



HORTICULTURAL, CRAFT, AND PRODUCE



COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition Marquee Class Schedule

A £1 entry fee applies to all classes and must be paid in full on delivery at the Show.

Entry by groups will only be allowed where indicated in the specific class criteria.

You can enter as many classes as you wish but are limited to one entry per class.

Please familiarise yourself with regulations applicable to each class before applying.

Category C: Garden Design Plans

CLASS

4. Garden Design/Horticulture Students and Recent Graduates

Open to all current students or recent graduates (from 2023 onwards) of horticulture or garden design courses. Please provide proof of your studies at the application stage.

You are invited to submit a set of garden design plans in response to the following brief:

- A garden measuring 10m x 20m.
- Your clients are a young professional couple with 1 child under 10 and a dog.
- Space for outdoor cooking and dining is required, with seating for up to 8 people.
- Your clients regularly work from home.
- They would love to have space to grow their own produce.
- Wildlife potential and sustainability are important elements to them.
- They prefer traditional English garden styles with cottage-garden planting but need a low-maintenance space to enjoy alongside their busy schedules.

Your submission for this class must include the following, drawn or printed on good quality paper and fixed to stiff pieces of card/board to prevent curling:

- Garden Design Plan (drawn to scale) – 1 sheet of A3 paper maximum
A 2D bird's eye view plan of your design, including labelling of materials/features.
- 3D Drawing (drawn to scale) – 1 sheet of A3 paper maximum
A 3D drawing of your design.
- Planting Plan (drawn to scale) – 1 sheet of A3 paper maximum
A detailed plan showing the positions of each plant in the garden, labelled to identify and quantify them. Make sure that planting pockets are directly labelled and do not use numbered or coloured keys.
- A Design Description – 500 words maximum on 1 sheet of A4 paper
A concise explanation of how your design satisfies the requirements of the client brief. Explain your use of design principles and how they have been used to meet the clients' needs. How do the hard landscaping materials, features, and plants you have chosen help to establish a theme and achieve your aims?

Judging will consider how well you have responded to the given brief, your creativity, and your use of industry-standard drafting techniques.

CLASS

5. Schools

Open to whole schools, individual classes, or school clubs/groups.

You are invited to submit a design plan or drawing for your dream garden.

Gardens can be of any size or shape and can follow any style or theme you wish.

Your submission for this class must include the following, drawn or printed on good quality paper and fixed to stiff pieces of card/board to prevent curling:

- **Garden Design Drawing – 1 sheet of A3 paper maximum**
A drawing of the dream garden for your school. You can complete this any way you wish – as a design plan, a 3D drawing, or as a collage. Think about the different spaces and features that you would like to have, as well as some plants. You can add labels to identify different elements.
- **Design Description – 300 words maximum on 1 sheet of A4 paper**
Tell us about your dream garden and why you have designed it the way you have. What is its theme? What is exciting about it? What will the different spaces be used for and why have you chosen particular features and plants?

Judging will consider your creativity and ambition, as well as how well you communicated your ideas.

Category D: Floral Art and Floristry

All classes are open to both amateurs and professionals. Plant material may be bought or homegrown unless otherwise stated.

CLASS

6. Floral Art Installation using bought flowers and foliage, and representing 'Victory' in celebration of the 80th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day.

- Open to individuals and groups
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass
- Please bring a sufficient stand/support for your installation
- Accessories may be used to enhance the display
- Viewed and judged all round

7. Floral Art Installation using homegrown flowers and foliage, and representing 'Victory' in celebration of the 80th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day.

- Open to individuals and groups
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass
- Please bring a sufficient stand/support for your installation
- Accessories may be used to enhance the display
- Viewed and judged all round

8. Pedestal Arrangement

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height Optional
- Staging: A painted black base at ground level
- Please bring a secure pedestal as part of the exhibit
- Viewed and judged from the front

9. Abstract Arrangement using plant material in a non-naturalistic way

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 75cm, Depth, 75cm, Height 100cm
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Please bring a sufficient stand/support for your arrangement if required
- Viewed and judged from the front and above

10. Bridal Bouquet

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 50cm, Depth 50cm, Height 75cm
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Please bring a suitable clear glass vase for your bouquet
- Decorative ties may be used as part of your bouquet
- Viewed and judged from all round

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11. Table Spray

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 100cm, Depth, 100cm, Height 75cm
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Viewed and judged from all round

12. Basket Posy

- Maximum Basket Size: 30cm
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Please bring your own basket
- Viewed and judged from all round

13. Headdress, Hat, or Fascinator

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 45cm, Depth 45cm, Height 45cm
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Please bring a sufficient support for your exhibit
- Viewed and judged from all round

14. Homegrown Flower and Foliage Arrangement in a Jug or Vase

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 50cm, Depth 50cm, Height Optional
- Staging: Tabling covered in black fabric
- Please bring your own jug or vase
- Viewed and judged from the front and above

Category E: Collections and Displays

All plant material must be homegrown or cultivated by you for at least 3 months.

CLASS

15. The Greenhouse

- Open to individuals and groups
- A display of cut flowers, pot plants, fruit, and/or vegetables on the theme of a greenhouse. Whilst the display will normally include all of these, it may be of one type only (e.g. just vegetables) or any combination of the types (e.g. cut flowers and fruit).
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 180cm, Depth 75cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass. Please supply your own staging to suit your display.
- Accessories should be used but must not dominate your display
- Viewed and judged from the front

16. Master Gardener

- A display of a minimum of two of the following groups:
 - Group 1 – Two vases of different cut flowers
 - Group 2 – Two different flowering pot plants
 - Group 3 – Five different kinds of vegetable
 - Group 4 – Five different kinds of fruit
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 180cm, Depth 75cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass. Please supply your own staging to suit your display.
- Viewed and judged from the front

17. Mixed Hanging Basket

- Hanging basket not to exceed 36cm across the top
- Maximum Trailing Length: 100cm
- Staging: Baskets will be suspended from metal stands provided by the Show
- Viewed and judged from all round

18. Mixed Display of Patio Tubs and Containers

- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass
- Viewed and judged from all round

19. Collection of Fruit and Vegetables

- 9 different kinds of fruit and/or vegetables, with not less than 3 of each kind
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 90cm, Depth 75cm
- Staging: An area of grass. Please supply your own staging to suit your display.
- Viewed and judged from the front

CLASS

20. Collection of Potted Houseplants

- 3 different potted houseplants, comprising 1 foliage plant, 1 flowering plant, and 1 cactus/succulent
- Maximum Space Allowed: Width 180cm, Depth 75cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass. Please supply your own staging to suit your display.
- Viewed and judged from the front

21. Textile Display representing 'Victory' in celebration of the 80th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day.

- Open to individuals and groups
- Any combination of textiles, threads, wool, fibre, yarn, paint, dye, beads, and other textile embellishments.
- Maximum Size: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height Optional
- Staging: An area of grass
- Please bring a sufficient stand/support for your installation

Category F: Cut Flowers

Classes open to amateur growers only. All entries to be displayed in your own vase.

Maximum vase size 12". Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric.

CLASS

22. Dahlias – 3 blooms of any type (can be a single cultivar or mixed)

23. Dahlias – Giant/Large Decorative (8-10"+ in diameter), 1 bloom

24. Dahlias – Cactus/Semi-Cactus, 3 blooms of the same cultivar

25. Dahlias – Pompon/Ball, 5 blooms of the same cultivar

26. Sweet Peas – 5 spikes of the same cultivar

27. Sweet Peas – 5 spikes of mixed cultivars

28. Perpetual Carnations – 3 blooms of the same cultivar

29. Perpetual Carnations – 5 blooms of mixed cultivars

30. Roses – 5 stems of blooms, mixed types/cultivars

31. Roses – Hybrid Tea, 1 stem of blooms

32. Roses – Floribunda, 1 stem of blooms

33. Vase of Annuals – 3 different types, 2 stems of each

34. Vase of Herbaceous Perennials – 3 different types, 2 stems of each

35. Vase of Flowering Shrubs – 3 stems of one or more types

36. Vase of Garden Foliage – at least 3 different types

Category G: Pot Plants

Classes open to amateur growers only. Maximum 10” pot size for each specimen.

Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric.

CLASS

37. Begonia

38. Pelargonium

39. Fuchsia

40. Orchid

41. Fern

42. Bonsai

43. Foliage Plant

44. Cactus or Succulent

Category H: Fruit and Vegetables

Classes open to amateur growers only.

Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric. Please provide your own dishes/plates as appropriate for display purposes.

Each individual class entry to be of the same cultivar unless otherwise stated.

CLASS

45. Potatoes – dish of 5 white

46. Potatoes – dish of 5 coloured

47. Parsnips – dish of 3, tops not to exceed 76mm

48. Carrots – dish of 3, tops not to exceed 76mm

49. Beetroot – dish of 3, tops not to exceed 76mm

50. Turnips – dish of 3 white or yellow, tops not to exceed 76mm

51. Garlic (excluding elephant garlic) – dish of 3 bulbs, dressed

52. Onions (grown from seeds or sets) – dish of 3 bulbs, dressed

53. Shallots – dish of 6 large/exhibition type

54. Shallots – dish of 6 small/pickling type

55. Leeks – dish of 3, with tops and roots

56. Peas – dish of 6 pods with stems attached

57. Broad Beans – dish of 6 pods with stems attached

58. French Beans – dish of 6 pods with stems attached

59. Runner Beans – dish of 6 pods with stems attached

60. Cauliflower – 2 heads with 50mm stem

61. Cabbage – 2 heads with 76mm stem

62. Lettuce – 2 heads with roots

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- 63. Rhubarb – dish of 3 sticks with leaf blades trimmed to 40mm**
- 64. Marrows – 2**
- 65. Courgettes – dish of 3**
- 66. Cucumbers – dish of 2**
- 67. Tomatoes – dish of 6 small fruited/cherry types, calyx attached**
- 68. Tomatoes – dish of 3 large fruited/beefsteak types, calyx attached**
- 69. Chillies – dish of 3 pods**
- 70. Culinary Herbs – 3 bunches of different types**
- 71. Cooking Apples – dish of 3**
- 72. Dessert Apples – dish of 3**
- 73. Strawberries – dish of 6**
- 74. Raspberries – dish of 6**
- 75. Misshapen fruit or vegetable**
- 76. Any fruit not included in the above classes**
- 77. Any vegetable not included in the above classes**

Category I: Heaviest and Longest

Classes open to amateur growers only.

Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric. Please provide your own dishes/plates as appropriate for display purposes.

CLASS

78. Heaviest 3 Potatoes (same cultivar, weighed together)

79. Heaviest Onion

80. Heaviest Marrow

81. Heaviest Tomato

82. Longest Carrot

83. Longest Leek

84. Longest Runner Bean

Category J: Home Produce

Classes open to amateur producers only. All produce to be homemade.

Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric. Please bring your own plates, containers etc. as required for display.

For hygiene purposes, all food not contained within a jar, bottle, or other secure container must be placed on a plate and covered with clingfilm.

CLASS

85. Jar of Fruit Jelly (of any type)

86. Jar of Jam (of any type)

87. Jar of Strawberry Jam

88. Jar of Marmalade (of any type)

89. Jar of Lemon Curd

90. Jar of Chutney (of any type)

91. Jar of Honey

92. Hen's Eggs – box of 6 (white, tinted, or brown)

93. Shortbread – plate of 5 pieces

94. Sweet Muffins (of any type) – plate of 6

95. Traybake (of any type) – cut into 8 portions

96. Victoria Sandwich Cake

- raspberry jam centre, dusting of caster sugar, no decoration
- 8" maximum diameter

97. Rutland Flower Show Celebration Cake

- a cake of any flavouring and decoration to celebrate the best of Rutland
- 10" maximum diameter

98. Fruit Cake (of any type)

- 8" maximum diameter

99. Tea Loaf (of any type)

CLASS

- 100. Handmade Loaf of Bread (of any type)**
- 101. Bread Rolls (of any type) – plate of 5**
- 102. Fruit Scones – plate of 4**
- 103. Cheese Scones – plate of 4**
- 104. Cheese Straws – plate of 6**
- 105. Bottle of Non-Alcoholic Cordial (of any type)**

Category K: Arts and Crafts

Open to amateurs and professionals.

Unless otherwise stated, staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric.

CLASS

106. Floral Painting

- Any medium
- Except for deep edge canvasses, artwork must be framed, strung, and ready to hang on hooks provided by the Show
- Paintings will be displayed on vertical boards along the side of the marquee
- No clip frames
- Maximum Frame Size: 100cm x 100cm
- Artwork can be any size within the frame

107. Landscape Painting of a Rutland Scene

- Any medium
- Except for deep edge canvasses, artwork must be framed, strung, and ready to hang on hooks provided by the Show
- Paintings will be displayed on vertical boards along the side of the marquee
- No clip frames
- Maximum Frame Size: 100cm x 100cm
- Artwork can be any size within the frame

108. Photography – Wildlife in Summer

- Print Size: A4 Landscape or Portrait
- Print to Edge, Borderless
- Print Paper: All photos must be printed on photographic paper
- Backing Card/Board: Please fix photos to a stiff piece of A4 card/board to prevent the photo curling
- No mounts

109. Photography – Rutland Life

- Print Size: A4 Landscape or Portrait
- Print to Edge, Borderless
- Print Paper: All photos must be printed on photographic paper
- Backing Card/Board: Please fix photos to a stiff piece of A4 card/board to prevent the photo curling
- No mounts

CLASS

110. Knitted or Crocheted Item

- Any material
- Maximum Size: Width 100cm, Depth 100cm, Height 100cm
- Please supply your own stand if required for display

111. Handmade Stuffed Animal Toy

- Any material
- Maximum Size: 50cm in any direction

112. Handmade Birthday Present

- Any medium/material
- Maximum Size: 30cm in any direction
- Please supply your own stand if required for display

113. Handmade Vase

- Any medium/material
- Maximum Size: Width/Depth 25cm, Height 50cm
- Can be decorated with cut flowers for effect

114. Handmade Plate

- Any medium/material
- Maximum Size: Width/Depth 60cm, Height Optional

115. Handmade Bowl

- Any medium/material
- Maximum Size: Width/Depth 60cm, Height Optional

116. Woodwork Item

- Any item made of wood
- Maximum Size: 50cm in any direction

117. Woven Basket

- Any weaving material
- Maximum Size: 60cm in any direction

Category L: Children's Competition

Classes open to children under the age of 12. Please put age on entry form.

Staging provided is tabling covered in black fabric.

CLASS

- 118. Freaky Fruit and Veg – The freakiest-looking fruit/veg you can find!**
- 119. Vegetable Animal – An animal made from fruit and vegetables**
- 120. Arrangement of Garden Flowers in a Jar**
- 121. Floral Headdress/Hat**
- 122. Garden on a Tray – A miniature garden using real plant material in a standard seed tray**
- 123. Garden Model on a Plate – A model of your own garden design using any materials on a paper plate**
- 124. Lego Model – any model of your own design made of Lego**
- 125. Painting of Flowers – A4 size in any medium**
- 126. Photograph of My Favourite Garden**
- A photograph with a sentence explaining why it is your favourite garden
 - A4 maximum overall paper size (photo and writing)
- 127. Photograph of My Favourite Animal**
- A photograph with a sentence explaining why it is your favourite animal
 - A4 maximum overall paper size (photo and writing)
- 128. Collage of Natural Materials – A4 size**
- Natural materials could include anything found in nature, e.g. leaves, flowers, bark, etc.

Competition Marquee Regulations and Prizes

Entry Fees

There is an entry fee of £1 per class for all competition classes in Categories C to L.

Entry fees must be paid in full when delivering your entry to the Competition Marquee.

Show Tickets

Each competitor entering fewer than 10 classes will be eligible for one Show ticket discounted at 50% of the public rate valid for one day of the Show. Competitors entering 10 classes or more will be eligible for one free Show ticket valid for one day of the Show. Discount codes will be issued by Show staff on receipt of your competition entry.

Collection passes will be issued to enable collection of entries from the Competition Marquee on the final day of the Show. These will only be valid for entry to the Show after 3.30pm on Sunday 17th August.

Any additional tickets required will need to be purchased at the public rates.

Eligibility

You are welcome to submit entries for as many classes as you wish, but you can only submit one entry per class.

Classes in Category L (Children's Competition) are only open to children under the age of 12. Please state your age on the application form if applying for these classes.

Children aged between 12 and 17 are welcome to enter any other competition classes in Categories C to K as junior competitors. All children, junior competitors, and school groups will be awarded a 'Well Done' certificate for entering and will also be eligible for the main class judging. If applying as a junior competitor, please state your age on the application form.

Competition Entry Quality

Make sure your competition entries are:

- Free of pests
- Free of diseases
- Healthy
- Unblemished

Please be aware that humidity in the marquee may affect some materials and products.

Build-Up/Delivery Dates

Competitors building-up and delivering entries for the Competition Marquee categories are invited to do so on the following dates and times:

- **Thursday 14th August, 9am-5pm**
 - Category C: Garden Design Plans
 - Category D: Floral Art and Floristry
 - Category E: Collections and Displays
 - Category G: Pot Plants
 - Category K: Arts and Crafts

- **Friday 15th August, 7.30am-8.30am**
 - Category F: Cut Flowers
 - Category H: Fruit and Vegetables
 - Category I: Heaviest and Longest Fruit and Vegetables
 - Category J: Home Produce
 - Category L: Children's Competition

- **Entries must be ready for judging by 8.30am on Friday 15th August 2025**

Please note that children and junior competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult when delivering their entries.

No entries will be accepted after the closing date and time under any circumstances.

Collection of Entries

No entries or parts of entries whatsoever shall be removed before 4pm on Sunday 17th August. Entries for classes in Category D shall not be removed before 5pm on Sunday 17th August.

Entry Limits

The Organiser reserves the right to set a limit to the number of entries that can be accommodated in each class. In the event that this limit is reached, submissions for that class will be closed.

Cancellation of Entries

If you find you are unable to make an entry for any classes previously applied for, please advise the Organiser as soon as possible before the Show.

Empty spaces can spoil the Show, so please try not to apply for more classes than can be practically attempted.

Staging and Class Cards

If the Organiser is providing any staging for a particular class, this will be stated in the class-specific criteria in the Competition Marquee Schedule. Some classes will require you to provide your own staging, supports, vases, etc.

On arrival at the Competition Marquee:

- You will be asked to register your entries and pay any entry fees owed. You will then be guided to the relevant areas to stage your entries.
- In the relevant area for each class, please look for the class card for your entry. Place/stage your entry, then place your class card face downwards in front of your exhibit.
- Any signatures or names on entries must be masked for judging.

Entries in all classes must be labelled with titles or plant names as appropriate to the class. In the interests of the Show, all competitors are asked to ensure that your entries (including plant cultivars) are correctly named. You must not re-name any plants, flowers, produce, etc. that already have a recognised name.

Please check the details printed on your class cards thoroughly and immediately bring any errors to the attention of the Organiser. Any exhibit staged without the appropriate class card will be disqualified.

Advertising and Signage

No advertising materials or business cards may be placed alongside any entries prior to judging. Once judging has been completed, you are welcome to display a small number of advertising materials or business cards next to your exhibit.

Judging Criteria

Specific judging criteria will vary according to class-specific criteria (see the Competition Marquee Schedule for more information), but judges will generally be looking for the following where relevant:

- Health and Quality of Plant Material
- Correct Identification
- Uniformity
- Standard of Presentation
- Demonstrated Use of Skills and Techniques
- Originality
- Creativity
- Overall Impression and Impact
- Endeavour

Prizes

Judges will award the following prizes for individual classes in each category.

Competition Category	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Category C	£25	£10	£5
Category D	£25	£10	£5
Category E	£25	£10	£5
Category F	£3	£2	£1
Category G	£3	£2	£1
Category H	£3	£2	£1
Category I	£3	£2	£1
Category J	£3	£2	£1
Category K	£3	£2	£1
Category L	£3	£2	£1

All competitors aged 17 and under will receive a 'Well Done' certificate for taking part and will also be eligible for the main category prizes shown above.

'Highly Commended' certificates will be awarded at the judges' discretion to acknowledge high ambition or creativity that does not quite achieve a placed prize.

Show visitors will also be asked to vote for their favourite exhibits from Classes 6 and 7 in Category D, and from all classes in Category E, with the winners receiving 'People's Choice' certificates.

Conditions and Penalties

Unless otherwise stated in class-specific criteria, all competition entries must have been cultivated or produced by the competitor. All entries must be the unaided work of the competitor.

The same exhibit cannot be entered into more than one class.

For entries to all classes requiring the submission of plants, cut flowers, fruit, and vegetables, natural plant material must be used. The inclusion of artificial plant material (including artificial grass) is not permitted and such entries will be disqualified.

Liability for Damages

The Organiser and their representatives will not be responsible for any damage or loss to persons or property, including competition entries, under any circumstance.

No Smoking and Fire Precautions

Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, is not allowed in the Competition Marquee. Nothing of an inflammable or explosive nature must be brought into the Competition Marquee at any time. The use of naked flames is also prohibited at all times.

Judging Details and Payment of Prizes

Judging Dates

Your exhibits and competition entries must be ready for judging by the following dates and times:

- Categories C to L: Friday 15th August 2025, 8.30am

Judging of Categories C to L will take place on Friday 15th August 2025.

The Competition Marquee will be closed to all competitors and the public while judging takes place.

Judging Panels

Final judging panels will be announced closer to the Show dates, but all panels will consist of experts and professionals in fields relevant to each class.

All judges' decisions are final.

Payment of Prize Money

Competition Marquee winners will be able to collect their prizes in cash from the Show Box Office (at the entrance) whilst the Show is open.

Any outstanding prize monies owing will be settled by the Organiser within 14 working days of the final show day (Sunday 17th August 2025). Winners will be asked to provide details for their preferred method of payment to allow suitable transfer of funds. All personal details provided will only be used to facilitate this action and will not be stored for longer than necessary to achieve this.