## **Loftus Blooming Beautiful**

Pobl would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who put in the time and effort to look after their front gardens this summer. It's been a battle against the weather, and we appreciate the work that goes into keeping plants alive in extreme temperatures. Pretty gardens contribute to keep Loftus looking Lovely and we encourage everyone to do their bit.



Loftus in Bloom was Judged last week by garden competition expert Marion Powell from Usk.

Her own Garden is truly a sight to behold. She has been winning Best Garden for Usk in Bloom for many years and has also taken the prestigious Wales in Bloom award for Best Kept Garden. Her garden has appeared on ITV 's weather, Alan Titchmarsh's Best Front Gardens and a four-page spread in Amateur Garden Magazine. Camilla, Dutchess of Cornwall also gave her a special visit and Marion herself has become quite a celebrity in the local gardening world.

She was very impressed with Loftus despite judging it under drought conditions and awarded 9 Golds, 10 Silvers and 7 Bronze.

Disappointingly there were no entries for the children's Crazy Container category which was the very reason the



competition was held back for the summer holidays. Next year we will bring it all forward a month as some residents had made a big effort but frustratingly lost their plants to the heat before judging. We appreciate how disheartening this can be and we want to avoid it happening again.

























It's all been a bit of fun and Certificates of Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded soon, there will be a small prize for the overall winner. Well done everybody.