

NL in



BLOOM

GARDEN AWARDS 2026



LIVE HERE

On a beautifully sunny day in August, members of the Federation Executive Committee, joined by the Convenor of Housing and colleagues from North Lanarkshire Council, had the pleasure of judging the many entries for this year's North Lanarkshire in Bloom awards.

With so many outstanding gardens to visit, several follow-up trips were needed to fully appreciate the creativity and care on display.

We had hoped for good weather, but nothing could have prepared us for touring the region on the hottest day of the year! Despite the heat, the sunshine provided the perfect backdrop to view the gardens in their full, vibrant bloom.

Our journey took us across North Lanarkshire from Caldercruix to Croy and everywhere in between and once again, we were amazed by the talent, dedication, and imagination of our tenants.

Splashes of colour brightened entire streets, lifting spirits and creating a real sense of pride in the community.

Each year, we notice changes and improvements, with some gardens undergoing complete transformations.

The standard continues to rise, making the judging process incredibly difficult but also incredibly rewarding.

It's clear that these gardens are the result of hard work, vision, and often personal investment.

CONTENTS

Introduction	02
Airdrie & Cumbernauld Locality	03
Bellshill & Motherwell Locality	14
Coatbridge, Kilsyth & Northern Corridor Locality	27
Wishaw & Shotts Locality	38
North Lanarkshire Winners	47



We were especially delighted to see tenants growing their own produce strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, and more, and even more touched to hear how they share their harvests with neighbours, from homemade jam to fresh vegetables.

It was a true privilege to visit these wonderful gardens and meet the inspiring individuals behind them. Every garden had a story, and every tenant had a passion that shone through.

Thank you to all our tenants for welcoming us so warmly and for your continued dedication, you are making a real difference, and it does not go unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work

Jim Dobbie
Chairperson NLF



THE JUDGES



Airdrie & Cumbernauld Locality





Best Garden
Transformation
Rosie Smith



Best Garden
Transformation
Rosie Smith



Best Use of Space
Linda Rodger





Best Retirement
Complex Garden
Laurel Gardens



Best New Build
Edward Brady



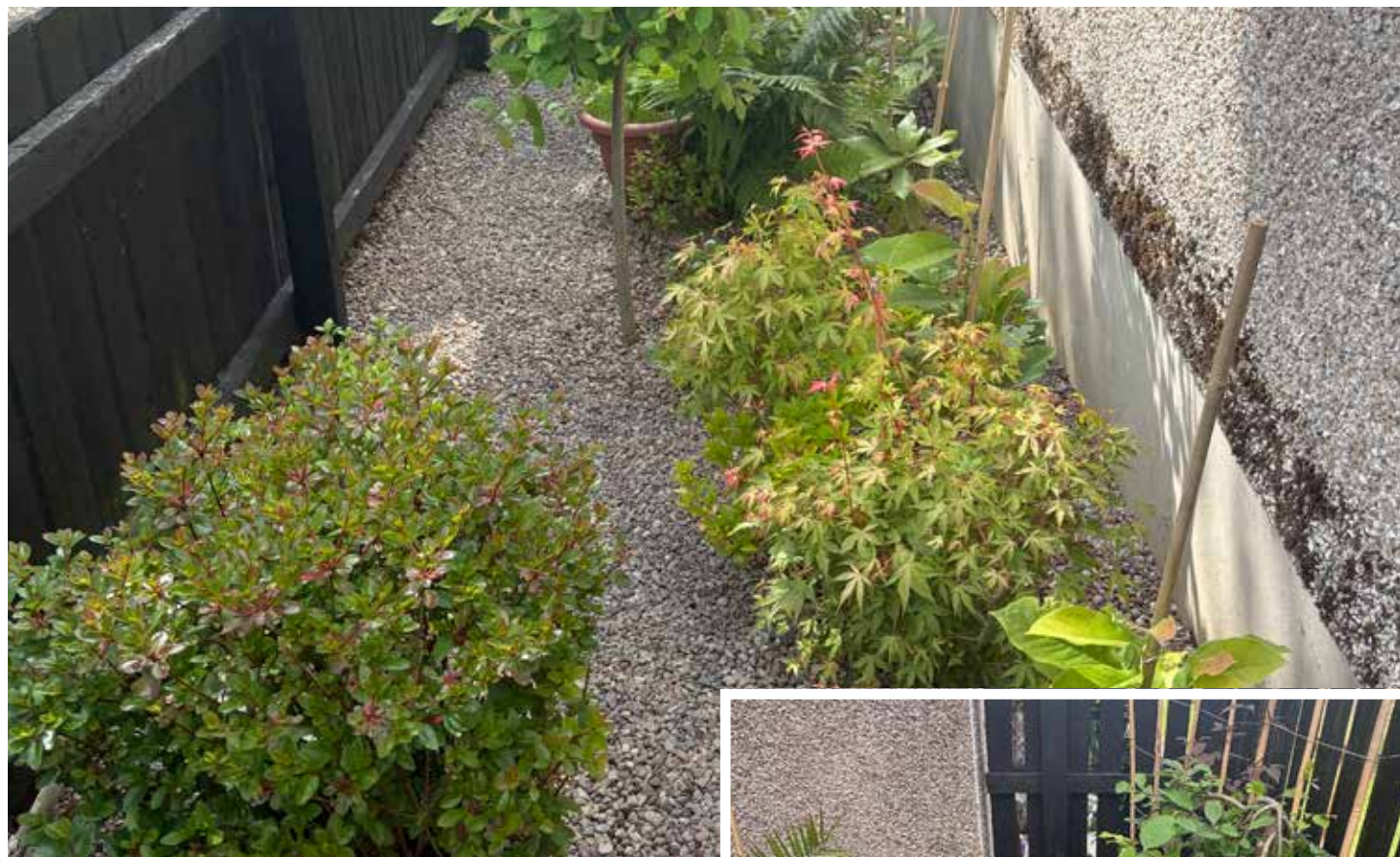


Pride in Place
Thomas Ellis

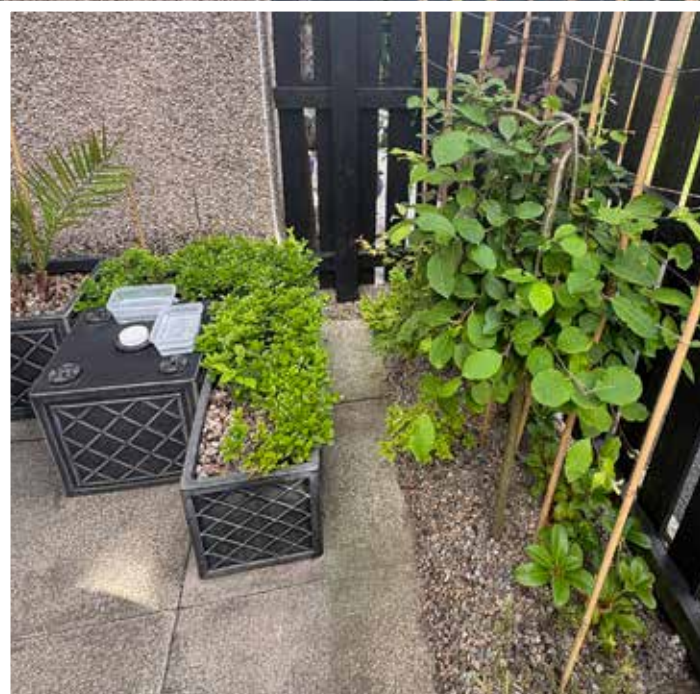


Pride in Place
Mary Dalgarno

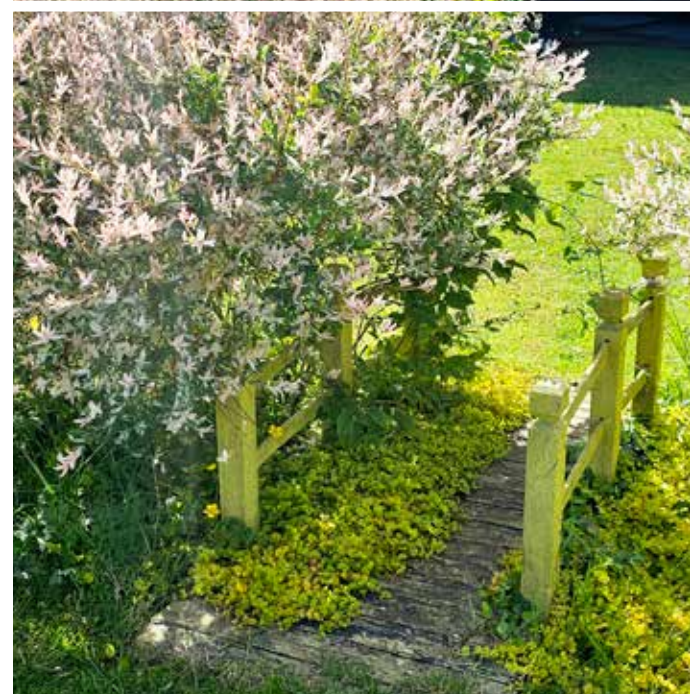




Special Commendation
Robin Archibald



Special Commendation
William Jack





Special Commendation
John Nisbet



Locality Winner
Mary Struthers



Motherwell & Bellshill Locality



Best Garden
Transformation
Bernard O'Hara





Best Use of Space
Daniel Hamilton



Best Retirement
Complex Garden
Kerr Grieve Court





Best Communal Garden
Lodge Tower



Most Sustainable
Garden
Gerard Daly





Best New Build
David Miller



Pride in Place
Archie Ferguson

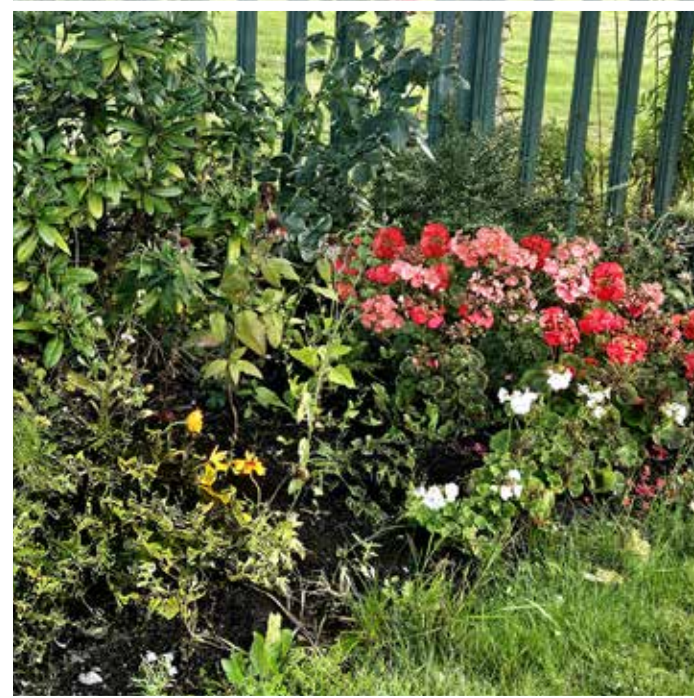




Pride in Place
Scott Kelman



Special Commendation
Unitas Court





Special Commendation
Adam & Anna Allardyce



Special Commendation
Patricia Fry





Locality Winner
Billy Scott



Coatbridge, Kilsyth & Northern Corridor Locality





Best Use of Space
Dundyvan Gardens



Best Retirement
Complex Garden
Pirnie Place





Best Communal Garden
James Hamill



Pride in Place
Bridie Convey





Pride in Place
Peter Collins

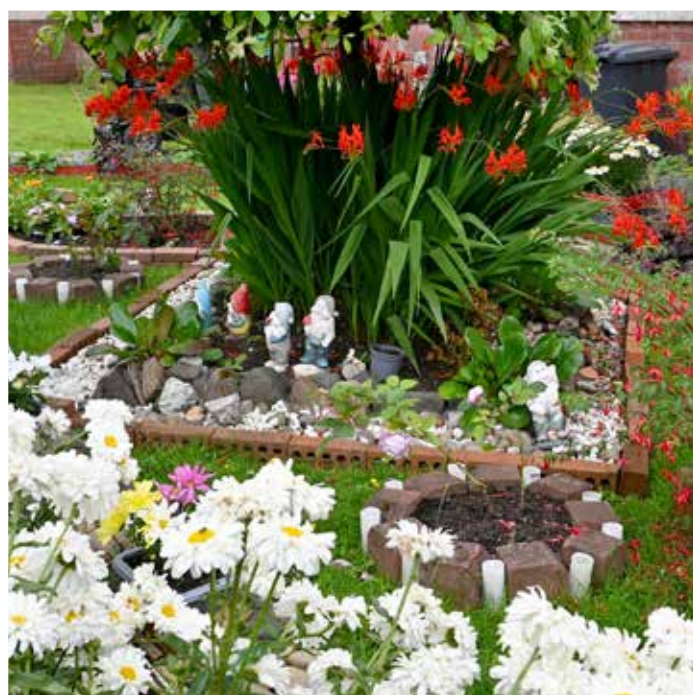


Pride in Place
Jean McRobbie
Zoe McPhee





Special Commendation
Wanda Kandzia



Special Commendation
Agnes Nash





Special Commendation
John McKeown

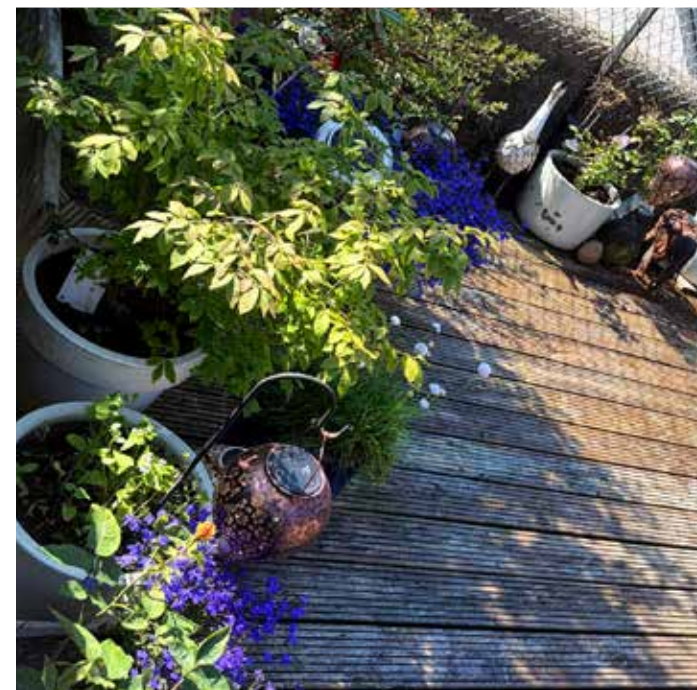


Locality Winner
Roman Sliwka





Wishaw & Shotts Locality



Best Use of Space
John Campbell





Best Retirement
Complex Garden
Sunart Street



Best Communal Garden
Drummond Drive





Most Sustainable
Garden
Susan Park



Pride in Place
Harry Hadden



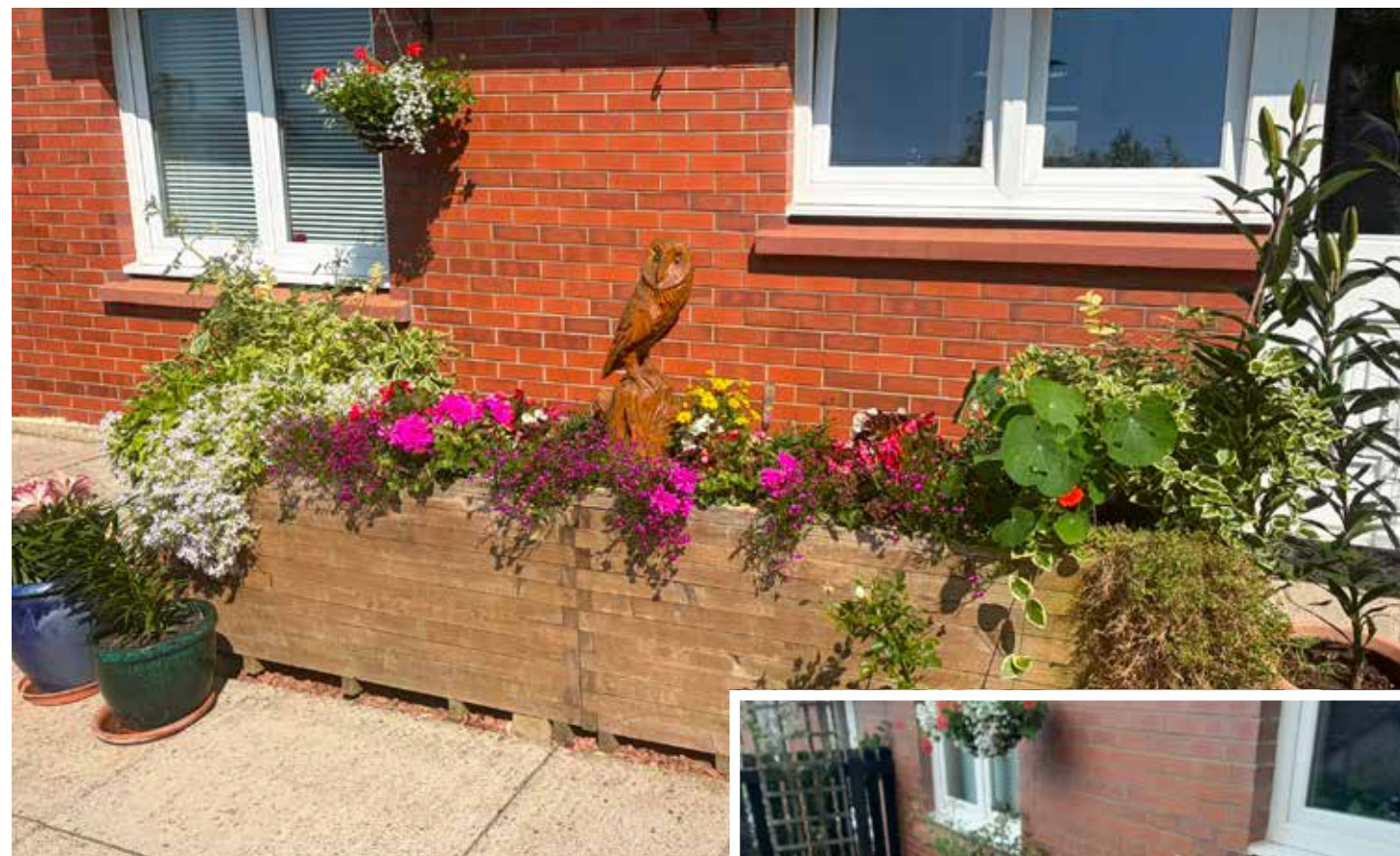


Pride in Place
Lynne Dunne

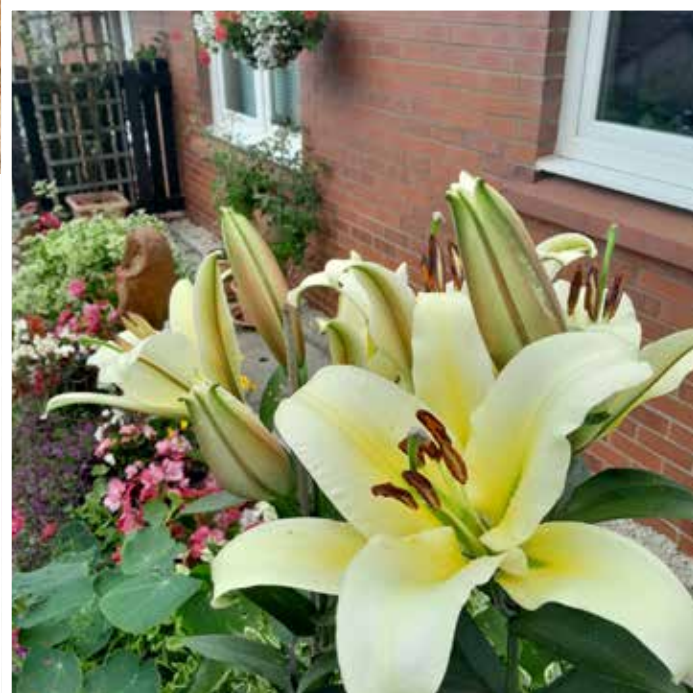


Special Commendation
Catherine Robert





Locality Winner
Jim Leonard



NL in Bloom 2026

Overall Winner
Billy Scott



NL in Bloom 2026

Overall Retirement
Housing Winner
Sunart Street





Congratulations from the TP TEAM

NL in Bloom 2026 The Winners

Each year the judging becomes more difficult, and this year was no different. There were so many worthy winners and the judging team was blown away by the quality of applications and gardens on show.

“Not only did we see some exceptional floral displays, but we also heard stories about how gardens have such a positive impact across communities. Some brightened up local areas and became a focal point for neighbours while some provided produce and cuttings allowing other gardens to flourish.

“It’s been a pleasure being part of the NL in Bloom competition and I want to thank everyone who was involved. So, whether you applied yourself, were nominated or nominated someone yourself, your involvement is appreciated. And thanks to all of the area’s top gardeners who bring their garden spaces, whether large or small, to life every year”.

Gillian Whitehead
Chief Officer
North Lanarkshire Council

As a passionate gardener, I was absolutely thrilled to join the Federation on their tour of the outstanding gardens across North Lanarkshire.

Having spent my entire career in housing, I thought I had seen it all when it comes to estate management but nothing could have prepared me for the breathtaking displays of colour and the impressive variety of homegrown produce.

I was genuinely blown away by the standard of the gardens and deeply moved by the stories tenants shared about what their outdoor spaces mean to them.

It was a real privilege to witness the dedication, creativity, and care that goes into each garden. I, for one, can’t wait to return next year

Audrey Johnstone
Housing Solutions Manager