



## WHEELBARROW GARDEN CHALLENGE JUDGING CRITERIA & RULES

### **Judging Criteria**

The esteemed panel of judges will be judging on the following:

1. Innovation – Clever use of colours, plants, features, layout and design.
2. Plants – The choice of plants, the combination of planting, and display.
3. The theme of the barrow – Does the barrow portray the theme of the movie clearly?
4. Background story – An insight into the organisation and its journey in creating the barrow.
5. Quality of planting, construction, and quality scale and finish.
6. Does everything comply with the rules? (See next page)

### **Four Judging Categories**

1. Wheelbarrow Garden Challenge Overall Winner
2. Public Winner – All wheelbarrows will be open to a public vote.
3. Children's Winner – Local children will cast their vote.
4. Peers' Winner – Each wheelbarrow entry will get the opportunity to cast one vote for their favourite wheelbarrow. Participants cannot judge their own exhibit.

The panel judging will take place in the afternoon of Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Children's and Peers' judging will take place on the morning of Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

The Public vote will take place across the Garden Show Ireland weekend. The results will be announced the following Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

**Good Luck**

*David Domoney*

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## Rules

1. There is one wheelbarrow per entry.
2. Please collect your wheelbarrow and compost on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, between 10am and 8pm.
3. You can paint the wheelbarrow, but not change its design.
4. The barrow must be able to stand on its front wheel and rear two feet (the rear two feet will be raised to make the surface of the barrow level).
5. The barrow must be stable and balanced, so it can stand on its own.
6. Nothing can touch the ground other than the wheels and the feet of the barrow. No plants trailing over the side can touch the ground.
7. Everything must be contained inside the barrow's bucket.
8. There can only be one movie theme per barrow.
9. You can use battery-powered items in your barrow.
10. You must use the specific barrow being provided.
11. You can have water features in your barrow.
12. You can keep your barrow afterwards.
13. The barrow must be able to be pushed like a traditional barrow, using the handles and the wheels, meaning you can't adapt it to just be stationary.
14. You must provide a 150 to 200-word introduction of your group or organisation.
15. You must provide a 150 to 200-word description of what your intentions were with the design and creation.
16. You will provide a group photo of your team, and preferably additional photos of you making the wheelbarrow.
17. Please include a logo of your club or organisation, if applicable.
18. An additional hundred words covering something special to your garden and the journey in creating it. All copy provided will be edited down to make your signage board.
19. Remember - this exhibit is on show to the public. So please do not put any items on there of a high personal value to you, or items of significant cash value.
20. You will be allowed to maintain your garden during the show; each group will receive two complimentary tickets per day of the show. However, there are staff available to water them.
21. You will have the opportunity to judge the barrows yourself - you will have one vote per team, and you aren't allowed to vote for your own barrow. You will be supplied with a judging form.
22. You must deliver your barrow on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, between 9am - 5pm.
23. Remember, this is a family show. Please, no nudity, illegal items, or any items of an offensive nature.
24. The judges' decisions are final.