

## **Announcement of winners of the Eco-Garden of Wonder Competition:**

In March this year, West Moors Town Council's 'Climate Emergency Working Party' launched their first ever Eco-Garden of Wonder Competition, sponsored by Brewer & Brewer (West Moors), inviting residents to share their imaginative and environmentally friendly gardens with us.

This new environmentally and climate friendly garden competition was initiated in order to encourage residents to be proud of their work but also to think about whether their gardens were considerate to climate change. It was aimed to inspire the public to take part in planting flowers and trees, restoring a community space or garden and getting out into nature.

Judges Mrs Lyn and Mr Malcolm Ovens kindly donated their time to walk through the beautiful gardens of our competitors, on Wednesday 14th July, experiencing all the elements that made up the following garden classes:

**Class 2.** Hanging Baskets. **Class 4.** Best Use of upcycled planters. **Class 5.** Best Wildlife Friendly.

We are delighted to be able to congratulate the winners;

**Class 2:** One entrant.

**1<sup>st</sup> place:**

**Mrs M Holden.**

**Class 4:** Two entrants.

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Mrs J Stapleton.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mrs Nicki Senior

**Class 5:** Seven entrants.

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Mrs J Stapleton.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mr J Hounslow

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mrs S Millett.

All photos of each entrant are available on our website and Facebook.

The Council would like to thank everyone for taking the time to enter this competition and offer a bottle of Prosecco to those that came 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, as well as the £40 vouchers for those that came 1st place.

Brewer and Brewer, Station Road, deserve a big thank you for donating the prize money for the Garden vouchers.

To be awarded their prizes, the Council have invited the above recipients to the Full Council meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July, at St. Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road, with the presentation to take place at 7.15pm, before the Council meeting commences.

Thank you also, to the Judges Mrs Lyn and Mr Malcolm Ovens.



Gardening experts Mr and Mrs Ovens care for a spectacular sanctuary of their own, which they previously had open to the public for nearly 30 years.

The judging of this competition required time and experience, one that the competition would not exist without.

A message to all Garden enthusiasts of West Moors: Please pencil in your diary, 2022 West Moors Town Council Garden Competition. Let's raise the Community Spirit and amount of garden entries please! There are sure to be lots of 'blooming gorgeous gardens' out there that deserve a prize!

From planting flowers for pollinators to a tree in a garden, or wider nature activities such as building insect hotels, vegetable patches or simply letting your grass grow, everyone can play a part in helping to protect and enhance our natural environment. So why not win a prize for it and enter the 2022 competition!?