



RHS Britain in Bloom Finalists 2019

Entry Name	Category	Region / Nation
Amersham	Town	Thames & Chilterns
Antrim	Town	Ulster
The Bath BID Company	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	South West
Bexhill-on-Sea	Large Coastal	South East
Bicester	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	Thames & Chilterns
Biddulph	Large Town	Heart of England
Bridge of Earn	Large Village	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Canary Wharf	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	London
Castlecaulfield	Champion of Champions	Ulster
Catterall	Large Village	North West
City of Westminster	City	London
Cranbrook	Small Town	South East
Cranleigh	Town	South East
Cullybackey	Large Village	Ulster
Curry Rivel	Large Village	South West
Derry	Small City	Ulster
Desford	Small Town	East Midlands
Donaghmore	Village	Ulster
Dunfermline	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Durham	Champion of Champions	Northumbria
Farnham	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	South East
Filby	Village	Anglia
Garstang	Small Town	North West
Goring-on-Thames	Small Town	Thames & Chilterns
Green Moor	Village	Yorkshire
Haddington	Town	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Hale Village	Urban Community	London
Halstead	Town	Anglia
Ham & Petersham	Small Town	London
Harrogate	Small City	Yorkshire
Hunstanton	Coastal	Anglia
Kings Lynn	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	Anglia
Kingsbridge	Champion of Champions	South West
Kirkcaldy	Small City	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Llandudno	Large Coastal	Wales
Loughborough	Small City	East Midlands
Middleton-by-Wirksworth	Village	East Midlands
Morpeth	Town	Northumbria

New Milton	BIDs, Town Centres & City Centres	South
Newport	Town	Heart of England
Newquay	Large Coastal	South West
Norton in Hales	Village	Heart of England
Norwich	City	Anglia
Oldham	City	North West
Pateley Bridge	Large Village	Yorkshire
Penrith	Large Town	Cumbria
Perth	Champion of Champions	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Prestatyn	Large Town	Wales
Randalstown	Small Town	Ulster
Reading	City	Thames & Chilterns
Royal Tunbridge Wells	Large Town	South East
Rugby	Small City	Heart of England
Saltburn-by-the-Sea	Coastal	Northumbria
Sark	Coastal	Floral Guernsey
Sedgefield	Small Town	Northumbria
St Andrews	Coastal	Keep Scotland Beautiful
St Clement	Coastal	Natural Jersey
St Helier	Champion of Champions	Natural Jersey
St Just	Small Town	South West
St Aubin	Village	Natural Jersey
Stanwix	Urban Community	Cumbria
Tanfield	Village	Northumbria
Titchfield	Large Village	South
Whitby	Coastal	Yorkshire
Wilmslow	Large Town	North West
Wimborne	Town	South
Winshill	Urban Community	Heart of England
Yeovil	Large Town	South West
Ystradgynlais	Town	Wales



RHS Britain in Bloom Awards 2019

Awards Ceremony Friday 25 October, RHS Lindley Hall London

Judges Surgeries Saturday 26 October, Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London

Dear Britain in Bloom UK Finalist,

We are delighted to invite you to London for the **RHS Britain in Bloom Awards** on **Friday 25 October**. This is the opportunity for your group to celebrate all your achievements over the past 12 months.

We hope the following information will help you plan your visit to London, but please do not hesitate to contact the team if you require any additional assistance.

1. Venues

1.1 Awards Ceremony Venue – Friday 25th October

[RHS Lindley Hall](#), Westminster, London, SW1P 2PB

Timings: 17:00–22:30

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible with a wheelchair lift and bathroom facilities available.

1.2 Judges Surgery Venue – Saturday 26th October

[Park Plaza Hotel](#) Westminster Bridge London, 200 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7UT

Timings: 08.30-12:30 (timing depends on your group's allocated slot)

The hotel is fully wheelchair accessible with a wheelchair lift and bathroom facilities available.

2. Transport

As there are many good public transport options in London and guests will be staying in different parts of the city there will no coaches for this year's awards. We recommend looking at the [Transport for London website](#) for up to date journey planning around London.

2.1 Transport for the Awards

The nearest mainline train stations to the awards venue are:

- **Victoria station** (11-minute walk), step free access available;
- **Vauxhall station** (17-minute walk), step free access available.

The nearest tube stations to the awards venue are:

- **St James Park tube station** on the Circle and District lines, (9-minute walk), please note there is no step free access at this station;
- **Pimlico tube station** on the Victoria line, (11-minute walk), please note there is no step free access at this station;
- **Victoria tube station** on the Victoria, Circle and District lines, (11-minute walk), step free access available;
- **Westminster tube station** on the Circle, District and Jubilee lines, (16-minute walk), step free access available.

Contactless payment (on debit or credit card) is accepted throughout the bus and tube systems and is the cheapest and easiest way to get around the capital. (Please remember to use the same card to tap in/out on each journey to ensure you are only charged once).

We strongly recommend the use of public transport. Parking spaces close to the venue are very limited and usually taken up by residents. Further details are available here:

<http://www.rhonline.co.uk/visit>

2.2 Transport for the Judges Surgeries:

The nearest mainline train station to the awards venue is:

- **Waterloo station** (4-minute walk), step free access available.

The nearest tube stations to the awards venue are:

- **Westminster tube station** on the Circle, District and Jubilee lines, (7-minute walk), step free access available.
- **Waterloo tube station** on the Bakerloo, Jubilee, Northern, and Waterloo & City lines, (5-minute walk), step free access available

3. Accommodation

The hotel market is very competitive in London with options to suit most budgets. We have not arranged any specific hotels as there are so many choices available to guests.

Please note the awards do take place during half term week so demand will be high and we recommend booking as soon as possible. You may want to consider the following hotel chains and comparison sites to help secure best possible prices:

[Premier Inn](#)

Good quality hotels, many locations all across London.
Prices will vary from £49 upwards for a room only rate.

[Travelodge](#)

Budget chain, slightly more basic than Premier Inn. Many locations all across London.
Prices will vary from £49 upwards for a room only rate.

[Point A Hotels](#)

New chain, similar to Premier Inn, various locations across London. Prices from £69 upwards for room rate only.

Air B&B

Airbnb is an online marketplace which lets people rent out their properties or spare rooms to guests.

Price comparison sites can be a useful way to compare hotel deals:

- [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- [Expedia.co.uk](https://www.expedia.co.uk)
- [Kayak.co.uk](https://www.kayak.co.uk)

4. Places to Visit

There are a huge range of horticultural and indeed cultural highlights that you might want to consider visiting while you are in London.

The following gardens are offering free entry for Bloom finalists. Please show a copy of your Bloom award Eventbrite ticket to gain entry.

- [RHS Gardens Wisley](https://www.rhs.org.uk/visiting-us) – the closest station is Woking, around 30 minutes from London Waterloo, and from here the gardens are a short taxi journey (which should cost around £13).
- [Chiswick House](https://www.chiswickhouse.org.uk/)

The Royal Parks are worth visiting and free to enter, more details can be found on their website: www.royalparks.org.uk/. RHS staff favourites include:

- Hyde Park - www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/hyde-park
- Kensington Gardens - www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/kensington-gardens
- Regents Park & Primrose Hill - www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/the-regents-park
- Richmond Park - www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/richmond-park
- St James' Park - <https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/st-james-park>

Free Roof Gardens:

London has a growing range of fantastic roof gardens; some also include a bar or cafe.

- [The Garden at 120 – Fenchurch Street](https://www.thegardenat120.com/) Open to the public on a first come - first serve basis
- [Crossrail Place Roof Garden](https://www.crossrailplace.org.uk/) Open daily to the public until 9pm
- [The Sky Garden](https://www.skygarden.com/) Requires pre-booking, very popular at weekends
- [Aga Khan](https://www.agakhan.org.uk/) Pre-booked tours are available Mondays and Thursdays.
- [Japanese Roof Garden – School of Oriental & African Studies](https://www.japanese-roof-garden.com/) The garden is open to the public when the Brunei Gallery is open, normally Tuesday to Saturday, check website for details.

Other Places of Interest:

- [Kew Gardens](https://www.kew.org/)
- [Chelsea Physic Garden](https://www.chelseaphysicgarden.org.uk/)
- [Holland Park](https://www.hollandpark.org.uk/)

- [Hampton Court Palace & Gardens](#)
- [Barbican Conservatory](#) (Open on selected Sundays and Bank Holidays)

5. Social Media

In the lead up to the Awards, you may like to connect with your fellow finalists through [the closed Facebook group](#). Or share your news more widely on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#), using the #ourbloom or #BritainInBloom hashtag.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you in London.

With very best wishes and happy gardening,

Tom Robin
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