

Ealing Biodiversity Awards for Gardens & Green Spaces: Front Gardens/micro gardens, Terraces and Balconies Streets/Community Spaces

Terms & Conditions 2026

1. This competition is run by Cultivating Ealing (CE) (the Organiser) in conjunction Ealing Council and Act for Ealing (the organiser's partners).
2. The competition is open to residents within the London Borough of Ealing, England.
3. There will be prizes for First, Second and Third placed gardens.
4. Other special Awards may be added if appropriate.
5. Deadline to enter the front garden competition is 23:59 on Friday 3rd July 2026. Entries submitted after this date will not be eligible for inclusion in the competition.
6. No responsibility can be accepted by the organiser for entries that are not received for any reason.
7. Eligibility criteria:
 - a. Entrants must not earn their living by designing or maintaining gardens for money
 - b. Any entry into the competition must be a **front garden, balcony, micro garden or terrace**, and not a private back garden and should be visible from the pavement.
 - c. Any **community green space or street** entered into this competition must be gardened by volunteers. These green spaces should be easily accessible to the judges.
8. Any entrants breaching the eligibility criteria will be disqualified.
9. All entrants are expected to act fairly and in the good spirit of the competition.
10. By entering, the entrant confirms that information supplied in the entry form is correct and accurate to the best of the entrant's knowledge.
11. By entering, the entrant accepts that their name, and an indication of the garden location, may be used in publicity for the competition by the Organiser.
12. To enter the competition, an entry form should be completed, and 3 photographs must be submitted (one close-up of a special feature and two wider shots of the garden). Entries should be submitted by no later than **23:59 on 3rd July 2026** online at: <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/biodiversity-awards>
13. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that they can be contacted by the Organiser by email to be notified that they have won a prize.

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15. The gardens will be shortlisted from the 3 submitted photographs. The shortlisted gardens will then be visited in person by Cultivating Ealing's judging team during mid-July 2026
16. Photographs will be taken during the judges' visit.
17. Cultivating Ealing judges will judge **Front gardens, Balconies, Terraces and Micro gardens**, using the following criteria:
 - a. **Design and Maintenance:** Garden well planned and cared for; Creative use of space; Healthy plants, supported where needed; Attractive plant choices; Good use of colour; Vertical planting; Wild areas.
 - b. **Plants and Planting:** Plants for pollinators; Scented plants; Range of plants providing natural food sources though the seasons - flowers/seeds/fruit; Wildflowers/grass; Layered planting.
 - c. **Habitats and Shelter:** Bat, bird or bug houses, log piles, rockeries; Trees/shrubs/climbers providing shelter for nesting birds; Compost pile for beetles etc (if appropriate).
 - d. **Sustainability features:** Chemical free garden; water butts; recycling and upcycling of items; mulching with bark, gravel (if appropriate).
 - e. **Food and Water:** Plants to attract bees, birds and wildlife; Pond for amphibians; Bird bath/feeders.
18. Cultivating Ealing judges will judge **Community Gardens and Streets**, using the following criteria:
 - a. **Design and Maintenance:** Well planned and cared for; creative use of space; Healthy plants, supported where needed; Attractive plant choices; Good use of colour; Wild areas; Navigable paths; Street planters in good condition.
 - b. **Community involvement/wellbeing:** Use of the space for calm reflection/social interaction/connection with nature; Sense of community; Regular gardening sessions; Seating areas/public events where appropriate; Ongoing maintenance arrangements.
 - c. **Habitats and Shelter:** Bat, bird or bug houses, log piles, rockeries; Trees/shrubs/climbers providing shelter for nesting birds; Compost pile for beetles etc.
 - d. **Sustainability features:** Chemical free garden; Water butt; Mulching.
 - e. **Water provision/collection:** Water collection; Pond for amphibians; Bird bath/feeders.
 - f. **Biodiverse planting:** Plants for pollinators; Scented plants; Plants to provide food sources through the seasons; Wildflowers.

19. All winners will be notified within 30 days of being selected as a winner, with winners being contacted by email.
20. The winner will be announced in August/September 2026 on the organiser's social media and print platforms and also on those of our partners and supporters in this competition, ActForEaling (<https://actforealing.org>), Ealing Council (<https://www.ealing.gov.uk>) and Greener Ealing (<https://greenerealing.co.uk>) and our competition sponsors.
21. The competition prizes are subject to availability, and there may be a delay of a number of weeks before the prizes can be delivered.
22. All prizes must be claimed by the entrant within 12 months from the date of the Organiser's initial correspondence with the entrant.
23. Prize details to be confirmed.
24. The Organiser's decisions regarding all promotional matters are final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the selection of winners.
25. By participating in the competition, the entrant grants the organiser perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use all images submitted for the competition, and those taken at the judging event, in all media whether now existing or hereinafter invented, including the organiser's publications, websites and social media channels and those of our partners in this Competition, ActForEaling (www.actforealing.org) and Ealing Council (www.ealing.gov.uk) and our sponsors.
26. In the event of circumstances outside the reasonable control of the organiser, or otherwise where fraud, abuse, and/or an error (human or computer) affects, or could affect, the proper operation of this competition, or the awarding of prizes, and only where circumstances make this unavoidable, the organiser reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions or cancel the competition at any stage but will always try to minimise the effect on participants in order to avoid undue disappointment.
27. The organiser reserves the right to verify all entries including, but not limited to, asking for address and identity details (which they must provide within 14 days).
28. The organiser reserves the right to refuse to award a prize or withdraw prize entitlement and/or refuse further participation in the competition and disqualify the participant where there are reasonable grounds to believe there has been a breach of these terms and conditions or any instructions forming part of this competition's entry requirements. The organiser reserves the right to refuse to award a prize where a participant has gained unfair advantage in participating in the competition or won using fraudulent means. The organiser will be the final arbiter in any decisions, and these will be binding, and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to this clause.

29. The organiser assumes no liability to the full extent permitted by law for any loss, damage or injury occurring to the entrant and those participating in the competition, arising from the entrant's entry into the competition, or occurring arising from their acceptance of a prize.
30. Entry into the competition shall be deemed as an acceptance of these terms and conditions.

*Cultivating Ealing
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