GROW A SUNFLOWER THIS SUMMER

and enter the

2016

HERSHAM

SUNFLOWER

COMPETITION!

Entries will be judged in late August/early September by representatives from Hersham in Bloom in the following four categories:

Height for an individually planted sunflower

1. **Tallest – measured to the highest part of the plant**
2. **Nearest to a particular measurement between 2 and 7 feet randomly selected on the day before judging**

Displays visible from the Street

3. **Best street facing front garden display featuring several sunflowers**
4. **The street with the most sunflowers in different front gardens visible from the street.**

There will be a £25 cash prize for the tallest sunflower; and £25 Squires vouchers for the winners of categories 2 and 3. For category 4, participating households in the winning street will each receive a certificate and a free packet of seeds.

Rules and further information

The competition is open to anyone who plants a sunflower in Hersham. The type of seed is not specified. Sunflowers seeds may be your own or may be collected free from Flowers and Things in Hersham. If your seeds grow and you decide you would like your sunflowers to be judged as part of the competition just email

info@hershamresidents.info

before the 15th August.

Advice on Growing Sunflowers

There are no rules about how you grow the plants – but here are some suggestions:

Starting them off:-

You can plant sunflower seeds at any time up to the end of May in the ground where they are due to flower.

However, you might want to start them in a pot to protect them from slugs until the leaves are well established.

Ground conditions:-

Find a sunny spot, prepare the ground and perhaps add some fertiliser. Put in a bamboo pole or other stake.
Water the ground before you add the plant or seed
Protect from slugs until established.
Water regularly and see what happens!

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