



Grow Sensory Planters Competition

RHS Chatsworth Flower Show
5 – 9 June 2019



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The Grow Sensory Planters Competition will focus on the importance of gardening and upcycling in a bid to preserve our environment and help raise awareness of the physical and mental health benefits of gardening within schools and local communities. Grow Sensory Planters is a competition in support of existing RHS Campaigns; 'Campaign for School Gardening', 'Greening Grey Britain', 'Wild about Gardens', 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and 'Plants for Pollinators'.

Each school or group **must** be registered with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening to be eligible to compete. It is easy and free to register by visiting

www.rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening

Facebook: [facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening](https://www.facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening),

Twitter: @RHSSchools

Where you can read about the many benefits of being involved.

Entries are welcomed from all primary/junior schools and conservation/wildlife clubs (up to age 11 or Year 6) from the following counties of England: Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Yorkshire and West Midlands. UK schools and groups in areas not listed are welcome to enter the competition, but must be available to travel to the venue on the Build-up and Collection dates listed in the factsheet.

Only **one** entry per school is permitted. If your school consists of both primary and junior education, an entry from each will be permitted, but please make the distinction clear on your application.

There is no charge for entering the competition.

Before completing your application form, please read through this document carefully. It contains important information about:

- What happens next
- Brief & theme
- Completing your application form
- Key dates
- Key Contacts

What happens next

The application deadline is the 26 February 2019.





Brief

We would like each school group to design, grow and plant a sensory planter in an upcycled container.

Planting

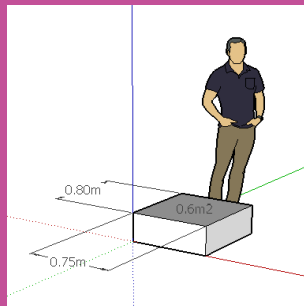
Every planter must include 70% plant material. Use plants with sensory properties that grab your attention; they might look good, feel unusual, smell strongly or taste yummy! Please use plants that have been grown from seeds by the children for the majority of your planting, but you may supplement your plants with a couple that have been bought to add a splash of colour.

Container

Planters should be freestanding and secure. You must use recycled and/or upcycled materials but you will not be able to stake anything into the ground to help secure your planter. It is important that your planter is substantial and able to withstand all weather conditions.

Size

When choosing your planter it must be a minimum size of 0.6m^2 $0.75\text{m} \times 0.8\text{m}$ (see diagram right). Please consider how you will transport it to the site and refer to the **Build-up** section under **Completing your application form** on page 4.



Props

You may use tasteful props to accessorise or enhance your planter and the theme, for example figurines, insects etc.

Theme

The theme for the 2019 competition is **“The Five Senses”**. The design should aim to activate and engage them!

When discussing the potential ideas with your group you could ask them to consider:

- Which plants trigger your senses?

Textures, movement, colours, shapes, noises i.e. bees, quiet, food, scents.

- What are the benefits of gardening?

Taking part in physical activity means you feel happier and healthier. Using your muscles can lead to endorphins being generated in the body – producing positive feelings. Sunshine – vitamin D.

- What can you learn from gardening?

Learning about planting – consider the weather, the location of the planter, how much water and how much plant food needed.

- What does seasonal planting mean and which plants are seasonal for May/June?

Plants that are best suited to a particular time of year and in this case they look their best in May/June. Please see example list attached to the application.

- What are the benefits of upcycling?

Creativity – using different objects that you wouldn't usually use. Helping the environment and reducing waste – giving something a new life instead of sending it to landfill.

Completing your application form

Complete the Application Form in full

Please ensure all sections of the application form are completed, and that the most relevant person is nominated to act as the coordinator. The RHS will only communicate with the coordinator and the coordinator will be responsible for distributing relevant information to the rest of the team.

School name

Please ensure your school name is listed as you would like it displayed at the show.

Visiting the show

Passes for a maximum of 20 school children and 4 adults will be provided for each school to access the show on any one of the following days: Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 or Friday 7 June. We hope to be able to provide a timetable of activities for the school group, so please register your interest via the application form. Places for activities will be limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Description

The RHS will commission a sign for each planter based on the information provided in your application. Please ensure the planter description is an accurate representation of your final design.

Planting

When considering plants to use, plants that look their best in May/June are ideal. Please see example list attached to the application. Please also consider high-risk Plant Health factors, such as Xylella. For more information see the

Environmental Responsibility section under **More Information** below.

Colour drawing

A colour plan showing the planter from a visitor's point of view should be fully annotated with key elements of the design, such as points of upcycling/recycling, objects, materials, dimension estimates, text etc.

Build-up

Each school is responsible for bringing their planter to the show, and will have an hour long slot on Tuesday 4 June in which to stage their planter. Your planter can be transported in modular parts or one piece, and you must bring your own tools for it's assembly. We will allow vehicle access where possible but we also advise schools to bring a wheelbarrow or similar to transport the planter into position. A maximum of 4 adults will be permitted to access site to build the planter.

A leveled area of ground will be provided. The entire site is an area of archeological significance and you will not be able to add stakes or pegs to help support your planter.

As by law the showground is deemed a building site up until the day the show opens, there are Health and Safety regulations that will need to be adhered to. Please be aware that under 16's are not permitted anywhere on site at this time, including inside vehicles. There will be a Access Pass system, and each adult will receive their own pass, which must be visible at all times. The school must ensure that each adult is wearing a **high visibility vest** for each adult (which can be purchased cheaply online) and **sturdy footwear** such as boots or trainers.

Collection

The planters will be available for collection on Monday 10 June from 8am to 6pm. On this date, the site will again resume being designated a building site by law, but the regulations will be stricter. On this day you will need to ensure each adult has a registered Working Access Pass and is wearing a **high visibility vest** and **steel-toe capped boots**.

Voting and Prizes

All schools will receive a certificate of participation. Visitors to the show will be invited to vote for their favourite entry in a People's Choice Award via social media. The prizes will be as follows:

- 1st Prize - £200 Garden Centre Vouchers
- 2nd Prize - £125 Garden Centre Vouchers
- 3rd Prize - £50 Garden Centre Vouchers

Key Dates

The following dates are a guide. All dates are subject to change and will be confirmed in 2019.

Item	Date
Application Deadline	Tuesday 26 February
Acceptance Confirmation	Early March
Risk Assessment Deadline	March – April
Build – up	Tuesday 4 June (8am–6pm)
Show open	Wed 5–Sat 8 June 10am–6:30pm
	Sunday 9 June 10am – 5pm
Collection	Monday 10 June (8am–6pm)

More Information

[Environmental Responsibility](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[General Show Regulations](#)





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