



2022 International Judge



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Bob started his horticultural career with The Royal Parks, London, followed by the student diploma course at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. On leaving Kew in 1974 he worked in various Local Authorities in and around London culminating in a Head of Service position.

After nearly 30 years in parks management, he formed his own company Ivison Consulting providing strategic and management support to Parks Services and other agencies.

In 2015 he moved back in local government management as the Lead Commissioner for Parks and Green Spaces to establish a forward-thinking service based around community needs and innovative solutions.

Now retired he still has an active involvement in many horticultural related programmes.

He was a member of the Government's Advisory body CABESpace Strategic Enabling Panel advising Local Authorities on Green Space Strategy development and best practice for the better management of parks and open spaces.

One of his achievements as a Head of Parks Service was his Council being awarded the Government's Beacon Council Status in 2002 for Improving Urban Green Spaces.

He held the positions of Chairman of the National Contractors Forum, Chairman of the Horticultural Affairs Committee of the Institute of Horticulture and President of the Kew Guild.

He judges for London in Bloom, the Green Flag Award and the Green Heritage Accreditation schemes. He has judged for the City of London's Flowers in the City and has judged for Communities in Bloom International Category since 2008.

In 2003 he was made Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture and a Fellow of the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management. In 2004 he was admitted into the Freedom of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners.

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