

# **LOWESTOFT IN BLOOM**

The Sandcastle opened in June, 1997 & as a matter of course to enhance the appearance of the property & for our own personal pleasure set about improving our front garden, especially with plants in pots & hanging baskets; trying to maximise a very small space.

At this time we weren't aware of the Lowestoft in Bloom competition, until we saw in the paper that one of our neighbours had won a Gold Award for her hanging baskets.

We eventually entered into the competition, but over the first few years weren't aware that judging took place in the first week of July. As a guest house we had always tried to get our flowers to come into full bloom for when the children were on holiday. This unfortunately was almost a month too late for the competition!

Success eventually came in 2003 with Silver Awards in both Best Container category (Guest House Sector) & Overall Impression (Guest House Sector). We have managed to achieve various Awards for the following years with 2007 resulting in a Gold Award for Best Container (Guest House Sector) & The Christian Salvesen Shield for the Best Entrant in 2007.

We do take great pleasure in trying to improve every year, even though living on the seafront does have its' drawbacks! We urge everybody to get involved in the spirit of Lowestoft in Bloom, in order that we can all enjoy the pleasure that it brings.

