



## **Peter Maunder**

### **Garden Competition**



Peter Maunder, who died on the 15th October 2001 aged 75, was an inspirational Chairman, of great distinction for 15 years, of The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies and subsequently, and until the very end, a very active President. Peter also served on the Executive of The Hampshire Gardens Trust for many years.

The annual Peter Maunder Garden Competition has been held in his memory since 2004.

It is open to members of affiliated Horticultural Societies and Garden clubs. There is no limit on the number of gardens each society may enter but all gardens must be planted by the entrants.

Entering the competition presents an ideal opportunity to gain expert opinion and advice to help improve your garden.

## Categories:

### ○ Best individual garden

The judging criteria are:

- 1 Health, vigour, diversity and suitability of plants allowing for difficulty of cultivation **(30 points)**.
- 2 Suitability of design to the site with the requirements of household usage and the incorporation of the principles of water and top-soil conservation. **(20 points)**.
- 3 Visual impact, harmonious planting, with suitable encouragement for wildlife **(20 points)**.
- 4 Maintenance of paths, fences, walls, ponds, structures, hedges, green areas and working areas. These could include patios, natural pools, fruit and vegetable plots and woodland gardens **(15 points)**.
- 5 Cultivation, cleanliness and neatness. Freedom from pernicious weeds and diseases **(15 points)**.

### ○ Best vegetable patch

The judging criteria are based on the HFHS allotment competition:

- 1 Condition of the Plot and Visual Appearance. Free of weeds, well cultivated. **(25 points)**.
- 2 Workmanship. Tidy, well-presented crops. **(25 points)**.
- 3 Quality of crops. Vigorous plants, no pests, diseases or disorders. Broad range of vegetables, flowers and fruits. **(100 points)**.
- 4 Layout, rotation and crop productivity. **(25 points)**.
- 5 Composting, green manuring and use of organic methods. **(10 points)**.
- 6 Condition of structures. Includes sheds, paths, water butts, supports, greenhouses, frames and polytunnels. **(15 points)**.

**Awards.** Cash prizes are awarded for First (£30), Second (£20) and Third (£10) places in each category. The Veolia Trophy is awarded to the winning Garden Owner in the individual garden category.



**H.F.H.S./PETER MAUNDER GARDEN COMPETITION 2026  
ENTRY FORM**

Contact Name/Address .....

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Post Code..... Tel No. ....

**E.mail** .....

**Society** .....

**What categories are you entering?**

**Choose the option that best matches your garden**

Individual Garden                       Vegetable patch

**Please return this form to the Garden Competition Organiser:**

Email: [cford@mvnet.co.uk](mailto:cford@mvnet.co.uk)  
OR C Ford, Windmill House, St John's Lane, Shedfield, Hants SO32 2TA.

Payment: £1 for each garden entered, payable by cheque (to HFHS)  
or by BACS (HFHS Sort Code: 20-97-01, Account No: 10357316, Ref PMGC)

**Closing date for entries: 28th June 2026**

Gardens will be judged in early July, precise date and time to be arranged  
between owner and judge.