

South & South East in Bloom - Its Your Neighbourhood 2018

The Friends of Palmeira and Adelaide

Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)

The group is working towards things such as:

- Being inclusive of local people
- Local ownership and direction
- Making a difference to local people
- Involving local people with planning, decision-making, communication & implementation
- Representative of the local community
- Getting support (e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.)
- Planning for the future
- Working in partnership with other organisations (i.e. police, community support officers, environmental groups etc.

Total Points Assessed (Out of 40)	22
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Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)

The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:

- Conservation (e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment)
- Composting
- Recycling
- Creating, maintaining or improving green space
- Sharing knowledge and skills

The group is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as:

- Fly-tipping
- Fly-posting
- Litter
- Graffiti
- Dog fouling

Total Points Assessed (Out of 30)	20
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SECTION C - Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)

The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:

- good plant choice
- Good maintenance, presentation and management
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Overcoming site difficulties
- Enhancing the area through gardening

Total Points Assessed (Out of 30)	20
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GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED	62
LEVEL ACHIEVED	Advancing (3)

Areas of Achievement

“This is our garden. I love it” was the reaction of one volunteer in the gardens at Palmeira and Adelaide. Primarily council-maintained the gardens are split into a formal area with rose garden and an informal, wilder area with wildflowers being allowed to naturalise in longer grass areas. The central recycling appears to be working well for residents. Where the council has allowed the grass on the banks to grow longer, wildflowers are now beginning to appear.

Areas for Development

There is an opportunity to carry out a wildlife survey and to identify the variety of species which are naturalising among the longer grass along the banks at Palmeira. Encourage the council to remove the cuttings when the banks are mown in order to reduce the fertility of the soil and further encourage wildflower establishment. Consider contacting Grow Wild to obtain further seeds <https://www.growwilduk.com> Good luck with obtaining funding for the restoration of the sea-facing wall.

Results

Level	Description	Points
	Establishing (1)	0 - 35
	Improving (2)	36 - 52
	Advancing (3)	53 - 68
	Thriving (4)	69 - 85
	Outstanding (5)	86 - 100