

Green fingered fun

Well done to you all for proving your green fingers in this year's gardening competition and making your gardens look 'blooming' marvellous.

While our congratulations go to the winners, who all received a certificate and £50 gardening voucher; we would like to thank all of you for making your homes look fantastic.

David Leatherdale, Grounds Maintenance team leader, said: "The gardening competition received lots of entries which made the task of choosing a winner very hard. Our congratulations go to all of the winners and we hope that next year's competition will be even bigger and better."

Meet our 'highly commended' winner overleaf...



Best environmentally friendly garden – Mr and Mrs Wilson, Great Baddow, Chelmsford.



Best communal garden – Purbeck Court, Great Baddow, Chelmsford.



Best front garden – Mr and Mrs Atkin, Little Waltham, Chelmsford.



Best back garden – Mr and Mrs Jackson, Great Baddow, Chelmsford.

Highly commended...

Our congratulations go to the green-fingered Mr and Mrs Morley, Little Waltham, who impressed our judges so much they received a 'highly commended' certificate and £30 gardening voucher.

Tending to the flowers, fruit trees and fauna on a daily basis, Mr Morley – who is 86-years-old and registered blind – recently dug up and relayed the turf in the back garden by touch alone. Visiting gardening centres on his behalf; Mrs Morley says that she 'regularly loses him in the garden for hours on end'.

Mr Morley – who was the manager of England's speedway team for two seasons during the 1960's and who was known as the 'best speedway track builder' in the country – has lived with his wife in Little Waltham for the past 12 years.

David Leatherdale, Grounds Maintenance team leader, said: "The highly commended certificate goes to Mr and Mrs Morley – who are extremely worthy of the award - as it recognises the amount of hard work they have put into their garden to make it look perfect."



Mr and Mrs Morley receiving their certificate and vouchers from Stuart Stackhouse, Chief Executive, and David Leatherdale, Grounds Maintenance team leader.

