

Beautiful Scotland Annual Seminar - Aviemore, 2nd November 2007

1. How did you travel to the Seminar?	CAR	TRAIN	Combined Car/train	BUS	Combined train/bus	Hired bus
	64%	10%	4%	12%	1%	9%
2. How suitable would you rate this venue?			EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	No answer
			78%	19%	1%	2%
3. Was there sufficient information sent out in advance of the Seminar				YES	NO	No answer
				98%	1%	1%
4. Did the items in the programme inform and help your community for future campaigns?					YES	No answer
					96%	4%
Comments:						
Ideas from other areas, e.g. basket filling & fundraising ideas, have been taken on board						
Not all relevant to our area - it would be of more interest to larger areas and groups						
Very useful to have a brief time to discuss judging with actual people who visited our community						
Good to get more detailed comment and suggestions from judges / Being able to speak to the judges was very						
The small group sessions were good last year / the afternoon sessions in 2006 featured brief presentations which I found far more helpful than this year's stands						
Many good ideas and hints for our future community programmes						
North Berwick presentation very inspiring						
Would have been useful to cover sections C & D - I assume you're keeping them for next year						
Exchange of ideas is always very useful / always able to pick up new ideas						
Good tips/advice/assistance offered. Good networking opportunity / Some very useful tips. "Good to talk" with						
Why should we as a group be responsible for work which is the responsibility of the local Council, i.e. litter, chewing gum. More time to speak to the judges.						
I still think some of the criteria are difficult to relate to small 'neighbourhood areas' where the boundaries don't relate to anything quantifiable						
Very worthwhile event / Many good ideas from great sources / Great presentations. Good variety of information						
Very interesting and enjoyable seminar - talking to other entrants and exchanging ideas - marketplace very						
Good info on section B, also some good & interesting comments on grass maintenance and biodiversity of fringe areas / especially sustainability and biodiversity information / enjoyed Keith Scrimgeour facts - very informative, also Carolyn's encouragement / information on planting						
We feel really inspired to do better next year - very much enjoyed hearing of others' experiences						
Consider theming particular items with examples of best practise						
Put fire in our bellies! / Made us very enthusiastic about the coming year						
Inspired to continue helping our environment and giving pleasure to many people with wonderful colour in our lives						

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5. Main campaign entrants only: Would your group prefer the Presentation of Awards in September to be a daytime event (as at present) or an evening event, bearing in mind that this may involve an accommodation cost for your group	Daytime	Evening	No preference
	92%	3%	5%
6. Any other comments or suggestions:			
Please don't rush the presentations so much. It is a big deal for many community groups to receive an award & I felt that this part of the programme was too rushed. Slow down and let people enjoy!			
Full information on marking scheme			
Your suggested 'split' of marks in the new spring unannounced visits indicates that you still put greatest value on summer planting & flowering. In our area spring bulbs and foliage are by far the most important features of the year but never receive the due marks			
category			
Some fruit at lunch would have been nice			
Best practice info on the website			
More space between stands at 'marketplace'			
Good idea to keep awards ceremony in different places. DDA friendly section?			
Time allowed for 'networking' - good feature			
Sorry, more central location - Aviemore not easy from east coast			
Being a Brownie Guider, bringing kids out to meet judges is extremely complicated (paperwork-wise), especially during school holidays. I do feel more children should be encouraged, possibly with school or group competitions - maybe children's garden comp or shield? Judges' folder design competition maybe?			
More child-friendly & more children or run separate event aimed at child projects/ Eco Schools			
The spirit is willing - the bodies are few			
A very good day - we were able to pick the brains of successful entrants. Very good nosh.			
Accoustics good but screen small / screen too small			
Good to have a 'North' location			
Perhaps increase % of overall score for spring unannounced judging			
Continue rotation of venues around Scotland			
More salad please & a fork to eat it with			
Air conditioning mode where I was very cold & draughty - so not very comfortable - spoke to Reception about this but no change made - still icy			
Probably afternoon should have had a speaker after lunch / then questions, or vice-versa, then stands so people could go early and would not be so noticeable			
2006 afternoon programme was preferable to the "Marketplace" session of 2007. It was full of information which we took back to our community. 2007 morning sessions most informative.			