



LEE Committee – 2nd March 2021

Agenda Item LEE1625/21

Community Sunflower Competition

Background

The annual sunflower competition is a popular event for local schools and continues to be successful each year. Sunflowers are cheap to grow but have a beautiful visual impact.

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With many people in need of a little joy after a difficult year it is proposed the 2021 competition is extended to include categories for individuals/families. Entrants could collect their seeds from the Parish Council office at the end of March (can be left in a box outside similarly to the dog bags if Covid restrictions are still in place) and would be encouraged to plant in their front garden if possible for others to enjoy. Guidance on how to grow the sunflowers will be available along with printed versions upon request.

Due to the potential number of participants, entrants would be asked to submit their own measurements to the Parish Council office and only the top 5 measurements will be validated by a representative from the Council to decide a winner (if permitted within the Covid guidelines). A winner would be selected for both height and diameter of sunflower head. Timeline for measurement will be agreed depending on the season and could either take place at the same time as the Schools competition or at the end of the season, usually mid-late summer. Winners would receive a token sunflower trophy.

Proposal

1. The annual school sunflower competition is extended to include categories for the community in 2021
2. That the current competition budget be increased by £200 to cover the cost of extra sunflower seeds and small trophies for the winners

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