



# **The City of Glasgow International Rose Trials Tollcross Park**

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The Past  
The Present  
And the Future



# Tollcross Mansion House and Gardens 1850

Private mansion house  
and 83.5 acres of garden  
set out circa 1850

Acquired by Council 1897  
for £29,000



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# History of Tollcross Park 1897-1910

- Deer Park
- 3 Lodge Houses
- Tennis Courts
- Bowling Greens
- Winter Gardens
- Bandstand
- Avery
- Pond
- Deer Park turned to putting green



# Tollcross Park 1950's



Tea for four when rain abandons  
play when  
Fred Perry  
visits Tollcross

# Tollcross Rose Garden

Deer Park -1897-1915

Pitch & Putt Green 1920-1980

9600m<sup>2</sup> South facing lawn

Rose Trials Garden 1985-present

# **East beats West**

## **The City of Glasgow International Rose Trials begin**

- 1986 Bed 1 with 800 roses





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4200 Roses



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# International Rose Convention 2003

Princess Nobuko  
of Japan



President of  
The Rose Society  
of Japan

- 300 Delegates attended
- 30 Countries represented
- 2000 Public attended
- 1500 Entrants to Rose Art Competition
- Festival of Roses
- Pre and Post Conference tours of Scotland

Her Royal Highness  
Princess Anne



**2009**

**Tollcross Rose Garden  
receives a  
Garden of Excellence Award  
from  
World Federation of Rose  
Societies**



# 31 Years and going strong

- 120 Guests (Approx)
- Scotland
- England
- Northern Ireland
- Eire
- U.S.A
- Italy
- France
- Netherlands
- Belgium

# Other Regular Visitors

- **Gardening Groups**
- **School Parties**
- **Individuals**
- **Passers by**
- **Care Homes**
- **International visitors**
- **Local Authority staff**
- **Rose Growers/Breeders**
- **Local Authorities**
- **Garden Centre Owners**

# **Staffing and Maintenance**

- **4 Full time gardeners on 4 on 4 off shift patterns.**
- **Fine Turf**
- **Insecticide/fertiliser applications**
- **Pruning**
- **Planting**
- **De-weeding**
- **Pre Planting preparation**
- **Green manuring**
- **Mulching**

# **Who supplies the roses and why?**

- **International Rose Breeders**
- **International Rose Growers**
- **Amateur Rose Breeders**

# Permanent Panel of Judges

- **Rose Growers**
- **Rose Breeders**
- **Horticultural Consultants**
- **Landscapers**
- **Nurserymen**
- **Ex L.A. Management**

# Standard Judging Criteria

<b>General Impression</b>	Plant, Foliage, Vigour, Flowering, Novelty	<b>30</b>
<b>Flower</b>	Blooms, Buds, Colour, Abundance of Flowering, Recurrent Bloom, Post Flowering, Novelty,	<b>30</b>
<b>Disease Resistance</b>	Fungal Diseases, Pest Tolerance	<b>30</b>
<b>Fragrance</b>	Scent/Perfume	<u><b>10</b></u>
<b>Maximum Points</b>		<b>100</b>

# **The Rose Trials Event**

- **Thursday Evening Dinner Reception**
- **Friday Morning Judges Briefing & Judging of Roses**
- **Civic Lunch reception and Awards Presentation**

# Rose Trials Awards

- Awards are made to the breeders of the most successful varieties as follows:
- Golden Prize of the City of Glasgow
- Gold Medal
- Silver Medals
- Tollcross Fragrance Prize.
- Certificates of Merit
- Certificates of Commendation
- The People's Choice (Public votes)



# The Cost

- 2 x Grade 4 Gardener £44,000
- 2 x Grade 3 Gardener £36,000
- 2 Day Rose Trials Event £15,000,  
saving £20,000 from 2009 budget
- Maintenance materials £10,000
- Totalling £105,000 PA
- Glasgow Show and Pollok Family Day  
both CANCELLED a saving of £250,000

# 25 International Rose Trial Gardens Worldwide

City of Barcelona

Madrid, Spain

Rome, Italy

La Tacita, Italy

Kortrijk, Belgium

Lyon, France

Principality of Monaco

Paris, France

Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Baden-Baden, Germany

Saverne, France

Tokyo Metropolitan, Japan

Nagaoka-City, Japan

Gifu, Japan

The Hague, Netherlands

Belfast, Northern Ireland

Glasgow, Scotland

Le Roeulx, Belgium

Orléans, France

Asheville, NC, USA

Rose Hills, California, USA

Adelaide, Australia

St. Albans, England (internal only)

Hamilton, New Zealand

Palmerston North, New Zealand



**The  
End**

