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Winner: West Lodge Park Hotel's managing director Andrew Beale (right) shows off the award to Graham Deal, Karen Gurrey, Mayor Jayne Buckland and Julie Bland

Gardeners rake in awards at London In Bloom contest

ENFIELD'S green-fingered enthusiasts have romped home with a plethora of awards at this year's London In Bloom finals.

Residents from across Enfield attended a glitzy ceremony held at the Guildhall in central London last Friday after winning prizes in the Enfield In Bloom leg of the London-wide contest.

The Enfield In Bloom team collected 12 awards for outstanding horticultural achievements for the boroughs businesses, parks and front gardens.

Mayor of Enfield Jayne Buckland was on hand to receive the awards with Karen Gurrey, the manager of Enfield In Bloom.

Karen said: "The support of Enfield In Bloom through sponsorship and partnership working to

initiate and develop exciting innovative horticultural projects was fantastic and helped to realise the many awards achieved."

Taking top prize in the prestigious Dennys Hodder Business Premises Award was Andrew Beale and his team at West Lodge Park Hotel in Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood, while four of the borough's parks – Pymmes Park, Grovelands Park, Oakwood Park and Forty Hall Park – were given gold medals for their high horticultural standards.

Enfield Town Centre picked up a silver gilt award while the The Pied Bull pub in Bulls Cross, Enfield, came third in the Pub And Restaurant Award.

Overall the borough won a silver award.