

Q&A for Flowering Porty – Front Gardens Festival

Q1: What is the Flowering Porty – Front Gardens Festival?

A1: The Flowering Porty Festival is a special initiative celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Art Walk Porty Festival. It invites local residents of Portobello and Joppa to create vibrant, pollinator-friendly gardens in their front yards, window boxes, or community spaces. The event will take place from 30th August to 14th September 2025 and aims to increase biodiversity, connect neighbours, and celebrate nature, wildlife, and colour.

Q2: How do I get involved in the Flowering Porty Festival?

A2: To participate, simply sign up by completing the online form by the deadline of 10th April. You'll need to provide some basic details like your name, address, and whether your garden is publicly viewable from the street. After signing up, we will confirm your inclusion and provide further details. There's no cost to take part, and the first 50-60 gardens to sign up within the Portobello and Joppa area will be included.

Q3: What is the theme for this year's gardens?

A3: Gardens should be inspired by the idea of *seaside retro* and reflect the 2025 Art Walk Porty theme 'ShowGround', which celebrates Porty's historical entertainment era. Think colourful, vintage, and nostalgic seaside vibes to create a fun and lively space!

Q4: Are there any specific requirements for the gardens?

A4: Yes, gardens must be publicly viewable from the street. You can choose to participate with a front garden, a window box, or even a community space. The goal is to make Porty a more beautiful and biodiverse place for everyone to enjoy.

Q5: Will there be any prizes for the best gardens?

A5: Yes! The gardens will be voted on by the public, and there will be three prizes for the Best Seaside Retro Garden. The winners will be announced on the last day of the Art Walk Porty festival, 14th September.

Q6: Will my garden be featured in the Art Walk Map?

A6: Yes! All participants will be included on the official Art Walk Map, which helps visitors explore the beautiful gardens during the festival. In addition, you'll receive a *Flowering Porty* sign to proudly display in your garden.

Q7: Will my garden need to be open to the public during the Art Walk Porty Festival?

A7: No! Your growing space will need to be viewable from the street. But if you so wish you are welcome to invite visitors in during the two weekends of the Art Walk Porty Festival (6-7 and 13-14 September 2025).

Q8: Can I ask any questions before signing up?

A8: Absolutely! If you have any questions or comments, the online form includes a section where you can share them. We'll get back to you with the information you need. Or, alternatively, please email us at info@artwalkporty.co.uk.

Q9: How many gardens can participate in the Flowering Porty Festival?

A9: While the event may be limited in the number of gardens, we are aiming to accept around 50-60 gardens from the Portobello and Joppa area. We encourage early registration to secure your spot!

Q10: How will I know if my garden is accepted into the festival?

A10: After completing the online form, and when the closing date of 10th April has passed you will be contacted shortly afterwards to confirm your inclusion in the Flowering Porty Festival. We'll provide you with all the necessary details to get started!

Q11: What happens if my garden isn't publicly viewable?

A11: We are only able to accept gardens that are directly viewable from the street. However, do consider other options such as window boxes, common greens, or community spaces, all of which are also welcome to join.

We look forward to seeing how you bring a splash of seaside retro to Portobello and Joppa's front gardens!

