



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



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

BCC 9747



Belfast City Council **Energising Belfast**

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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**



Best Shrub Rose

Winner of the Eventsec Award

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



Floribunda Rose

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

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



Best Climbing Rose

Winner of the Clive Richardson Award

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



Most Fragrant Rose

Winner of the Tourism NI Award

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



Best Miniature Patio Rose

Winner of the Rose Society of Northern Ireland Award

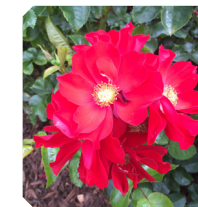
Variety Candela
Raised by Rosen Tantau, Germany
Points **72.22**



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**

