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Q&A



Loyal subject for a hungry queen bee

Is there a winter-flowering plant that is a good food source for bees? **Ted, London**
DAVID: Emerging queen bees need food in winter to build up their strength before they start a hive. A great option is the evergreen shrub Mahonia media 'Winter Sun', known as Oregon grape.

It has fantastic racemes of nectar and pollen-rich yellow flowers in autumn and winter. So it brings great colour and support for our pollinators.



Super soil turning over a new old leaf

What should I do with all my autumn leaves?
Sharry, via email
DAVID: Create leaf mould. It's so easy and makes for a great soil conditioner.

Use thin leaves, like those of oak, beech and hornbeam trees, as they break down quickly and without any help. Pile them together and surround with a loose frame so they don't blow off. Within two years you'll have a free, eco-friendly soil improver.

TIP of the week

Remove built-up grime from garden shears by rubbing them with sandpaper before you sharpen them. It improves the sharpening job and your tools will cut much more effectively.

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The worthy overall winners of Cultivation Street have turned a derelict dump into a hub that celebrates nature, community and our differences

Get your garden party hats on and string up the bunting – it's time to announce the winner of Cultivation Street 2018. After working their way through a record-breaking number of entries, the judges have singled out the community project of the year.

So congratulations to Tay View Community Garden in Dundee – crowned overall winner.

It is found on a disused inner-city site near one of the most polluted crossroads in the city and, as the name suggests, it overlooks the River Tay. It was once derelict and uninspiring, but locals, artists and Dundee City Council have turned everything at the site over the past two years.

And it has been transformed into a beautiful, productive space that ties the whole community together.

What a difference they have made. The garden now has cultivated terraces where locals grow their own fruit and veg for use in their home-cooked meals.

It has a pond and biodiversity area stocked with interesting creatures by the children at nearby Wallacetown nursery. There is an orchard, a seating

Fruit, veg, wildlife and art come together in this thriving spot

area, and a designated art wall where graffiti artists and school children paint whatever takes their fancy.

Recently, the kids at Glebelands Primary even created a totem pole for the community garden as part of a school project.

Communities officer Stuart Fairweather, who entered the garden in Cultivation Street, said: "The impact of the garden is felt by all who pass through it."

"The gardeners themselves here are a mixed bunch from all corners of the Earth, growing crops that they can use to create personal dishes from their own cultures to share with others."

"Fruit, veg, wildlife and art come together in this many-faceted project in a thriving community."

The Cultivation Street judges were bowled over by the huge cross-section of locals involved in bringing this place to life.

People with mental health issues and learning disabilities, school children, refugees and recovering drug addicts have all come together to make the garden what it is today.

The judges also loved the many ways in which it is being put to good use. Dundee City Council's Sensory



Service treat it as a therapeutic resource for children with impaired vision and hearing.

Schools use the biodiversity area as an educational resource, and pedestrians and cyclists use it as a

pleasant shortcut to avoid a dangerous junction. Plus the area has seen a reduction in litter and anti-social behaviour because of the project.

Make no mistake, this project's impact on the community has been

nothing short of incredible. After hearing they had won Cultivation Street 2018, Sonja Goodwin, secretary of the committee for Tay View Community Garden, said: "It feels absolutely fantastic to win Cultivation

Street. This prize is really going to benefit the garden, the community and all the volunteers who come down here on a regular basis."

"There have been so many different people involved and we hope that our

success will encourage everybody across the city to become involved in their community gardens.

"We're really grateful to David Domoney, the judges and the Sunday Mirror and other sponsors."

Tay View Community Garden has been awarded £5,000 and 100 Calliope® geraniums from our main sponsor in support of their project.

That completes the Cultivation Street prize giveaway this year, which has seen community and school gardens across the UK receive more than £20,000 in prizes and a total of 1,600 Calliope® geraniums.

Well done to absolutely everyone who was involved – the entries this year were unbelievable. Hopefully, the stories of fabulous and life-changing projects like Tay View have been an inspiration. And there is nothing stopping you starting your own community garden – and joining in Cultivation Street next year.



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