



## RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form 2022

<b>Name of Entry: Cowbridge Physic Garden Trust</b>	
<b>Assessor: Peter Barton-Price</b>	<b>Assessment Date: 05/07/2022</b>
<b>Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)</b>	
<p>The group is working towards things such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being inclusive of local people</li> <li>Local ownership and direction</li> <li>Making a difference to local people</li> <li>Involving local people with planning, decision-making, communication &amp; implementation</li> <li>Representative of the local community</li> <li>Getting support (e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.)</li> <li>Planning for the future</li> <li>Working in partnership with other organisations (i.e. police, community support officers, environmental groups etc.)</li> </ul>	
Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)	37
<b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)</b>	
<p>The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation (e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment)</li> <li>Composting</li> <li>Recycling</li> <li>Creating, maintaining or improving green space</li> <li>Sharing knowledge and skills</li> </ul> <p>The group is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fly-tipping</li> <li>Fly-posting</li> <li>Litter</li> <li>Graffiti</li> <li>Dog fouling</li> </ul>	
Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)	29

**Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)**

The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:

good plant choice

Good maintenance, presentation and management

Creativity

Innovation

Overcoming site difficulties

Enhancing the area through gardening

Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)

29

**GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED**

**95**

**LEVEL ACHIEVED**

**OUTSTANDING**

**Areas of achievement:**

Can I firstly thank you for the warmest of welcomes it was my first visit to these wonderful gardens and it was a delight to see the amount of people using the garden for both relaxation and gentle exercise.

The heritage plant collection was a delight to see and I had an educational journey around the site, not only was there a real purpose to the garden but the planting was very well colour balanced and the garden totally accessible for people of all abilities. The Espalier apple trees is without doubt the best example I have seen. You are where possible on site, undertaking good environmental practices, composting, rain water harvesting and zero use of chemicals.

Following on from such difficult time and having the garden closed has brought challenges , so it was really good to hear and see that the group maintaining the garden is still going strong,

The literature available gives the opportunity for visitors to truly understand the purpose of the garden, its aim and objectives. Encouraging events on site such as guided tours and plant sales brings not only fund raising opportunities but also promotes membership availability.

Your web pages add real value to the site and it would be good to see you celebrating you IYN achievements as you are with other awards.

You are to be congratulated on securing the future of the site with your volunteer programme attracting primarily horticulturist and a royal proton.

**Areas for development:**

Again congratulations on this achievement and my thanks again to you all for my very enjoyable visit

Your web page is a really opportunity to celebrate all you have achieved and you may wish to add your high achievement as an `It's Your Neighbourhood' – Outstanding.

**Results**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
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