



# Front Gardens in Putney 2019

A competition to find the best front garden, window box or planter in Putney. You can enter by nominating yourself, a friend or a neighbour *(with their permission)*

Prizes will be National Garden Vouchers

**Best garden** £100 *(runner up £25)*

**Best window box or planter** £100 *(runner up £25)*

**This May, the Putney Society** will be seeking entries for the best front garden in Putney – although in this inaugural year we will be covering only those properties in post codes SW15 1 and SW15 2.

## **Why do front gardens matter and what impact do they have?**

$\frac{2}{3}$  of front gardens are now wholly or partially paved over - what impact does this have?

- ✿ garden plants and trees intercept pollutants in the air, reducing exposure to poor air quality.
- ✿ garden plants and trees catch the rain and slow the run-off, reducing the pressure on storm drains.
- ✿ soil naturally absorbs rainwater, reducing the risk of flooding and thereby maintaining the aquifer.
- ✿ more animal species are supported in cities and domestic gardens than in rural areas – this is particularly true of vital pollinators.
- ✿ the presence of gardens improves psychological and physical wellbeing.

The increase in off-street parking and growing use of hard paving means that there are many fewer green gardens in Putney than there were 20 years ago. But it is possible to create a place for cars or dustbins without entirely losing planting and over the next 20 years we hope that this competition will encourage residents to maintain or create attractive front gardens.

### Entry form

**Deadline for submission 30 May 2019**

I am entering myself  Entering someone else (with permission)

**Category:** Best front Garden  Best window box and/or planter

Name .....  
Email..... Telephone .....  
Address .....  
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If nominating someone else  
Name and address of nominee .....  
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Send two photographs (together with completed entry form, plus the date when the photograph was taken) of your front garden/window box or planter. They must be visible from the road as judges will visit the shortlist in person.

Please send to 28 Howards Lane,  
London SW15 6NQ or scan the form  
and send it with the photos to  
garden@putneysociety.org.uk

***Judging will take place in mid-June***

