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| **Criteria and Guidance for Best-Kept Allotment Judging** | |
| **Guidance and Criteria** | **MARKS** |
| 1. **CONDITION/WORKMANSHIP** 2. Tidiness/neatness/litter 3. Degree of cultivation 4. Weediness – excessive use of weed fabric instead of cultivation will lose marks 5. Pathways | **50** |
| 1. **QUALITY OF CROPS** 2. Wide range of crops – limited crops attract fewer marks 3. Healthy growth 4. Diseases and pests - control measures 5. Yield | **125** |
| 1. **LAYOUT/PLANNING** 2. Use of land/space 3. Intelligent adaptation of the plot layout to suit the plot holder’s needs 4. Use of companion planting 5. Overall visual effect 6. Cultivation of less common plants 7. Use of no-dig or deep bed methods 8. Successional sowing/continuity of production 9. Range/variety of crops used (vegetables, flowers, herbs) 10. Spacing of crops 11. Appropriate support structures | **30** |
| 1. **RE-CYCLING/ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRACTICES** 2. Composting 3. Re-use of materials 4. Good use of compost bins 5. Mulching where appropriate 6. Rainwater collection where possible 7. Any other environmental/animal friendly practices | **30** |
| 1. **CONDITION OF SHEDS/GREENHOUSES/COLD FRAMES/CLOCHES** 2. Soundness of structure 3. Plant support structures 4. As all structures are included, plots without sheds are not too disadvantaged | **15** |