

Spelthorne in Bloom 2026 Entry Form



The theme for this year's children's poster competition was 'Trees' and the winner was
Ynigo, aged 10, St Michael Catholic Primary School



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Spelthorne in Bloom is an annual community competition dedicated to transforming our borough into a greener, cleaner, and more vibrant place to live, work, or visit.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a first-time planter, we offer 11 categories to suit every project—from residential displays and allotments, to schools, pubs, community gardens and local environmental initiatives. Entry is completely free, giving everyone the chance to showcase their green thumb and win exciting vouchers or prizes.

Judging will take place from mid July and the closing date for entries is **Friday 26 June 2026**.

The judging will be carried out by the Spelthorne in Bloom Committee whose decisions are final and binding.

2026 categories:

Best Front Garden

Sponsored by
Spelthorne Direct Services Ltd.

Best Hanging Basket/s

Sponsored by Two Rivers

Best Community Garden/ Allotment*

Sponsored by Elmsleigh Centre
** entries should be either a community garden
or a community allotment, not for both.*

Best Riverside Garden

Sponsored by Squire's Garden Centres

Best Kept Allotment*

Sponsored by Grundon Waste
Management Ltd.
** individual plot holders are encouraged to enter*

Best Kept Place of Worship/ War Memorial

Sponsored by Shepperton and Sunbury
Rotary Club

Best Commercial Garden

Sponsored by Sytner Jaguar Land Rover
Southwest London

Best School Planting Area

Sponsored by Notcutts Garden Centres

Best Kept Pub

Sponsored by Village Matters

Best Environmental Planting Project

Sponsored by Specialist Fleet Services

Most Attractive Local Area within the Wards of Spelthorne*

Sponsored by Pinewood Studios
** nominated by Spelthorne and Surrey Councillors*

Best New Entrant*

Sponsored by Notcutts Garden Centres
** Decided by the Judges*

Best in Show*

Sponsored by Squire's Garden Centres
** Decided by the Judges*

To find out more about each category
read our Judging Criteria online at
www.spelthorne.gov.uk/SIB



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Conditions of entry

1. Entries must be received by **Friday 26 June 2026**.
2. The results will remain confidential until the official presentation later in the year.
3. Results will be published after the awards evening later in the year.
4. Judges are unable to discuss entries.
5. Entries will not be acknowledged.
6. It will not be possible to advise any entrants of the date and time when their entry will be judged.
7. Judges' decision is final.

We will use the data collected on the entry form to process your entry. Please see our website for further details www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/18323/Privacy-Notice-Spelthorne-In-Bloom-main-competition

Please use BLOCK letters

Category entered:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

email:

Where did you obtain this form?
(eg. Notcutts /Squires):

Return completed form by
Friday 26 June 2026 to:

**Laleham Nursery, Shepperton Road,
Laleham, TW18 1SJ**

Additional entry forms can be requested from the address above, from Squire's and Notcutts garden centres, by calling **01784 446254** or emailing **spelthorne.inbloom@spelthorne.gov.uk**

You can also enter online: **https://spelthorne-self.achieveservice.com/service/Spelthorne_in_Bloom_Main_Compensation**





Most Attractive Local Area 2025



Best Community Allotment 2025



Best Front Garden 2025

Judging criteria

We are calling on local residents, community groups, businesses, and schools to help enhance our surroundings for this year's competition. The judges will be looking for quality gardening skills and innovative ideas and that make a real impact on our community and environment.

Plant for visual impact

Focus on horticultural diversity and plant vigour within your borders and containers, utilizing a blend of seasonal colour, contrasting textures, and varied forms.

Plant for wellbeing

Design an area that invites you to touch, taste, smell and reflect. From vibrant sensory borders and fragrant herb beds to calming water features and thriving home-grown produce, show us how your green space nurtures the community.

Encourage wildlife

Prioritise nature-positive gardening by integrating pollinator-friendly planting and varied habitats. From wildlife ponds and wildflower areas to nesting sites and insect refuges, every feature helps build a more ecologically resilient community.

Think sustainability and go natural

Prioritise sustainable cultivation: harvest rainwater, compost organic waste, and garden chemical-free. Show us your 'rubbish-to-resource' innovations by using reclaimed materials and upcycled containers to create a truly eco-friendly green space.

Get the local community involved

Get your neighbourhood growing! Whether you're transforming a 'grey' corner into a pocket park or brightening your street with shared planters, these projects bring people together. Let's turn underused spaces into thriving community hubs that everyone can enjoy.

Schools

Teachers can simplify gardening by focusing on a single "story", like a Pizza Garden (tomatoes, herbs) or a Rainbow Bed (vibrant veg). Use sunflowers or bean tepees for vertical impact and bark mulch to minimize weeding. Keep it pupil-led and sustainable with upcycled welly planters, buried bottle irrigation, and hand-painted stone labels.