



Green Flag Award Judging

Dear Applicant,

Further to your interest in becoming a Green Flag Award Scheme Judge, please find the application pack comprising:

- Green Flag Award Judge Person Specification
- Green Flag Award Judge Role Description

The Green Flag Award scheme is the recognised international standard for parks and green spaces. It is a benchmark against which the quality of freely accessible public parks and green spaces can be measured and demonstrates that not only is the park / green space environmentally sound, but it is well used, well managed and held in high regard. The scheme is managed on behalf of the UK Government Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

Judges are essential to the effective operation of the scheme. They have a background in nature conservation, ecology, parks and landscape management, community engagement, environmental issues, horticulture, or related disciplines. They are independent arbiters of the scheme providing the crucial link between the park / green space users and the managers of the scheme itself. Judges are all volunteers, giving their time freely to the scheme, though travel expenses are reimbursed.

If, having read the information, you are still interested in becoming a Green Flag Award judge, please upload a copy of your CV (with relevant reference contact) and a covering letter detailing how you meet the criteria as laid out in the Person Specification.

You will be notified within four weeks of the outcome of your application. If successful you will receive further details and a volunteer agreement to complete and return. We will then book you onto the next available training session.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Green Flag Award Judge, I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Todd MBE
Green Flag Award Scheme Manager

Role Description: Green Flag Award Scheme Judge

Responsible to: Scheme Co-ordinator

<i>Overall Obligations</i>	
Responsibility to the Green Flag Award Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Uphold the integrity of the scheme➤ Maintain the consistency of the judging process➤ Promote and advocate the improvement of park and green space standards➤ Judge a minimum of two sites per year.➤ Maintain confidentiality at all times
Responsibility for Training and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Utilise the judging process as an opportunity for personal and professional development➤ Maintain professional proficiency through continued attendance at Green Flag Award and other training sessions➤ Support the development of new judges through the mentoring programme

<i>Summary of duties</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Assess and judge allocated sites within specified timeframes➤ Receive and administer applications in accordance with the Green Flag Award procedure to specified deadlines➤ Liaise with co-judges and applicants➤ Comply with the Green Flag Award procedures and policies at all times➤ Maintain your Judges record

Person Specification: Green Flag Award Scheme Judge

<i>Criteria</i>	Essential	Desirable
Skills, Knowledge & and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Able to demonstrate a good breadth of knowledge of the parks and green space sector ➤ Experience of writing or working with park or green space management plans ➤ Excellent written and oral communication skills ➤ Excellent analytical skills ➤ Excellent report writing skills ➤ Excellent interpersonal skills ➤ Computer literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Experience in a relevant sector e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority, or similar, parks department • Countryside Management • Landscape Architecture • Community Development • Horticulture • Environmental consultancy • Arboriculture • Conservation ➤ Involvement in a relevant activity outside main occupation e.g. voluntary work ➤ Able to demonstrate personal achievement in a relevant context. ➤ Able to provide effective support for inexperienced colleagues
Additional requirements for the Green Flag Community Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Excellent understanding of community group organization and operation 	
Additional requirements for Green Heritage Site accreditation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good understanding of landscape design history ➤ Good understanding of architecture ➤ Appreciation of archeology
Equal Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Able to demonstrate sound awareness of equal opportunity issues 	
Qualifications, Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Standard education ➤ Relevant professional qualification ➤ Able to demonstrate a commitment to ongoing learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relevant Higher Education
Attitude & Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consistent, professional approach ➤ Integrity & Objectivity ➤ Able to work under pressure to deadlines ➤ Able to justify decisions 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Access to a pc and email ➤ Willing to travel within (self-selected) travel radius. ➤ Respect informal dress code 	