

PRESS RELEASE LYDD IN BLOOM 2026

The Lydd in Bloom 2026 presentation evening was held in the Council Chamber of the Guild Hall, Lydd on the evening of 20th July.

The Lydd in Bloom competition is to give recognition to those residents who have made a significant contribution to the appearance of the Parish with their summer planting schemes. The competition was judged by the Mayoress of Lydd, Cllr Mrs Jean Jones and Roger Hooper who is the Chairman of the Lydd Allotment Association.

All the prize winners received a certificate and gift voucher to spend at the Rye Garden Centre at Salts Farm.

The third prize winner were presented with a garden gift voucher for £15 by Roger Hooper, second prize winners were presented with a £20 voucher by Cllr Mrs Jones, and the first prize winners were presented with a £25 voucher by the Mayor, Cllr Bob Jones.

The winners this year were as follows:

Town Tubs and baskets

- 3rd 40 Skinner Road
- 2nd 23 Oakham Drive
- 1st Star Cottage, High Street

Coast Tubs and baskets

- 3rd No prize awarded
- 2nd Caithness, Dungeness
- 1st 6 Toby Road, Lydd on Sea

Town Gardens

- 3rd 96 High Street
- 2nd 45 Sycamore Close
- 1st 45 Station Road

Coast Gardens

- 3rd 26 Coast Drive
- 2nd 90 Leonard Road
- 1st 126 Leonard Road

The Town Clerk introduced the Allotment Cup as follows:

In 2013 The Allotment Association Management team was granted self-management status of the Lydd Allotments. The Chairman of the Allotment Association at that time, Barry Arter, was passionate about the allotments and determined to achieve his aim of self-management. He almost became an honorary member of Lydd Town Council as he attended many of our Council and Committee meetings to present his ideas about the Lydd Allotments. His determination meant that he was successful in achieving Allotment Self-Management for the Association. Unfortunately, he passed away too soon after reaching his goal, but Roger Hooper has continued the excellent work at Lydd Allotments. Lydd Town Council introduced the Barry Arter Cup in his memory in 2021 for the most well-tended allotment plot.

The winner for the best allotment plot was 13A who received a £30 voucher and the cup which was presented by Roger Hooper.

The overall winner of Lydd in Bloom 2026 was 72 The Derings and the Rose Bowl and £30 garden voucher was presented by the Mayor of Lydd.

Both of these trophies are held by the winners for one year until the next competition takes place.

Photograph of the Allotment Chairman, Roger Hooper, presenting the 3rd Prize Winner Town Garden, 96 High Street with their certificate and garden voucher.



Photograph of the Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Jean Jones, presenting the 2nd Prize Winner Town Garden, 45 Sycamore Close with their certificate and garden voucher.



Photograph of the Mayor, Councillor Bob Jones, presenting the 1st Prize Winner Town Garden, 45 Station Road with their certificate and garden voucher.



Photograph of the Allotment Chairman, Roger Hooper, presenting the 3rd Prize Winner Coast Garden, 26 Coast Drive with their certificate and garden voucher.



Photograph of the Allotment Chairman, Roger Hooper, presenting the Allotment Plot Winner, 13A with the Barry Arter Cup, certificate and garden voucher



Photograph of the Mayor, Councillor Bob Jones, presenting the Overall Prize Winner, 72 The Derings with the Lydd in Bloom Rose Bowl, certificate and garden voucher.

