

South & South East in Bloom Small Park/Park/Large Park of the Year Award 2017

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council - Nonsuch Park

SECTION A – Making Way for People	Max Points	Actual Points
Access for all	15	11
Signage and visitor information	15	11
SECTION B– Design	Max Points	Actual Points
Appearance and practicality of layout	20	14
SECTION C– Welfare of Park Users	Max Points	Actual Points
Staff/voluntary presence *	10	7
Control of dog fouling	10	7
SECTION D– Facilities (Appropriate provision, accessibility and appearance of facilities)	Max Points	Actual Points
Maintenance of facilities *	25	18
SECTION E – Maintenance (Quality of horticultural and sports turf maintenance)	Max Points	Actual Points
Trees, shrubs, herbaceous, seasonal planting, ponds & lakes and sports areas	25	18
SECTION F –Maintenance of hard landscape features	Max Points	Actual Points
Paths, benches, bins, play areas and artificial surfaces	10	6
Control of litter, graffiti & vandalism	10	7
SECTION G– Environmental sustainability (Management of natural resources)	Max Points	Actual Points
Planting schemes which are achieving sustainability, reducing the use of scarce resources such as water and peat *	20	13
SECTION H–Conservation	Max Points	Actual Points
Management of natural features, wildlife and flora *	20	15

SECTION I – Community Involvement	Max Points	Actual Points
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Volunteering & promotion of the park as a community resource	20	16
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Maximum Points Available	200
Total Points Awarded	143
Award Nomination	Silver-Gilt

Assessors General Comments & Award Justification

The location and the size of this park was evidenced by the number of visitors on the day of the inspection. Creation of special areas for dog-owners and non-dog owning visitors was appreciated and possible to due to the size and scope of the facilities offered. The floral features were appropriate to the site and the conversion of annual bedding to sustainable planting is showing benefits although the surrounding box hedging will need more attention for neatness. In general this conversation must not lure staff into assuming it will look after itself as many herbaceous border owners find to their regret. Around the central pond the density of vegetation needs assessment and the reduction of Golden Conifers should be removed and not trimmed as ornamental "balls". Seat bases require a hard standing extending in front of the seats, not just underneath the seat itself. Much credit is due to the excellent co-operation with the "friends" and especially The Voles, whose work throughout the site was impressive. Their work coppicing will pay dividends as well as their general assistance on garden maintenance. Recycling of timber and other materials was obviously appreciated by the public who were able to purchase small items such as furniture as well as large seats around the site for commemorative purposes. The rose tunnel lacked impact on the day but efforts are in hand to improve this in the future but a major replanting may be necessary. In conclusion a large park with historic interest proving a range of facilities to both local and more distant visitors.

Results		
Level	Description	Points
	Certificate	0 - 77
	Bronze	78 - 108
	Silver	109 - 138
	Silver-Gilt	139 - 169
	Gold	170 - 200