

Cove and Altens Community Council

Gardening Competition Results

Dr Jane Bingham, a plant biologist, judged the competition for us this year and here are her comments.

Best Garden - Hazel Sutherland - 23 Scylla Drive

This outstanding and beautiful garden is brimming with colour and diversity. It is a joy to see. It has been thoughtfully planted to give interest all year round and the plants are all thriving and well tended. Of particular note is the collection of fabulous Fuchsias.

Best Novice Garden - Andrew McHardy - 24 Lochinch Avenue

Another outstanding garden, slightly hidden from view by shrubs, it has a pretty cottage garden appeal, with old-fashioned favourites like sweetpeas, hollyhocks, lupins and gladioli. It has a good mix of plants with year-round interest.

Best hanging basket - Mrs E Bowie - 9 Sinclair Terrace

These large hanging baskets scored full marks - absolutely perfect. Bold and beautiful mix of colour and types of plants. The plants are healthy, bushy and flowering well.

Special mention/high commendation is given to Mr Bob Cowie of 64 Cove Gardens, who came a very close second place for Best Garden. This garden scored full marks for its adaptation of the site and its originality. It is a beautiful enhancement of the coastal path - an oasis in a wilderness. The standard of cultivation, particularly of the grass, is excellent.

All the gardens visited were colourfully planted and tended, and are beautiful enhancements to our community.

