



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 Hargay



## 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



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## 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**



### Floribunda Rose

Winner of the Department  
of Agriculture, Environ-  
ment and Rural Affairs  
Award

Variety Modern Slavery  
Rose  
Raised by Dicksons,  
Northern Ireland  
Points **78.38**



### Most Fragrant Rose

Winner of the Tourism NI  
Award

Variety Susie  
Raised by Harkness,  
England  
Points **118**



### Best Shrub Rose

Winner of the  
Eventsec Award

Variety Lambada  
Raised by Kordes, Germany  
Points **71.41**



### Best Climbing Rose

Winner of the Clive  
Richardson Award

Variety Alaska  
Raised by Kordes, Germany  
Points **69.21**



### Best Miniature Pa- tio Rose

Winner of the Rose Society  
of Northern Ireland Award

Variety Candela  
Raised by Rosen Tantau,  
Germany  
Points **72.22**



## Winners of Certificates of Merit

### Floribunda Rose

Variety WB Yeats  
Raised by Dicksons,  
Northern Ireland  
Points **78.27**



### Floribunda Rose

Variety Matchmaker  
Raised by Dicksons,  
Northern Ireland  
Points **77.94**



### Hybrid Tea Rose

Variety Limona  
Raised by Kordes, Germany  
Points **76.13**



### Floribunda Rose

Variety Orford  
Raised by Poulsen,  
Denmark  
Points **74.73**

