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South Lakes Housing Gardening Competition winners celebrated Awards ceremony held at Hayes Garden Centre

Green-fingered tenants of South Lakes Housing were rewarded with gardening vouchers and tea and scones at an awards ceremony held at Hayes Garden Centre on Monday 23 March 2009. Winners of the 2008 gardening competition came from all over South Lakeland to collect their prizes, from as far afield as Coniston, Kendal, Ulverston, and Flookburgh. The awards were presented by Cllr David Vatcher, who is also a Board Director for South Lakes Housing.

The competition was so successful amongst tenants that South Lakes Housing now plans to hold it every year. Prizes are awarded for various categories, including best garden, most improved garden, and best hanging basket/patio display.

This year's awards were:

- Overall winner of best garden: Irene Bradley of Coniston
- Highly recommended: Diane Bowe, Dale Street, Ulverston
- Highly recommended: Mrs Waller, Thirnby Court, Kirkby Lonsdale
- Highly recommended: Carol Finch, Brockbeck, Kendal
- Most Improved winner: Mrs Wearing, Manorside, Flookburgh
- Highly recommended most improved: Katie Earl, Well Ing, Kendal
- Best hanging baskets winner: Mrs Burke, High Ridge, Kendal

Peter Thomas, Chief Executive of South Lakes Housing, which manages council housing on behalf of SLDC said " It's great to see so many gardeners in South Lakeland working to keep their homes and communities looking good.

These awards recognise the achievements of tenants and leaseholders who work extremely hard on maintaining their gardens and outside space. Congratulations to everyone".

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Pictured left to right at the awards ceremony are:

Front row: Diane Bowe, Irene Bradley, Mrs Burke, Mrs Wearing

Back row: Mr Finch, Cllr Vatcher, Katie Earl