

Cromar and District Horticultural and Industrial Society Amateur Summer Garden Results 2024

When I looked at last year's comments on the summer, there were some similarities with this year! The words 'unusual' and 'dreich', although I think gardeners also had to battle a colder summer than last year. However, a wee bittie of sun and a wee bittie of warmth and it's amazing what our gardens will do. Highly Commended this year were:

- Paul Biddle for his extensive use of 'dead hedges', making use of organic material to create a place for insects and mammals to live.
- Phil Basford for a great display of Sea Holly, with an unusual cultivar for the garden.
- Sabrina Humphrey for an amazing range of roses offering both colour and scent.

This year's 'Butterfly and Bee' Award, very kindly sponsored by George and Evelyne Baikie, was awarded to Liz Cooper whose garden contains a wide variety of flowers, of different shapes and colours, which offer vital nectar for these threatened insects.

The Society's thanks go to our judge, Stuart Pittendreigh, from the MacRobert Trust, Douneside, Tarland.

Class 218: Have-a-Go Garden

Bruce Shield	Phil Basford, Tarland
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Class 219: Cottage Garden

Hopewell Challenge Cup	Mary Welfare, Tarland
Wine Casket	Graham Bruce, Tarland
3 rd	George Cumming, Alford

Class 220: Flower Garden

Lawrie Challenge Cup	George Baikie, Aboyne
Greer McRoberts Cup	Sabrina Humphrey, Aboyne
3 rd	Edward Coutts, Aboyne

Class 221: Small or Courtyard Garden

Smith Shield

Lucy Taylor, Tarland

Class 224: Garden Elements, Ornamental Perennial Border1st Liz Cooper, Tarland2nd Mary Welfare, Tarland3rd Sabrina Humphrey, Aboyne**Class 225 Garden Elements, Wildlife Area**1st Paul Biddle, Tarland2nd Mary Welfare, Tarland**Class 226 Garden Elements, Patio**1st Liz Cooper, Tarland2nd George Cumming, Alford**Class 227 Garden Elements, Bedding Display**1st George Cumming, Alford2nd Sabrina Humphrey, Aboyne3rd Edward Coutts, Aboyne**Class 228 Garden Elements, Productive Plot**1st Paul Biddle, Tarland2nd Mary Welfare, Tarland**Class 229 Garden Elements, Productive Raised Bed**1st Sabrina Humphrey, Aboyne**Class 230 Garden Elements, Wildflower Area**1st Paul Biddle, Tarland2nd Mary Welfare, Tarland3rd Sabrina Humphrey, Aboyne