

## **BID, Town and City Centre, Urban Community, Coastal Town and Coastal Village, and Residential Community categories explained**

### **Business Improvement District (BID) category**

A BID entry must be an official business improvement district; a business improvement district is a defined area within which businesses pay an additional tax (or levy) in order to fund projects within the district's boundaries. For a list of bona fide BIDs please visit the [British BIDs website](#).

The maximum radius for a BID entry shall be 0.5 miles from a self-determined point, giving a maximum one mile in diameter.

\*\*BID entries will be judged using the [BID mark sheet and criteria](#).

### **Town and City Centre category**

The maximum radius for a Town or City Centre entry shall be 0.5 miles from a self-determined point, giving a maximum one mile in diameter.

\*\*Town and City Centre entries will be judged using the [Standard mark sheet and criteria](#).

### **Urban Community category**

An Urban Community must be an identifiable and connected community within a built up or densely populated area of an urban conurbation, city or town.

It must have its own sense of identity and have its own "Bloom" group (a group dedicated to leading the "in Bloom" initiative locally). An urban community may not have its own Council, or be able to stand alone, but it will have its own 'sense of place'.

The maximum radius for an Urban Community entry shall be 0.5 miles from a self-determined point, giving a maximum one mile in diameter.

\*\*Urban Community entries will be judged using the [Standard mark sheet and criteria](#).

### **Coastal Town and Coastal Village categories**

A Coastal Town or Coastal Village entry is a coastal community by a sea or estuary.

\*\*Coastal Town and Coastal Village entries will be judged using the [Standard mark sheet and criteria](#).

### **Residential Community category**

A Residential Community: residents coming together to improve their area. A 'Residential Community' could be, for example, a block(s) of flats, a Housing Association complex, sheltered housing, or a care or nursing home.

\*\*Residential Community entries will be judged using the [Standard mark sheet and criteria](#).