

Summary

Taunton Flower Show is planning to host a competition called Cottage Plots which will consist of 6 teams of up to 4 people creating a garden plot measuring 1.5m x 2m x 0.2m

Design

Invitations will be sent out to Gardening clubs to send a design brief for this idea. The deadline for submissions is 1st December 2025.

There is no height limit but must be an appropriate scale to the 1.5m x 2m x 0.2m plot

The design may include non-plant material if appropriate, but must not dominate the design. Non plant material must not cover more than 10% of the area of the plot.

Plants can be containerised or planted and must be within the plot but can trail over the edges. Plants can be decorative, functional and or edible.

The six finalists will be selected by Taunton Flower Show in early January by a team consisting of some directors, office team, section leader and other invited guests. Applicants will be notified by 15th January 2026.

Build

Compost and plot structure (edge board and membrane) will be provided, and competitors will be allowed on site 2 days prior to the show to assemble their plots.

The build for the plot must take place between Wednesday 5th August and Thursday 6th August 2026 on site at Vivary Park, Taunton, TA1 3QE.

A board can be displayed on the stand with the details of the club. It should be A4 portrait and laminated.

Judging

The exhibit will be judged on design, quality of plants and suitability to the display.

Taunton Flower Show will find 2 judges to judge the plots, possibly at the same time as the other judging on Friday morning at 8am.