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# RHS Schools Competition at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2021

Factsheet for RHS Schools Competition 'Wild World' Entries



# Competition Theme: Wild World



Over the past 50 years we have seen a decline in two thirds of the UK's insects, birds, mammals and amphibians. This has a dramatic effect on our biodiversity – a term used to describe the variety of plants, fungi and animals found on earth. By creating a wide variety of habitats for wildlife we can encourage stronger biodiversity in gardens!

We would like your school to design and build your *Wild World* for a creature of your choice, whether it be a bug hotel, a bee hive, a butterfly house or even a bird box! Think about how your entry could be incorporated into the Wild World, as if it were a town. Your entry could take the form of a library for ladybirds, a post office for paper wasps or a church for chaffinches. We encourage the use of recycled materials and would like you to ask your family, neighbours or members of your local community to donate any unwanted materials and plants.

## What happens next?

Applications must be received no later than **Friday 15 January 2021**. Your completed application, along with a colour drawing of your entry, will then be reviewed by the RHS.

If your application is selected, you will be sent your acceptance of site contract in the final week of January 2021. You must return this contract by **Friday 12 February 2021**.

You will be sent an information pack about your participation and the festival via post. You will also receive personal login details via email to the Online Zone, where you will register your adult working access passes.



# Key information

## Participation

- Entries are welcome from pre-schools and primary schools from the South East counties of England (Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, West Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Greater London, City of London, Surrey and Middlesex)
- Only one entry per pre-school or primary school is permitted
- Entries must not exceed 1m long x 1m wide x 1m high. They should have no loose or easily detachable parts
- Entries must include an element of plant material which can be fresh, dried or living
- Entries are encouraged to use recycled material to build their 'Wild World' habitats. They should be able to withstand all weather conditions
- You may use props or accessories to enhance your entry

## Acceptance of Site

Following confirmation that your Wild World entry has been accepted, you will be sent an Acceptance of Site contract. This must be returned by Friday 12 February 2021. Once this has been returned, you will gain access to the Online Zone where you will register your adult Working Access Passes and complete any additional paperwork necessary.

## Risk Assessment

Your school will also be required to upload a basic Risk Assessment for the school's visit on Press Day via the Online Zone.

## Press Day

On Press Day, Monday 5 July, a fixed number of 4 teachers and 20 pupils will be provided access to the Festival between 11am and 3pm. Press Day is an exclusive opportunity to look around the show before it opens to the public. If teachers, parents, family and friends would like to visit the show between Tuesday 6 July and Sunday 11 July 2021 then tickets can be purchased online (children can access the show for free along with a paying adult).

## Staging your entry

- Each school is responsible for bringing their *Wild World* entry to the show
- Once your entry has been accepted, you will be sent your staging date (either Saturday 3 or Sunday 4 July)
- Only two adults will be allowed onto the showground to stage their school's entry

## Collection

- Entries **must** be collected from the showground on Monday 12 July 2021 between 12pm and 6pm
- Only two adults will be allowed onto the showground to collect their school's entry. Any entries left will be removed

## Access Passes

Each adult accessing site for staging, Press Day and collection will be required to hold a valid Access Pass.

These are registered via the Online Zone once allocation has been confirmed. Access Passes will not be issued until Risk Assessments are provided and all other requirements are fulfilled.



# Prizes

All schools will receive a certificate of participation.

Your entry will be on display throughout Show Week. During this time, visitors will be able to vote for their favourite entry. The entry with the most amount of votes will win. Votes will be counted at the end of the show on Sunday 11 July.

The winning entry will be announced on the RHS website and by email to all participating schools following the show. All schools will receive a certificate of participation.

Prizes for the three most popular entries as voted for by the visitors to the show are as follows:

**1st Prize:** £200 Garden Centre Vouchers

**2nd Prize:** £150 Garden Centre Vouchers

**3rd Prize:** £50 Garden Centre Vouchers



# Key contacts

## Show contacts

### Deputy Show Manager



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## Show contacts

### Deputy Exhibitor Services Manager



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## Campaign for School Gardening

For general enquiries about gardening in your school or group, or to find out more about the RHS Campaign for School Gardening, please email [schoolgardening@rhs.org.uk](mailto:schoolgardening@rhs.org.uk)

## Health and safety

Telephone **020 7821 3087**

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## Online

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