

## Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood

### Which ones best suits my group?

Our annual Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood initiatives, supported by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), are FREE to take part in and provide support, recognition and reward to groups of people who are 'greening up' and cleaning up their local areas. They are part of our [Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network](#), and are open to any group eager to make a difference to their local environment.

Groups must focus on the three pillars of gardening/horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility, and community participation.

#### **It's Your Neighbourhood**

Is for e.g. a group of streets / community allotment / "Friends of" group / woodland group etc. Your group can be at any stage of its growing journey – just starting out or have been working for years – and should be a genuine community led group with two or more members. You should have begun to improve, or are actively improving, your local environment through community 'gardening'.

It's Your Neighbourhood is non-competitive and is about supporting, encouraging and celebrating your group. You'll receive a quarterly newsletter (inspiring stories, advice, funding links; activities and events); regular emails with resources and support; invites to online events, celebrations and networking opportunities; mentor support; a visit from one of our volunteers; a report highlighting achievements and giving recommendations; and we'll recognise your group with a certificate. You'll also have the opportunity to put your group forward for awards.

#### **Beautiful Scotland**

If your group works in partnership with others across your village, town or city, carrying out horticultural/gardening projects, looking after your local environment and involving the community, then Beautiful Scotland is for you.

There are [judged and non-judged options](#) which enable us to support, encourage and celebrate achievements across your community. You'll receive a quarterly newsletter (inspiring stories, advice, funding links; activities and events); regular emails with resources and support; invites to online events, celebrations and networking opportunities; mentor support; a visit from our volunteers, a report highlighting achievements and giving recommendations; and we'll recognise your group with a certificate. You'll also have the opportunity to be recognised with awards, as well as put your group forward for awards.

If you're still unsure which is best for your group, or you have any questions, please email us at [cncfcn@keepscotlandbeautiful.org](mailto:cncfcn@keepscotlandbeautiful.org) or call 07720 090 560.