

THORNHILL GARDENING COMPETITION

1981 - 1999

This competition was started in 1981 as a way to encourage people to take an interest in their gardens, a circular was sent round the village with entry forms for Premier Best Kept Garden. There were ten entries the first year and the competition was judged by Mr B Bell from Distington and Mr Norman. The prize presentation was on 29th August at the annual Horticultural Society show in the Social Club. The prizes had been on display in the Co-op window.

The first prize went to Mrs J Anderson 33 Thorny Road and runner up to Mr V Burton 9 Ehen Road. In the Open Competition the first prize went to W & R Hartley 15 High road and runner up to R & J Mitchell 25 The Crescent.

1983 - The addition of "Most imaginative use of open space" was added. The first winner being D Ward Dent Road and 2nd W Dixon 11 Dent Road

1984 - "Most Improved Garden" added to the categories, the first winners here being J Hunt 42 Thorny Road 2nd A & A Pickering 14 Ehen Road.

1985 - 1992 Premier, Open and Pensioners classes only

1993 - No competition

1994 - After a questionnaire was sent round the village and only 23 responses received the competition was run on a different format with the best front gardens being selected for a single competition. 24 gardens were selected to be entered in the competition with 1st and 2nd prizes and 2 Highly commended.

1995 - 1999 Ran as above, no records are held on the winners for these years.

2000 - From the Minutes Book "agreed to discontinue for the time being as it was felt that it was not having the desired effect in raising the general standards of gardens in Thornhill" Trophy's were collected and stored with the clerk.