

# Spelthorne in Bloom 2025 Entry Form




The theme for this year's children's poster competition was  
'Life on the river' and the winner was  
**Isabelle, aged 7, St Michael Catholic Primary School**



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Spelthorne in Bloom is an annual competition which encourages people to take pride in their local environment and make it greener, cleaner, brighter, and an attractive place to live, work or visit.

There are 11 categories to choose from covering every type of gardening project – including community gardens and public buildings, schools, pubs, and allotments, alongside residential entries. Entrants have the opportunity to win vouchers or prizes in this free-to-enter community competition.

Judging will take place from mid July and the closing date for entries is **Friday 20 June 2025.**

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

## 2025 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/Public Building

Sponsored by Shepperton and Sunbury Rotary Club

### Best Kept Pub

Sponsored by Village Matters

### Best Horticultural/ Environmental Initiative

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  
*(In memory of Mr D.J. Squire, founder of Squire's Garden Centres)*

*\* Decided by the Judges*

**Spelthorne schools are  
encouraged to enter any  
of the 2025 categories**

To find out more about each category  
read our Judging Criteria online at  
**[www.spelthorne.gov.uk/SIB](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/SIB)**



# Conditions of entry

1. Entries must be received by **Friday 20 June 2025**.
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](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/18323/Privacy-Notice-Spelthorne-In-Bloom-main-competition)

## 2025 entry form

### 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 20 June 2025** to:

**White House Depot, Kingston Road,  
Ashford, TW15 3SE**

Additional entry forms can be requested from the address above, from Squire's and Notcutts garden centres, by calling **01784 446379** or emailing **spelthorne.inbloom@spelthorne.gov.uk**

You can also enter online: [https://spelthorne-self.achieveservice.com/service/Spelthorne\\_in\\_Bloom\\_Main\\_Competition](https://spelthorne-self.achieveservice.com/service/Spelthorne_in_Bloom_Main_Competition)







Best Community Garden and  
Best New Entrant - 2024



Best Riverside Garden - 2024



Best School Garden - 2024

## Judging criteria

The focus of this year's competition is on the environment and the judges will be looking at the different ways entrants have used their ideas and skills to enhance our local area.

## Plant for visual impact

Think colour, texture, variety and health in garden borders, raised beds or containers.

## Plant for wellbeing

Use smell, sound, touch and taste to stimulate the senses. Plant a sensory garden, a herb garden, a reflection water feature to promote tranquillity. Grow healthy fruit or vegetables.

## Encourage wildlife

Use specific plants to attract pollinators, and features such as bird boxes and feeders, log piles, mini beast hotels, and water to attract wildlife. Plant a wildflower patch, build a wildlife pond.

## Think sustainability and go natural

Make your own compost, save rainwater, avoid the use of chemicals, reuse and recycle. Replace plastic containers with old tyres and use reclaimed materials for garden projects.

## Set up or join local community projects

Brighten up your local village or high street with attractive containers, window boxes or raised beds. Or clear and replant overgrown unused land with colourful plants or healthy produce.

## Schools

Spelthorne schools are encouraged to enter any of the 2025 categories. Is your child's school involved? Give them encouragement and maybe help them in some way.