

The South East Cornwall Tourism Association known locally as SECTA are pleased to announce that the Annual Caradon in Bloom 2008 competition will be taking place again this summer.

The competition has been running for several years and the intention is to recognize and promote South East Cornwall as a place where gardens and public displays enhance our environment.

The competition has three distinctive areas. The first area looks at the gardens and floral displays of SECTA members. Eight awards are given, reflecting the diversity of member's horticultural skills and the effort taken to enhance their establishments. There is also a Judges Special award if they feel that someone deserves a special merit.

Secondly SECTA's judging panel looks at Public Gardens and floral displays in the Towns and Villages of Caradon, in order to award, Best Town, Best Large Village and Best Small Village. Again there is a Judges Special award if the panel feels it is warranted.

Finally we have the best Commercial Properties Category to be found in each of the five main towns of Caradon. This is specifically for non - members and forms part of the SECTA Judging Panel brief when traveling around the Caradon District. SECTA members and members of the public can become involved by bringing to the attention of the committee any commercial property which they feel may warrant an award. Nominations can be made by email to membership@secta.org.uk.

Judging will commence in July and SECTA are hopeful that we can call upon the services of the Looe in Bloom Committee to act as our independent judging panel. Looe in Bloom already do a splendid job in planting and keeping Looe colourful all season and are expert in assessing floral displays.

The awards ceremony will take place at the October SECTA general meeting in the Hannaford Point Hotel. All award winners will be notified.

As in the past SECTA would be pleased to receive sponsorship for any of the awards from Commercial Enterprises in the Caradon District who would like to become involved in this prestigious event.