residents Committee and the Greater Rushmoor Nepali Community to set up a community garden here at Wellesley. The vision for the garden is that it will be a space for residents to come together, grow food, share recipes, and get to know one another - who knows, perhaps our community garden will be in the running for an award in the next couple of years!

On behalf of the whole team here at Wellesley, we'd like to say huge congratulations to all those who have been nominated for and won awards this year, keep up the great work Rushmoor!



WELLESLEY
A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD

BEST COMMUNITY GARDEN

Best in Category

Knellwood

A beautiful garden with lots of craft making from the residents

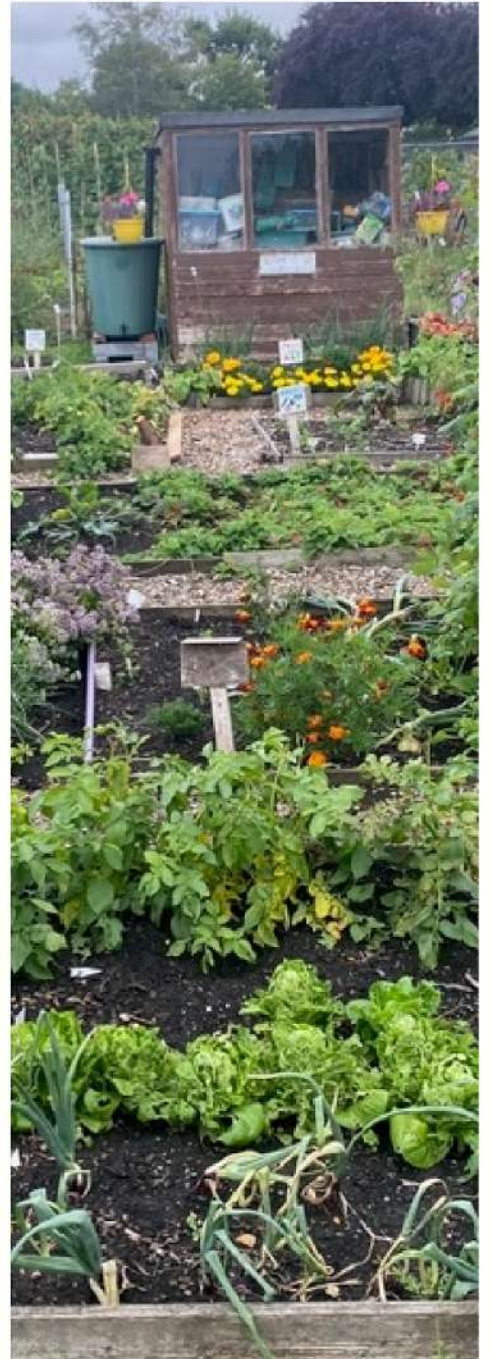


List of Winners

- Blooming Marvellous
- Hawley Community Garden
- Reg's Garden

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KEBUR GARDEN MATERIALS

With gardens and outdoor spaces never more important to our wellbeing and to wildlife, Kebur Garden Materials is delighted to sponsor this year's Rushmoor in Bloom Community Garden Award.

Whether it's a peace garden or a play space, a community allotment or an outdoor classroom, we are passionate about helping our communities to grow! Through our annual Kebur Community Project Awards and donations of surplus stock, we've given tens of thousands of pounds worth of materials to schools, clubs and charities to bring the positive power of gardens and nature to their communities. And we're delighted to be celebrating the wonderful ways in which local people are transforming spaces in Rushmoor!

About Kebur Garden Materials

Whatever your budget and aspirations for your outside space, at Kebur we love nothing more than helping you transform your garden, giving you a place you'll love for years to come. Our one stop shop means there's no need to shop around. Whether you're a seasoned professional, or if this is your first garden project, our friendly, knowledgeable team will make the process easy, from the moment you get in touch, to ensuring your products are safely delivered.

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MOST UNUSUAL PLANTED CONTAINER

Best in Category – Blooming Marvellous

Blooming Marvellous – Aldershot Allotments

'The Red Barrows'

Good imagination for this
entry, well done!



List of Winners

- Juliet Balch
- Lee Smith
- Wendy Logan

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SQUIRES
GARDEN CENTRES

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Modern Garden Centres Built on a Tradition of Excellence

Squire's Garden Centres is an independent family-owned business, established in 1936, with sixteen garden centres across the South East covering Surrey, West Sussex and Berkshire.

Over eighty-five years ago David Squire, Head Groundsman and gardener at the Police Orphanage in Twickenham, was made redundant. With a young family to support he set up his own business, and that business has grown into a thriving, family-owned garden centre group which now comprises 16 garden centres. Today, DJ's son Colin is Chairman Emeritus of the company and continuing the family tradition Sarah, Colin's daughter is Chairman.

When the company was founded the main activities were landscaping small domestic gardens. During the war, all landscape activities ceased and the nurseries were turned over to vegetable production. During the 1960s people became ever more interested in gardening for themselves rather than employing a gardener. In response, Squire's opened its first garden centre in Sixth Cross Road, Twickenham in 1964. Over the years horticultural retailing has become the most important part of our business and we now have centres at Shepperton, Badshot Lea, Hersham, Chertsey, Woking, West Horsley, Crawley, Reigate, Long Ditton, Washington, Stanmore, Milford, Cobham, Frensham and Wokingham. In 2022, Squire's acquired Barnsfold Nurseries, based in Horsham and a long-standing supplier of bedding plants to the business.

We are proud that 85% of our plants are sourced from UK nurseries, many very local indeed, including from our own nurseries. This supports local producers and means that customers can choose from the freshest possible stock, which hasn't travelled far from nursery to garden centre.

We are delighted to sponsor Rushmoor Community in Bloom once again – and, in particular the 'Most Unusual Planted Container' category this year – supporting community efforts in conservation, biodiversity, sustainability as well as lots of creativity!

SQUIRES
GARDEN CENTRES

OUR JUDGES

Diane Bedford

"The response from the residents that RVS have taken this on has been one of sheer joy as it was so missed"



Hazel Chant

"I am so pleased RVS reinstated RCiB, the interest from the public has been amazing, we look forward to increasing the categories next year"



Jules Crossley

"RCiB is an important event which helps to encourage gardening and sustainability, two things which are so valuable for our community"



Stephen Dawson

"I have been very impressed by the diversity of different plants used for various beneficial insects and the passion they've all had"



Purna Gurung

"It was great to see how much happiness gardening brings to the people"



OUR JUDGES

Steve Masterson

"It was great to be involved in the re-launch of this wonderful community event. The efforts of the entrants across all of the categories was outstanding"



Sophie Rogers

"It's wonderful to see so many fantastic gardens and how many are gardening with wildlife and biodiversity in mind – Promoting a more sustainable future"



Colin Slatter

"RCiB '23 has been a terrific community effort. Community Spaces were of very high standards, and Front Gardens as spectacular as ever. Keep up the good work!"



Lisa Thornett

"Taking pride in our environment helps enrich everybody's lives and it is fabulous to see this embraced by so many wonderful residents in Rushmoor. Thank-you for keeping Rushmoor Blooming"



RUSHMOOR COMMUNITY IN BLOOM 2024

Seeding our Future

We look forward to offering a wider range of categories and will be launching Rushmoor Community in Bloom 2024 in January.

Look for more information on the Rushmoor in Bloom Facebook page or RVS website.

If you are interested in being part of the planning team for 2024, please get in touch at info@rvs.org.uk



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more



This Rushmoor Community in Bloom Awards booklet will be added to the Rushmoor Voluntary Services website along with the photos from the event.



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WITH THANKS FROM RVS TO:

- West End Centre team for hosting
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 - Jess Auton – refreshments
 - Karen Reece-Russell – backstage
 - Golnoosh Golestani – photographer
 - Arash Golestani – photographer
- The planning team
- The judges
- And most importantly all those that entered the competition.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



With special thanks to our sponsors:

