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Green fingered Hackney Homes' residents on a winning streak in Hackney in Bloom contest

Recreating a garden patio, balcony or communal area into a place of beauty takes time, dedication and passion. That is exactly what many of Hackney Homes' residents have done across the Borough and which have been showcased in this year's Hackney in Bloom competition.

Ebrahim Sali, Hackney Homes' resident on Trowbridge Estate won 1st prize for Best Container Garden for the fourth year in a row. An inspiration on how residents can create their own oasis at home, Ebrahim said: "I am delighted to win again this year. My interest in gardening started just before my retirement and has grown into a passionate hobby for me thanks to The Hoxton Trust, where I completed a horticultural training course a few years ago." Ebrahim now lends his wonderful gardening skills by volunteering every week at The Hoxton Trust.

Other Hackney Homes' residents awarded prizes include: John Gibson of Nightingale Estate who won 2nd prize for Best Container Garden; Beryl L Kehoe of Fairholt Close who won 2nd prize for Best Front Garden and Warburton & Darcy TRA who won joint 3rd for Best Residential Area.

Charlotte Graves, Chief Executive of Hackney Homes, said: "I am delighted to see the great gardening efforts being made by residents across our estates and want to congratulate all those awarded prizes in this year's competition which recognises their fantastic achievements."

Cllr Nargis Khan, Hackney Council Cabinet Member for Community Services, said: "Congratulations to everyone for their efforts in bringing Hackney in Bloom together each year; from the Parks Service that leads by example by working hard to maintain our open spaces, to the residents and others that provide beautiful gardens for us all to enjoy."

Photo caption: Mr Ebrahim Sali Winner of Best Container Garden
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Notes for editors

1.) Hackney in Bloom celebrates the best gardens in the borough and is organised by the Council's Parks Service to highlight the importance of looking after our local environment and to recognise those who work hard to make the borough a pleasant place.

2.) For more information on The Hoxton Trust, call 020 7729 1480 or visit www.hoxtontrust.com

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