



## IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS – ASSESSOR(S) REPORT

<b>Entry:</b>	Longford Park	<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Assessor(s):</b>	Russ Baguley		
<b>Total Marks:</b>	88	<b>Level:</b>	5
		<b>Award:</b>	Outstanding

SECTION A Community Participation	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
Has a neighbourhood action team been formed?	<b>15</b>	13
Has there been an attempt to engage with the neighbourhood and other bodies?	<b>25</b>	24
<b>TOTAL SECTION A</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>
SECTION B Environmental Quality		
Was the area clean and tidy?	<b>15</b>	13
Has there been any environmental initiatives undertaken e.g. recycling, composting undertaken by the neighbourhood?	<b>15</b>	13
<b>TOTAL SECTION B</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>
SECTION C Gardening Achievement		
Design features, plant choice and impact	<b>10</b>	8
Standard of maintenance	<b>10</b>	8
Enhancement through creativity and innovation	<b>5</b>	4
Has gardening improved the area?	<b>5</b>	5
<b>TOTAL SECTION C</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>

### Areas of Achievement:

The Judge was grateful to be shown round Longford Park as this is a large IYN Entry with many Areas of interest for all local residents and many visitors to enjoy. The Friends of Group have worked hard to make numerous improvements to the Grounds, Heritage buildings, Artwork Carvings and Public usage of the many facilities.

They display great skills at Community engagement, working alongside Local Authority, Historians and Businesses.

Worthy of a special note are the Specimen Trees and the mixed beds which are well planned and maintained to a very good standard. The Judge was very impressed with the Walled Garden which is a credit to the Volunteers to be kept in keeping with the History factor of the Park.

The Tree Trail and information boards is superb and the Leaflet with Healthy walks options is a major asset to the Area and its many users. Interesting to see and hear the positive comments made during the walk round for all the hard work full involvement of the Volunteers.

**Level 1** Establishing 0 - 35; **Level 2** Improving 36 - 52; **Level 3** Advancing 53 - 68;

**Level 4** Thriving 69 - 85; **Level 5** Outstanding 86 -100

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I was delighted by the many features and was impressed with the naturalised Disc Golf Course with the Tree views and variety of Shrub Areas that also can be a superb Nature walk for all ages to enjoy. Also every person I met during the day was very knowledgeable, dedicated and great ownership skills for improving the whole area. Well done.

**Areas for Development:**

Difficult to comment on such an established, well organised and active Group. It will always be more beneficial to increase the amount of recycling/reusing of materials to save on ever increasing costs. Always seek any available funding especially with size of the Area covered by yourselves.