



# Media Release

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**photo opportunity – see below**

## **FRUITS OF TENANTS' LABOURS RECOGNISED**

The competition may not be quite as intensive or as competitive as the National in Bloom Awards, but Harrogate Council's housing tenants have really excelled themselves this year in their annual gardening competition.

This year's event saw more tenants taking part as the competition has been opened up to tenants who live in homes managed by the council's partner housing associations as well as their own tenants.

Councillor Jean Butterfield, Cabinet Member for Housing said: “We were aiming for a spectacular competition this year, especially with Harrogate's entry in the Entente Florale. And our tenants didn't let us down. Judging was very difficult and although not everyone can be a prizewinner, we were extremely pleased with the quality of the entries. We are sure that they will have helped in the overall judging of Entente Florale where the judges take a great interest in community events like this.

“Many of our tenants work very hard in their gardens bringing pleasure to many but they very rarely get recognised for their efforts. This annual competition is their chance and thanks to some very supportive and generous local businesses, we have plenty to reward them with.”

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:** The Mayor of the Borough of Harrogate (Councillor Mrs Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley) will be presenting prizes on **Tuesday, 24 August** as follows:

### **Garden 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

10.00 am Mr Peter and Mrs Betty Martin, 125 Dene Park, Harrogate

### **Environmentally Friendly (new category)**

10.30 am Mr Raymond Starr, 7 Park House Green, Park House Court, Harrogate

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Container Garden**

11.45 am Mr Arnold Clement, 16 Mowbray Crescent, Kirkby Malzeard

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