

GCA centres sparkle with Christmas displays

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(Pictured: Karen Arkright, Lynne Roe and Rachel Downton-Bent from Bents and GCA chairman Will Armitage.)

The regional winners of the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) annual Christmas display competition have been revealed this week.

Fifteen garden centres have been named as having the best overall Christmas displays in their individual regions.

Iain Wylie, GCA chief executive, said: "I am delighted to announce the area winners of our Christmas competition. The centres are now being judged to determine the national winners. Congratulations to all the winners so far and thank you to our band of judges who volunteered to visit them. I'd like to wish all the area winners good luck in the next round!"

The two overall national winners will be announced later this month and presented with their awards at the GCA's annual conference in January 2016.

The results are as follows for the destination garden centre (DGC) and garden centre (GC) categories:

North West: Barton Grange in Lancashire (DGC) and Burleydam Garden Centre (GC)

South Thames: Squire's Badshot Lea (DGC) and Millbrook – Gravesend (GC)

Also going through in the North West region is Bents (DGC) and from South Thames, Castle Gardens (GC) in Dorset. They both go through to the national finals as they were last year's overall winners, giving an additional finalist from their respective areas.

North East: Langlands – Shiptonthorpe (DGC) and Langlands – Leeds (GC)

North Thames: Van Hage Great Amwell (DGC) and Frosts – Brampton (GC)

Midlands: St Peters (DGC) and Pennells – Lincoln (GC)

Wales and West: Whitehall Garden Centre (DGC) and Brimsmore Gardens (GC)

In Scotland and Northern Ireland, the overall winner was Glendoick Garden Centre (GC) in Perth.

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