



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET

Province of Somerset in Bloom Winners

My suspicion in April that there must be a goodly number of gardens in the Province looking rather splendid due to the lockdown has been very much confirmed, with just under 40 outstanding examples of horticulture having been submitted to the Province in Bloom competition, which closed recently on 31st May.

My thanks to everyone that took the time to submit entries, all of which can be seen on the Provincial Website here → <https://www.pglSom.org/category/topgarden/>. The judging panels have asked me to say how genuinely impressed they were by the standard of the entries, making the task of picking winners extremely difficult.

Without further ado, I'm sure would like to join me in congratulating the four winners, who are...

Award	Prize Gardener
Gold	John Appleby ("A worthy winner" according to Mrs Medlock)
Silver Gilt	Steve Williams
Silver	Adrian Halliwell
Bronze	Terry Ransome

As promised, the PGM has personally donated all of the prizes, including a fine malt as first prize, and three runner up prizes of wine from his Cellar. I do hope you enjoy your prizes, and I'm sure that David, Barry and Philip would be delighted to join you in a toast, as usual, at 9pm on Tuesdays (here → <https://www.pglSom.org/2020/04/08/somerset-province-coming-together/>).



1st



2nd



4th

3rd

I'm sure that the PGM will congratulate winners personally when Masonry re-opens, and meanwhile I'll work to deliver the prizes over the next week or so.



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Brethren, if you haven't already done so, could I also take the opportunity to remind you to sign up to the new provincial newsletter (here --> <https://www.pglsom.org/subscribe-to-newsletter/>), and also ask that you take advantage of all of the means of communication offered through the province, including the website, social media and the new newsletter.

None of these tools work without events, news, stories, diary dates, and pictures etc. from you, and so please do let us know what you have been doing during the lockdown or of any events you have planned for when we start to meet again.

You can of course refer to the province in your social media posts (Facebook: @somerseffreemasons, Twitter: @PGLSomerset), but if you have anything for the website or the newsletter please submit via your Lodge Communication Officer (LCO), who will ensure that they are then forwarded to your Area Communications Officers (ACO) for publication, or if you prefer, please submit directly via your ACO.

Name	Lodge	Area
Scott Gibbons	2761 Royal Naval	SE
David Hogg	4095 St Alphege	NE
Val Cooke	53 Royal Sussex	Central
Andy Baird	2390 Exmoor	SW
Terry Porter	3169 King Alfred	NW

(Taken from the Website, here --> <https://www.pglsom.org/provincial-officers-2020-2021/>)

Your ACO can be contacted personally, or via the central email address: aco@pglsom.org

Finally Brethren, can I thank, most sincerely our resident web guru, Andy Wade for all of his efforts in preparing the website for the competition, compiling the entries and publishing the results. He has done a tremendous amount of work and I am sure it is greatly appreciated by you all.

Can I once again congratulate John, Steve, Adrian and Terry, the worthy winners of Province in Bloom, and who knows, we may even make this or something like it a regular feature (please do send me any ideas).

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly

Tony Guthrie