



EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

Bee the Change Competition

A Garden Design for Bees and Pollinators

Terms and Conditions

1. Competition Overview

This competition invites participants to design a sustainable garden that promotes biodiversity and supports pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. The winning design will be brought to life in a residential care home garden, for the benefit of the residents to enjoy.

2. Eligibility

- Open to individuals – no minimum or maximum age requirements.
- Entries can be submitted individually or as a team/organisation, ie schools, community groups based in East Grinstead.
- Open to residents of East Grinstead only.
- Employees, contractors, and immediate family members of East Grinstead Town Council are not eligible to enter.

3. Entry Requirements

- Designs must focus on sustainability and pollinator-friendly planting.
- Submissions should include:
 - A garden design (hand-drawn or digital). Please see the images below and measurements for the area that will be used for the garden.
 - A planting list of species, with preference for sustainable, and pollinator-attracting plants.
 - A short-written description (max 300 words) explaining your concept.



Semi-circle raised bed: width: 3400mm depth: 2200mm

4. Submission Details

- Deadline for entries: 24 April 2026
- All entries must be submitted via email to towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk with an accompanying entry form and the entry requirements listed above.
- One entry per person/team.

5. Judging Criteria

Designs will be assessed based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Environmental sustainability
- Suitability for pollinators
- Practicality and feasibility of implementation
- Aesthetic appeal

The judging panel will consist of representatives from East Grinstead Town Council and East Grinstead in Bloom.

6. Prize

- The winning garden design will be planted in May 2026.
- Winner will be credited with a plaque on the planted garden site and will be asked to engage in any promotional materials to celebrate the winning garden design.

- Plant vouchers will be awarded to winners as follows: 1st: £75 2nd: £50 and 3rd £25. Sponsored by East Grinstead in Bloom.

7. Winner Notification

- The winner will be contacted via email by the 6 May 2026
- If the winner cannot be contacted within 7 days, a runner-up may be selected.

8. Design Rights and Permissions

- By entering, participants agree to grant East Grinstead Town Council a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, and showcase their design for promotional, educational, and implementation purposes.
- The winning entrant agrees to collaborate with East Grinstead Town Council to make any necessary adjustments for planting feasibility.

9. General Conditions

- No purchase necessary to enter.
- Entries must be original work and not infringe on the rights of others.
- East Grinstead Town Council reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition if necessary.
- By entering, participants agree to these terms and conditions.

10. Contact

For questions or further information, please contact:

towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk or visit www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk

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