

Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park is renowned worldwide for its prestigious international rose garden and rose trials. I am delighted that



rose breeders from across the world continue to endorse the rose trials in Belfast by sending their trial roses to us each year. There is no doubt the longevity of the trials is greatly down to their continued involvement. This year the 53rd International Rose Trial was held in the City of Belfast International Rose Garden.

Rose Week is held each year to celebrate the rose garden and its programme of music and entertainment attracts thousands of visitors of all ages. For many the international rose garden and its spectacular array of colour created by some 45,000 rose blooms is one of the main highlights of their visit. They not only enjoy looking at the magnificent displays of roses but they also take pleasure from the wonderful fragrance.

On behalf of Belfast City Council I would like to thank the international judges who visited Belfast to participate in the judging of the rose trials, the sponsors of the awards presented to this year's winning rose breeders and to the Rose Society of Northern Ireland for their continued support.

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Councillor Deirdre Hargey

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City of Belfast International Rose Trials

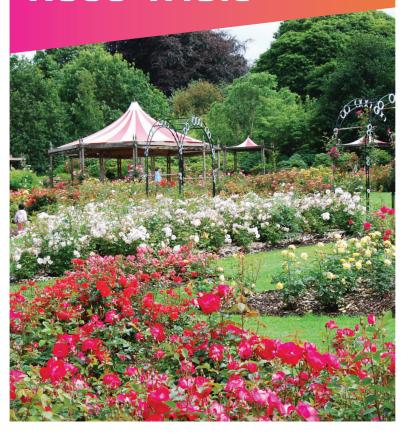
Since the inception of The City of Belfast International Rose Trials in 1965 there has been a close and somewhat unique relationship between Belfast City Council and The Rose Society of Northern Ireland.

The management of the International Rose Garden in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park is the responsibility of the council's City & Neighbourhood Services Department, while the judging of the rose trials is carried out by the Rose Society's panel of judges. The Society also carries out regular visits to the rose trials on an advisory basis. The Society's Summer Rose and Flower Show has been for many years an integral part of Belfast's annual July Rose Week.

As President of The Rose Society I have to acknowledge how pleasant it is to support the helpful staff of the City Council in the management of this world-famed rose garden.

Arthur Dixon
President of The Rose Society of Northern
Ireland

City of Belfast International Rose Trials



Trial 53 2017/2018 **Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park**Friday 20 July 2018



City of Belfast International Rose Trials 2017/2018

Hybrid Tea Rose



Winner of the Gold Medal and City of Belfast Award

Variety Lilo Raised by Poulsen, Denmark

Points 77.08



Best Shrub Rose



Winner of the **Eventsec Award**

Variety Lambada Raised by Kordes, Germany Points 71.41



Winners of Certificates of Merit

Floribunda Rose

WB Yeats Variety Raised by Dicksons,

Northern Ireland

Points 78.27



Floribunda Rose

Matchmaker Variety Raised by Dicksons,

Northern Ireland

Points 77.94



Floribunda Rose



Winner of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Award

Modern Slavery Variety

Rose

Raised by Dicksons, Northern Ireland

Points 78.38



Best Climbing Rose



Winner of the Clive Richardson Award

Alaska Variety Raised by Kordes, Germany

69.21 Points



Hybrid Tea Rose

Variety Limona

Raised by Kordes, Germany Points

76.13



Floribunda Rose

Orford Variety Raised by Poulsen,

Denmark

74.73



Most Fragrant Rose



Winner of the Tourism NI Award

Variety Susie Raised by Harkness,

England Points 118



Best Miniature Patio Rose



