



IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS – ASSESSOR(S) REPORT

Entry:	Callister Garden	Date:	9 th August 2023	
Assessor(s):	Roy Down / Pauline Gillett			
Total Marks:	87	Level:	5	Award: Outstanding

SECTION A Community Participation	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
Has a neighbourhood action team been formed?	15	13
Has there been an attempt to engage with the neighbourhood and other bodies?	25	22
TOTAL SECTION A	40	35
SECTION B Environmental Quality		
Was the area clean and tidy?	15	14
Has there been any environmental initiatives undertaken e.g. recycling, composting undertaken by the neighbourhood?	15	14
TOTAL SECTION B	30	28
SECTION C Gardening Achievement		
Design features, plant choice and impact	10	8
Standard of maintenance	10	8
Enhancement through creativity and innovation	5	4
Has gardening improved the area?	5	4
TOTAL SECTION C	30	24
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED	100	87

Areas of Achievement:

Callister Gardens gave a warm welcome to the judges and were treated to an excellent tour of the gardens. There was plenty of volunteers on hand for the judges to chat too, and there was a lot of activity going on. This is a lovely walled garden, and you feel like you are entering a 'secret garden', it is deceptively large.

The judges noted there are lots of environmental work going on with composting, water butts, bird boxes, pond, dead hedging, bug hotels, wildlife cameras. There are even some resident foxes!

It was nice to see that the gardens welcome refugees, and they have their own plot within the garden. Schools use the site and the public have access once a week.

There are some fantastic plans for the new pavilion, this will look incredible if the plans are anything to go by.

On a light-hearted note, it is not often you visit a garden or allotment that has its own hops turned into a beer. This lovely project obviously can bring in a few extra pounds. It sounds like you are working closely with a local brewer and other growing sites and using the local hops. Birken Hop Beer.

Level 1 Establishing 0 - 35; **Level 2** Improving 36 - 52; **Level 3** Advancing 53 - 68;

Level 4 Thriving 69 - 85; **Level 5** Outstanding 86 -100

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The gardens are well maintained and as the volunteers pointed out.... There is still a lot to do, and they are discovering new bits all the time.

Callister Gardens is a great project and thoroughly deserves to move up to Level 5, well done.

Areas for Development:

The main area for development is your new pavilion, this is a big project and will be a game-changer for the garden. Good luck with your plans. It would be nice to call back and see it when it is completed.