



Bembridge in Bloom

The Parish Council organised their annual garden competition back in June. We had a lovely selection of gardens entered and the judges had a hard time deciding who to select. Each garden was marked on various criteria and an overall winner selected for each category.

The presentation took place on Wednesday 23rd August in the Cloisters Memorial Garden where each winner was awarded a certificate, trophy and a gardening voucher.



Our winners:

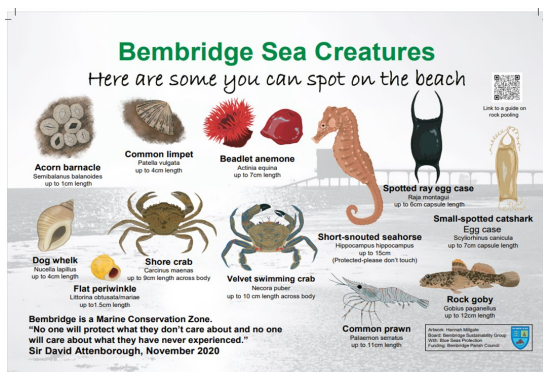
- Best Large Front Garden—Peter Myatt
- Best Sustainable garden—Jennifer & Bob Shelvey
- Best Small Front Garden—Jo Mycroft
- Best Containerised Garden—Barry Gibson
- Special Award for memorial Garden—The Village Gardeners

We would love to see more gardens enter next year. We try to alter the date it is held to allow different gardens, with their different emphasis on selected plants to enter and enjoy success. So even if you feel your garden wouldn't win, please enter it.

Foreland Beach Wildlife Boards

The Sustainability working group have been designing display boards to encourage people to have a greater interest in the wildlife of our seas and oceans and engage to help protect it.

On the steps down to Foreland Beach are two display boards depicting the amazing variety of sea life that can be found around our shores. The contents of the boards were based on a survey of Bembridge Ledge, so we know you can find all the creatures and plants if you look closely enough. We already know that the boards are generating discussion with tourists, residents, parents and children talking about the wildlife they can find down on the beach. We have received much positive feedback.



Bembridge is a Marine Conservation Zone meaning it is a very important area for marine wildlife.

The Parish Council would like to thank Lindsey Newberry for co-ordinating the whole project; Hannah Millgate, the artist who put a huge amount of time into the drawings for free; and Dr Roger Herbert (Marine Biologist), The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Wilder Communities Project and The Blue Seas Protection Charity for all their help, advice and support.