Standard Marking Sheet	**Name of Entry: Portishead in Bloom**
	Judge: Jon Wheatley
	Date of Assessment: 9th July 2026

Category: Village / Large Village / Small Town / Town / Large Town / Small City / City / Small Coastal / Large Coastal / Pennant. (Indicate category).

MAXIMUM OF 10 POINTS PER SUB SECTION									**Total marks awarded in sections A, B & C**	**Medal level awarded in sections A, B & C**
A Horticulture 40%	**A1**		**A2**		**A3**		**A4**			**GOLD**
B Environment 30%	**B1**		**B2**		**B3**					**GOLD**
C Community 30%	**C1**		**C2**		**C3**					**GOLD**

Total Score out of 100:	**Overall Medal Awarded: GOLD**

Medal Guide: Gold, Excellent 85-100 Points; Silver Gilt, Very Good 75-84 Points; Silver, Good 60-74 Points; Bronze, Satisfactory 50-59 Points. 49 Points and below – certificate of participation.

Introduction and Overall Impression: *(Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).*

Many congratulations Portishead in Bloom on achieving Gold in each of your areas and representing SWiB at the Nationals Competition in Rochdale this year with great success.
Portishead maritime history is of major significance in our region, with phenomenal heritage like John Cabot and The Matthew.
Your entry was well planned and demonstrated a high level of excellence throughout.
You have strong leadership and an excellent team of volunteers, all of whom wear the Portishead badge with pride, which is of credit to the South West of England.
It is significant that the transition over the last 30 years has enabled a high quality landscape to develop with some very special housing areas, all of which are complimented by the landscape, the coast and the many recreational and leisure areas around the port itself.
Only a few towns in the UK have achieved such high quality town planning and landscape features.
Finally, your community participation demonstrates excellence in every respect.
Very well done to you all!

Judges Feedback Section A – Horticulture: *(Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).*

You achieved Gold in all areas of horticulture.
Maintenance and upkeep is of a very high standard and your involvement with the allotments, the community, businesses and floral features in the town centre is superb.
Sustainable planting was evident throughout and you have created a 'wow' factor in many areas.
Your IYN Projects have embraced horticultural provision and formed the basis of some excellent areas for visitors and the community to enjoy.
You showcased the town centre exceptionally well, with a wide range of interesting beds, demonstrating high quality horticulture.
Finally, excellence was evidenced in the choice and provision of plantings seen in almost all areas, with consistency and appropriate design and growing to the fore.

Judges Feedback Section B – Environment: *(Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).*

There is a very strong appreciation of the natural environment and it was lovely to see how the challenging types of areas along the River Severn have been addressed with some of the most effective coastal management techniques I've seen in the UK.
Wildlife habitats were abundant, and there was a strong appreciation of wildfowl, with some lovely examples seen throughout the tour.
In the criteria area of B2, hard surfaces and open grass areas – nothing could be faulted – even where the new station is being built.
Careful consideration has been given to the management of this new development site, which in many towns and cities would create major environmental damage – this is not the case in Portishead.
Local identity is celebrated, as is heritage and a very strong, vibrant café culture exists.
Portishead is a wonderful place to visit, live and enjoy. It will only get better and better!

Judges Feedback Section C – Community: *(Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).*

Congratulations on your all year round activity.
You have developed strong working partnerships with both North Somerset Council and Glendale and the very many other events organisers and provisions that take place throughout the year in your lovely town.
Your work with young people and schools is excellent and can only provide future benefits to Portishead.
Your liaison and collaboration with all the lovely community groups and projects is exceptional, as is your work planning and events calendar, all of which combine to make you an In Bloom Group that we are proud to have take part in South West in Bloom.
Many congratulations to you all and thank you so much for such an enjoyable visit.