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Get ready to plant, pot and prune with Hounslow Homes

Budding gardeners will be happy to hear that Hounslow Homes gardening competition for 2007, *Bring a ray of sunshine to your estate* is under way. We are encouraging all Hounslow Homes residents to get involved, with great prizes on offer this year.

The five categories residents will be able to enter are:

- **The United House Best Garden Award** £150 prize
- **The United House Best Balcony or Hanging Basket Award** £150 prize
- **The Best Communal Area or Sheltered Housing garden** (sponsored by Pinnacle PSG) £150 prize

The Lovell Photography Competition - the theme is 'natural views of the borough'.

- **Best photograph (over 16's) -** £100 prize
- **Best under 16s photograph -** £50 prize

The competition will conclude with an awards ceremony to be held on Wednesday 25th July 2007.

Dates to remember:

Closing date	15 th June
Short-listing	18 th —19 th June
Judging (visiting gardens)	27 th —29 th June
Final decision made	3 rd —6 th July
Award Ceremony	25 th July

Hounslow Homes would like to thank our major sponsor United House and other sponsors Lovell, Pinnacle PSG, Balfour Beatty and Kew Gardens. Without their support the event would not be possible.

Notes To Editor

- Hounslow Homes was formed in 2002 as one of the first arms length management organisations (ALMOs) in the country. Hounslow Homes is tasked with managing the council's 16,500 homes and has delivered £120 million of refurbishment and improvement works to bring its housing stock up to the government's 'decent homes' standard by 2006.
- The ALMO was awarded the highest three-star rating by the Audit Commission for excellent housing services in 2005.
- 13,500 properties have been improved with new kitchens, bathrooms, roofing modernizations and new windows. Hounslow Homes completed all decency work by 2006, four years ahead of the government's deadline. An ongoing programme continues to maintain properties to this standard.
- Services to residents include a free phone number and service, caretaking and ground maintenance.
- Hounslow Homes also provides a dedicated anti-social behaviour team to provide advice and support to residents.