

# It's Your Neighbourhood Marking Sheet



<b>Name of group: Inverleith Allotments</b>		<b>Assessment date:</b> 22. 08.13
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<b>Introduction:</b> This allotment site is long established, with 126 plots on site. A beautifully maintained, productive site, with the recent addition of raised beds in what was previously a problem area on site..a boggy, badly drained area at bottom of a slope.		
<b>Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)</b>		
With 126 plots, and 173 plot holders..there is a huge amount of community participation here. The local schools have also used the allotments for projects..some history orientated..some cooking / healthy lifestyle. Visits by care home residents also bring another group of community into contact with the plot holders. Events such as tattie boiling / annual show are advertised on the noticeboard. The recent raised beds building project saw 20 volunteers move tonnes of soil donated by the local council, and beds being built using wood donated from local company...great all-round involvement with volunteers / businesses / council. The converted shipping container provides a hub for meetings, school groups, and a comfortable space to hold events..funded by Neighbourhood Partnership.		
Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)		35
<b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)</b>		
All plot holders are responsible for their own composting and there are many water butts in evidence. The very nature of an allotment site makes it attractive to wildlife, and there are a good number of small ponds on site. It is a wildlife haven in an urban area. The recent addition of 36 raised beds in an area of the site which was prone to flooding / poor drainage has been very successful. Bringing another area of land into productive use.		
Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)		25
<b>Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)</b>		
With so many individual ploholders on site, it is a fascinating mixture of 'gardens'. It could take hours to explore the varied and diverse plots..some incorporating sculpture.		
Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)		27
GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED		87
<b>LEVEL ACHIEVED</b>		Outstanding

**Areas of achievement:**

The addition of the new raised beds brings a previously difficult to manage area of ground into use. The raised beds are enabling those ploholders with limited physical ability to keep gardening. The good relations with the local council and local residents / schools lead to excellent community engagement.

**Areas for development:**

Hard to see how this allotment site could be significantly improved on what is already there! A photographic record of year round activity would be useful and interesting for judges and also schools etc.

**Results**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Developing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100