

Beautiful Scotland Judging 2021

Picture garden area



Meeting here was really nice as there was quite a bit of bustle and interest around the shop and garage. One of the judges had brought her sister along so Davie Buchan took care of her.

Judges took time to view all the artwork. They particularly liked the zentangle turtles and woven fish. Both judges enjoy crafts and both are knitters so appreciated all the beautiful work. They are QR code fans (tried ours) and were very impressed that we had a burn 😊

They loved Hamish and especially the fact that Millie had been involved in his new look.

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Rose garden



Judges really liked that Millie was enjoying meeting new people and loving finding weeds 😂

They were very impressed with our Roses.

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<p>Monica's Lockdown garden</p>	 A photograph showing three women standing on a paved residential street. They are positioned next to a bright red car. The woman on the left is wearing a patterned top and dark trousers. The woman in the middle is wearing a patterned top and blue jeans. The woman on the right is wearing a blue dress. They appear to be in conversation. In the background, there are houses with grey roofs and a clear blue sky with some light clouds.	<p>Monica really did a great job of telling the story behind the garden. They loved the spot and agreed that seating would be a great addition. This story was more about community and involvement than the actual garden and we discussed that a bit on our way to Lavender Walk. Definitely a point scorer.</p> <p>They gave Monica some plant suggestions for a difficult area at the back.</p>
<p>Lavender Walk</p>		<p>On our way to LW, we were able to introduce Diane briefly as she was working at Phil's.</p> <p>They mainly just asked questions here but loved the wiggly hedge.</p>

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Benarty View



Soooo very impressed with the Lavender and thought the bench a wonderful tribute.

There were so many bees!!!

Mainly more questions here but did give us some suggestions for planting. Did specifically mention that they liked the Persicaria and thought it would do really well there.

Think they spotted the very sad looking Vinca but didn't mention it.

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Tots' garden



These judges are very much “plant” people and had lots of lovely comments about the ones in this garden.

Lots of bees again!!!

Admired the colour of the newly painted bench.

They asked if we deliberately chose plants that attract bees and butterflies. Of course.....

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School (via John & Pat's garden)



Blown away by this garden and the work that's gone into it.

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Had to point out the children's drawings as we entered the school but Liz thought they were a great idea. Don't think Penny noticed them as she was already in the school.

Paula described the relationship with KiB and gave us a glowing report.

Much admiration for the planting along the borders. They were amazed that they were in such good condition. (John's tender care of course).

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Absolutely loved the Polycrubb and the plans for the future. Norma was very pleased that they thought it was good value. Was useful to hear about different grades of peat free compost but they did remark that we were using the good stuff.

Obviously impressed by the school grounds and incredible views. No surprise there!

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Bee garden



More plant spotting and there were bees everywhere. Well, it is the Bee garden after all 😊

This is where they mentioned loving the pink & purple theme of our perennials. Mentioned it several times afterwards.


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Michael Bruce Cottage garden



The walk up through the Cobbles was fabulous. They were obviously in love with the village at this point and even suggested that it reminded them of some of the little villages in France. (Think the lavender had gone to their heads 😂). They loved it here... the views, the peace. Asked more about plants and future plans. Penny spotted a Lavateria peeping over from Matt Mills' garden and was most impressed as had never seen that variety in Scotland before. The bottlebrush plant also got a mention. They hope that the stone steps are staying and that the stone from the broken path will be re-used in the garden. Did suggest that our next project could be restoring the Cobbles to cobbles. Think I heard a judge suggest that around 2010...lol.

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Substation & Drysdale's		<p>More discussion on plants and mention of our pinks/purples. Did see Liz clock the enormous weeds in Sheila Drysdale's red chip garden 🤔😂</p>
Raymond's garden	 A photograph showing three women standing on a paved path in a garden. The woman on the left is wearing a light-colored patterned top and blue jeans, pointing towards the plants. The woman in the middle is wearing a patterned top and blue jeans, looking at the plants. The woman on the right is wearing a bright pink jacket and black pants, holding a water bottle. The garden is lush with greenery and various plants, including a large green bush and a wooden fence in the background.	<p>Impressed by this area and how it blended in so well and enjoyed hearing how Henny fell in love with the village and became a member of the KiB family. Thank you Henny 🥰</p> <p>Couldn't believe that KiB had their own brown bins!!!</p>

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Cart



Another area that they loved. Impressed with cart, story board; loved John's small patches of wildflowers and thought the wildflower verge looked great.

Raved about the planting in the cart. Thought it looked like patchwork. 😂

Like the idea of adding QR codes to our story boards.

Think Liz liked the new bench...