

Report on	Maghera Walled Garden Green Flag Award
Date of Meeting	12 th September 2023
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director, Environmental Services
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the success for Maghera Walled Garden at the Green Flag Awards
2.0	Background
2.1	The Green Flag Award Scheme recognises and rewards well managed green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces.
2.2	The Green Flag Awards are judged annually by green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant site sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, ranging from horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Council previously submitted Green Flag entries for five sites in the District, including Maghera Walled Garden and significant maintenance work was undertaken at the facility in preparation for the 2023 judging.
3.2	It is very pleasing to report that Maghera Walled Garden has maintained its Green Flag status as announced at the awards event held on Monday 24 th July at Killeavy Castle.
3.3	This standard has given external verification that good practice has been demonstrated by Council staff with evidence of this having a positive effect on visitor experience to the garden over the summer period.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Environmental Services Budget.
	Human: Staff time in maintaining delivery standards.

	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>None</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p>
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Photograph of Maghera Walled Garden and awards photograph.

Appendix 1

Maghera Walled Garden

