

The East Midlands in Bloom Special Awards are an integral part of the Bloom campaign. Applicants are invited to submit entries for any or all of the following, either as part of a 'Bloom' entry or in the 'Bloom' entrants' nearby vicinity. Please note that a Bloom entrant is only allowed to enter one for each category of special award. The Best School Garden Award now has a separate entry form.

## A. Frank Constable Award for Best Front Garden



## B. Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display



## C. Best Retail/Commercial Premises



The criteria for awards are as follows:

### Frank Constable Award \*

- All year round interest
- Excellence in design and planting
- High standard of horticultural maintenance

### Hotel/Pub Gardens and Displays

- Attractiveness of planting
- Sustainability
- Quality of care and maintenance

### Retail/Commercial Premises

- Attractiveness of planting (temporary and / or permanent)
- Sustainability
- Quality of care and maintenance

## Judging Guidelines

A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for categories A, B and C. This is in addition to your normal 'In Bloom' judging time and the entry may be judged before, during or after your 'In Bloom' judging. Judges must be informed of your intention before the start of your judging route. If the entire 15 minutes is not used, the remainder cannot be added on to your 'In Bloom' judging time. The entry slip below must be completed and returned by the closing date of 30th April.

If you intend to enter any of the above categories but do not know who your nominations are likely to be before the closing date (perhaps you run your own local competition), please still let us know which categories you intend to enter by 30th April. You can let us have the full details later, as soon as you know them, preferably by 30th June. This ensures judges allocate adequate time for your entry when they make the judging arrangements.

\*For category A, side and rear gardens may be entered if they are clearly visible to the public. Judges must be supplied images of the garden to take away for later judging. Previous winners of the Frank Constable Award are not eligible to be re-nominated for this award.

For all entries concerned, please ensure you inform the proprietor of the arranged judging date and time as soon as it is confirmed with your EMIB judges. This will be during May or June and the judging period is in July. It is helpful to have the proprietor on site when the judges visit. Winners of categories B and C have to take a year out if they have won for three years consecutively. They can re-enter after that period.

**Please note:** Your entry must be permanent and original. EMIB Judges reserve the right to disqualify entrants who submit outside of the criteria and their decision is final. East Midlands in Bloom reserve the right to use photographs of the entry for publication purposes.

For more advice and support, contact: **Irene Bates**, Secretary of East Midlands in Bloom, on **01332 679598** or via email at: [info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk](mailto:info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk) or visit our website at: [www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk)

## Special Awards Application Form Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Special award entered (please tick):

A. Frank Constable Award

B. Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display

C. Best Retail/Commercial Premises

Name/s & Address/es front garden / pub / shop etc. entered:

A .....  
B .....  
C .....

The above entries are associated with: ..... (name of "In Bloom" entry if applicable)

Your contact details: Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel no: ..... E-mail: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....