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## Maxey in Bloom Competition 2007

### Two Worthy Winners

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Judges Ian and Louise Duncan and Keith and Myra Bryant visited competing gardens on Saturday 7 July 2007 for this new competition sponsored by Helpston Garden Centre. Only one prize had been promised for the competition but the judges were unable to separate two outstanding but very different gardens so each was awarded the prize of a hanging basket.



**Ted and Diana Bloodworth** in West End Road have created variety and interest in their smaller garden wherever you look. A large mirror at the end of the main path for example adds dimension. Along the path is a new slate covered border with tree and shrub planting. This, says Diana, is a concession to their advancing years and has replaced a more conventional border in which 1000 annuals were planted each year.

Adjacent to the patio Ted has built a water feature with a tiny stream and waterfall whilst elsewhere hidden amongst the

planting he has constructed a water storage and irrigation system. A compact vegetable garden screened from the decorative area by cleverly set fruit trees was pristine.

The Judges were impressed with the variety of planting, the use of space and the interesting layout coupled with imagination and the abundant use of Ted's engineering skills.

Imagination, variety and layout are also key features in the contrasting garden of plants-woman **Sue Dinenge** in Castle End Road which is a little over half an acre in size. Designed and lovingly tended over many years with her late husband John, this garden offers scope for long vistas and adventurous planting which have been brilliantly exploited.

Modern sculptures fashioned by John complement the planting and add interest wherever you

### Winners Celebrate



Ted & Diana seem pleased with their hanging basket prize.



The prize gets pride of place.

look. Sue's encyclopaedic knowledge of plants enables her to continue to add to the already burgeoning array of colour and shape on display.

The 2008 Maxey in Bloom competition will be judged in late June to benefit from the best of the spring flowers and will have two categories; Gardens which are under a quarter of an acre and large gardens.



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