



BEAUTIFUL FIFE JUDGING REPORT SHEET

ALL CATEGORIES

Name of entry: Dalgety Bay	Judging Date: 26th July 2016
Category: Medium Town	Judges: Jenny Sibbald & Peter Howden

SECTION A – Horticultural Achievement

Assessing year-round horticultural achievement including conservation and natural areas.

		MAX	ACT.
A1.	Impact – <i>design, colours, appropriate choice of plants, special features, presentation, innovation</i>	20	17
A2.	Horticultural practice – <i>cultivation and maintenance, quality of plants, sustainability, new planting</i>	20	14
A3.	Residential and Community Gardening – <i>residential, communal areas, allotments, public buildings (grounds of churches, schools etc.), car parks</i>	20	15
A4.	Business Areas and Premises – <i>retail and shopping areas, leisure sites, transport terminals, car parks, farms, rural businesses, pubs, post offices, tourist areas/attractions, offices, estate agents etc.</i>	20	15
A5.	Green Spaces – <i>verges, parks and open public spaces</i>	20	16
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION A <i>50% of maximum points</i>		100	77

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SECTION B – Environmental Responsibility			
Assessing year-round activities improving environmental responsibility.			
		MAX	ACT.
B1.	Conservation and biodiversity – <i>wildlife areas, natural habitat</i>	10	9
B2.	Resource management – <i>recycling, minimising demand placed on natural resources and any harmful impact on the environment</i>	10	7
B3.	Local heritage – <i>management and development of local heritage and/or identity, inclusive of natural heritage</i>	10	7
B4.	Local environmental quality – <i>management of vacant premises and plots, litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc.</i>	10	6
B5.	Pride of place – <i>management of street furniture, signage, art in the landscape and hard landscaping</i>	10	7
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION B <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	36

SECTION C – Community Participation			
Assessing year-round community participation			
		MAX	ACT.
C1.	Development and continuity - <i>Development and sustainability of the local initiative and evidence of on-going projects</i>	10	8
C2.	Communication and education – <i>community awareness and understanding, engagement with schools and young people and/or other community groups, press coverage, publicity materials</i>	10	8
C3.	Community participation – <i>community involvement is representative of the community's size and diversity</i>	10	7
C4.	Year-round involvement – <i>schedules of events and supporting evidence of year-round activity</i>	10	7
C5.	Funding and Support – <i>initiatives to secure on-going support for the local campaign including local business support</i>	10	7
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED FOR SECTION C <i>25% of maximum points</i>		50	37

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Comments

TOTAL POINTS – 150

MEDAL AWARDED – Silver Gilt

AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Dalgety Bay is a young town (51Years) with an ancient history ranging from Bronze Age, the ancient estate of the Earls of Murray, to the second world war air fields and defences. The housing has been developed around these areas quite effectively and the main centre is now beginning to mature into an attractive town centre.

The area around the Church and shops has been the focus of a number of improvements over the last few years with a strong emphasis on recreation and the environment. The Peace garden is a lovely restful addition and its simple quality is impressive. The recycled planters are effective and work here and in other key locations in the town. The Environmental garden near the Police station has matured well with a very colourful display of wildflower and perennial biodiversity planting. The woodland group continue to work well with the local children and adults, managing three coastal woodlands, developing habitats, encouraging wildflowers and wildlife and planting replacement stock. It was good to learn that the work includes uncovering the local history of these sites and their past uses.

The allotment site was well managed and maintained with a healthy waiting list. It was disappointing to learn that the planned new site had not been successful. Hopefully other locations can be identified nearby.

The displays by Fife Council at the entrances to the town were excellent and the complementary work by representatives of the group has provided added value. Not all areas have the same impact and care should be taken to ensure that the green spaces around some of your displays are kept tidy and weed free if the impact is to be successful.

The grounds of the Sailing club maintained by the Tuesday group and the land at Hopeward Mews were good evidence of further strong community involvement and the private gardens in the main town areas were generally well maintained and attractive.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Consider how the various community groups representative in the town might be brought together to support the work in enhancing the town. eg Flower show committee, Allotment group, Woodlands group, Community Council, Sailing club etc.
- Continue to seek alternative land for expanding allotment provision in the town
- Consider the interpretation of the historical aspects of the town. Potential for links with the schools and local historians.