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Blooming marvellous gardens scoop prizes

Lincolnshire based housing association Acis Group recently announced the winners of its annual garden competition following a record number of entries.

Acis invited all their tenants, who live in homes across Lincolnshire, Nottingham and South Yorkshire, to submit their gardens for entry into the competition which ran over the summer months.

The garden competition comprises of different categories so that tenants of all ages and with all varieties of gardens can enter. Entries are judged by members of the organisation's tenant communications group in the categories of best senior citizen garden, best flower garden, best container garden and best community garden. Winners of each category were awarded prizes worth £50 each, with prizes also given to second and third place gardens.

The competition's organiser, Acis Communications Officer Jacqui Thorburn, said:
"We have once again been delighted with the standard of the gardens in the competition. Not only do we receive more entries each year, but we also see the quality improve. It is testament to the time and effort put in by people to maintain their gardens to such a level. We want the competition to provide an opportunity for our tenants to share the fantastic work they do to keep the external areas of their homes looking so good."

Winner of the competition's most popular category, best senior citizen garden, was Mrs Conway of Gainsborough who said:
"It was the first time I entered the competition. I'd thought about it last year and with so many people commenting on how nice the garden was I thought why not give it a shot. It's important to keep on top of it every day, that's the biggest part. But it's definitely not a chore, I enjoy doing it. We're already looking at plans for the garden next year."

On receiving her winner's prize, Mrs Conway added:
"It was a nice surprise. We're going to buy something for the garden to mark the occasion! If you enjoy gardening, it gives you something to focus on, something to aim for at the end. Even if you don't win, showing other people your garden is rewarding."