



RHS Chatsworth Flower Show

11-14 June 2020



Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Factsheet for schools

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Thursday 11 June to Sunday 14 June

Deadline for applications is **5pm Friday 10 January 2020**.

Click [here](#) for the application form.

This 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. This competition is in support of existing RHS Campaigns; 'Campaign for School Gardening', 'Greening Great Britain', 'Wild about Gardens', 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and 'Plants for Pollinators'.

Before you apply

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

- [How to Apply](#)
- [Brief and Theme](#)
- [Key Information](#)
- [Key Dates](#)
- [Key Contacts](#)

How to Apply

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:

- <http://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk>
- Facebook: [facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening](https://www.facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening)
- Twitter: [@RHSSchools](https://twitter.com/RHSSchools)

Entries are welcomed from all primary/junior and secondary schools and conservation/wildlife clubs (up to age 16 or Year 11) 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 secondary 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.

Please note that this is a popular category and there is limited availability.



Brief and Theme

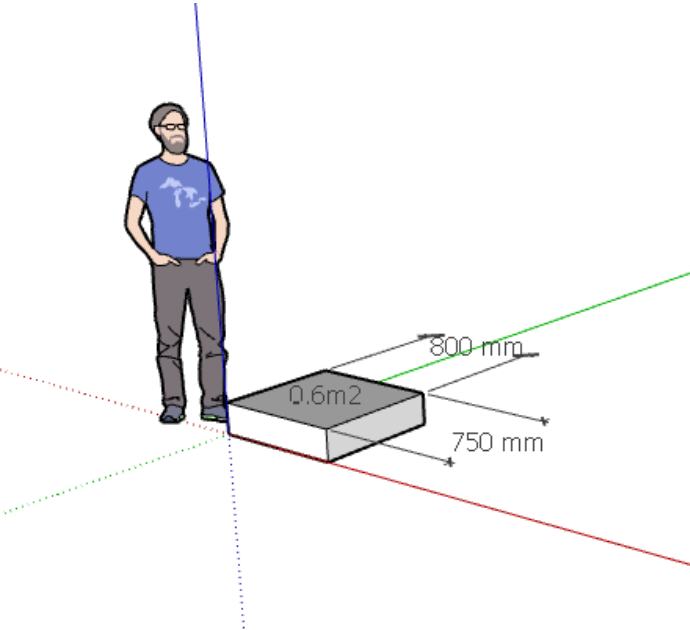
Theme

The theme for the 2020 competition is ‘Take a walk on the wild side!’ Think of how you can get close to the wild, this might be a trip to a local park/garden/zoo or even as close as an adventure around the school grounds!

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

- **What things do you associate with the word ‘wild’?** It might be something that has ‘wild’ in the word, like ‘wildflower’, or it might be something you would describe as ‘wild’ like a species or habitat
- **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 is 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 some helpful information [here](#) and more general information [here](#)
- **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

Primary



Brief

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

Planting

Every planter must include 70% plant material. Use plants that are in keeping with your design; they might be as soft as fur or as bright as feathers, or maybe they provide food/shelter for wild things. Please use plants that have been grown by seed or propagated from existing school garden plants; either by splitting plants or using cuttings. 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:

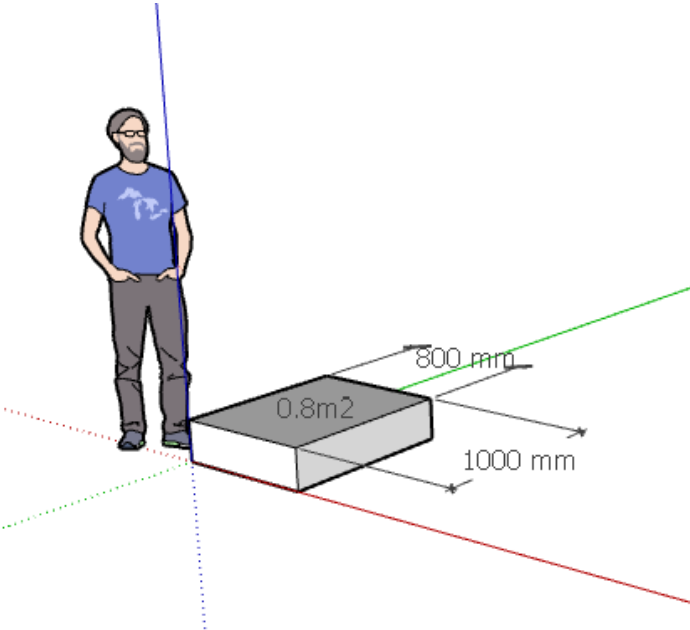
- **Primary (or groups aged up to 11)** - 0.6sqm (approximately 0.75mm x 0.8mm)
- **Secondary (or groups aged up to 16)** - 0.8sqm (approximately 0.8mm x 1mm)

Please see diagrams below. Please consider how you will transport it to the site and refer to the [Build-up](#) section on page 5.

Props

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

Secondary



Key Information

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 main contact. The RHS will only communicate with the main contact and they 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.

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 List

When considering plants to use, plants that look their best in May/June are ideal. 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.

Acceptance of Site

Once the application has been accepted, the RHS will issue an Acceptance of Site contract that confirms site number, size and contact details. The Acceptance of Site contract will need to be signed and returned to confirm a place 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: Thursday 11 or Friday 12 June. We hope to be able to provide some activities for the school groups. When we have confirmed these activities, schools will be able to book into sessions on a first come, first served basis. Details on allocation.

Build-up

Each school is responsible for bringing their planter to the show, and will have an hour long slot on Wednesday 10 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 its 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.

Breakdown

The planters will be available for collection during the breakdown of the show on Monday 15 June from 8am to 7pm. **Health and Safety:** 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 and sturdy footwear such as boots or trainers. On the collection 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 a token drop system. The prizes for Primary and also additionally for Secondary school entires will be as follows:

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



Key Dates

Event	Guide Date
Application	
Application deadline	5pm Friday 10 January 2020
Acceptance of Site deadline	March 2020
Health & Safety deadline	April 2020
Build-up	
Build-up starts	Wednesday 10 June 2020 8am
Build-up completed	Wednesday 10 June 2020 by 7pm
Show	
Show Open Days	Thursday 11 June to Saturday 13 June 2020 10am-5.30pm Sunday 14 June 2020 10am-5pm
Breakdown	
Breakdown starts	5pm Sunday 14 June 2020
Breakdown completed	7pm Monday 15 June 2020

More information

- [Environmental responsibility](#)
- [Terms & Conditions](#)
- [General Show regulations](#)

Key Contacts

Show contacts

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