

The **KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** presents

THE KENT COUNTY SHOW

3, 4 & 5 July 2026



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**KENT FEDERATION OF
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE**

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OF THE 95TH KENT COUNTY SHOW.

SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE FOR KFHS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

3rd, 4th and 5th JULY 2026

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CAN YOU HELP AS A STEWARD AT THE SHOW?

Please contact Phoebe if interested.



KFHS SHOW RULES

Show Regulations

1. Entry forms for each named exhibitor or society, accompanied by the appropriate fee of 50p per class unless otherwise stated, must be received by the Show Secretary no later than 25th June 2026. There is NO limit on entries – maximum payable is £5.00 – and no more to pay after ten entries.
2. All entries must be made on the official Showing Scene website no later than 25th June 2026 via [Showing Scene- www.showingscene.com](http://www.showingscene.com), alternatively, contact Miss Phoebe Pickett via post, email or over the phone.
3. Exhibitors may begin staging between 8am and 10pm on Thursday July 2nd. Exemptions by arrangements with KFHS Point of Contact.
4. All show vases, trays, bowls, plates, dishes, and food domes etc. will be provided by the KFHS unless otherwise stated. Exhibitors are reminded that only KFHS show vases may be used. Oasis and/or moss is recommended for staging purposes. Please do not use newspaper in vases.
5. Exhibitors are asked to ensure that both the work area and show benches are left clean and tidy.
6. Entry cards and labels may be collected from the Committee table at the time of staging. All exhibits should be correctly named, otherwise they should be labelled 'name unknown'. Exhibitors' cards must not be altered or replaced without the consent of the Show Secretary.
7. Show will be open to the public from 8am – 6pm each day. Judging will be in the KFHS marquee between 8.30am and 10.30am on Friday 3rd July.

8. Presentations of awards will take place on Sunday 5th July at 4pm.
9. Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule, prize money for each class will be as follows; First: £3.00 Second: £2.00 Third: £1.00
10. Prizes will be paid out within 28 days of the show day by bank transfer!

KENT COUNTY SHOW INFORMATION

Exhibits may be staged from 9am till 10pm on Thursday 2nd July 2026.

Competitors displaying a vehicle pass can drive to the KFHS marquee next to the Brachers Building on the Thursday to unload their displays. Exhibits may be staged throughout the night by prior arrangement.

All data given upon entry into classes with the organisers (KFHS and KCAS) may be provided to Horticultural Societies etc. for the publishing of results. Name, Club Details and results will be published in the catalogue and online. Details may also be provided to the press and Horticultural Societies for publication. By making an entry to a class with the Kent County Agricultural Society and KFHS you are providing consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

The organisers (KFHS & KCAS) will accept NO LIABILITY for loss or damage to competitors exhibits or property for the duration of the show and before or after collection. Exhibits may be collected AFTER 5.30pm on Sunday 5th July 2026 or up to lunchtime on Monday 6th July 2026. Please note there is no vehicles allowed before 7.00pm on Sunday evening. It will be possible to drive to the building on Monday morning to assist with the collection of large exhibits with the appropriate vehicle pass.

Those exhibits left in the building on Sunday evening will be moved, but left in the building in order that the drapes may be removed.

Exhibitors will be issued with a pre-show pass and one wristband. The wristband will allow you access to the show for all three days. These passes can be collected from the trade hub on the showground on Thursday 2nd July

Admittance to Showground

DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS MUST PRODUCE THE APPROPRIATE PASS

Security

There will be security on the main and back gates 24 hours a day from 8.00am on Monday 29th June to 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th July.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT CLASSES

Class 1. "Five Distinct Kinds of Vegetables"

one specimen of each, to be staged in a frame measuring approximately 15in/38cm x 15in38cm (provided).

Each item will receive a maximum of 10 points.

Prizes: First: £5.00 plus a Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette

Second: £3.00. Third: £2.00.

Class 2. "Kitchen Garden"

A standard seed-tray (provided) of vegetables and/or fruit, number at exhibitor's

discretion. To be judged for quality and visual appeal.

Prizes: First: £5.00. a Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette and
Second: £3.00. Third: £2.00.

The W.J. Wilson Challenge Cup, a Federation County Trophy Award Certificate
and

Red Rosette will be awarded for Best Exhibit in classes 3 – 16.

A Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette will be awarded for the Best
Exhibit of Vegetables in classes 3 – 13, and for the Best Exhibit of Fruit in
classes 14 – 16.

- Class 3. One dish of potatoes, white or coloured, five tubers.
- Class 4. Onions, three.
- Class 5. Shallots, exhibition ten.
- Class 6. Shallots, pickling ten – must not exceed 30mm. diameter.
- Class 7. Peas, nine pods
- Class 8. Carrots, three
- Class 9. Broad beans, nine pods.
- Class 10. French beans, nine pods.
- Class 11. Courgettes, three.
- Class 12. Beetroot, globe, three – approx. 60mm. to 75mm. diameter.
- Class 13. Any other vegetable. (See General Rule 12 for quantity).
- Class 14. Raspberries, twelve.
- Class 15. Gooseberries, nine.
- Class 16. Any other fruit, one kind. (See General Rule 12 for quantity).

Exhibitors please note:

Display boards, plates and baskets etc. are now provided for all classes.

SWEET PEAS CLASSES

The June Salver, the Federation County Trophy Award Certificate and Red Rosette will be awarded for the Best Single Vase of Sweet Peas in classes 17 – 23.

Class 17. The Three-vase Class

Three vases, three different cultivars, seven spikes of each.

Prizes: First: £10.00 and the Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

Second: £6.00. Third: £4.00.

Class 18. The Nine Spike Class

One vase of mixed sweet peas, not less than 3 cultivars, 9 spikes.

Class 19. Exhibitor's Choice

One vase, one cultivar, chosen by the exhibitor, 7 spikes.

Class 20. Summer's Bounty

A basket – 8in/20cm diameter (provided) of sweet peas, foliage permitted.

Space allowed 18in/45cm x 18in/45cm

To be viewed from the front and judged for quality and decorative effect.

Class 21. One vase, any flaked, striped, picotee or bicolour, 7 spikes.

Class 22. One 4in/10cm bowl, 'old-fashioned' sweet peas, foliage permitted.

To be viewed from the front and judged for quality and decorative effect.

Class 23. Novice Class (See general Rules).

One vase, one or more cultivars, 7 spikes.

Novice Prize: First: £5.00 plus the Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

Second: £3.00. Third: £2.00.

Exhibitors please note:

Unless otherwise stated sweet peas must be staged in 7in/18cm approx. show vases.

All containers, labels and pins are available from the Show Committee.

A neatly printed label, bearing the name of the cultivar/s should accompany every exhibit of sweet peas. This adds so much more interest for our visitors.

ROSE CLASSES

The Stuart Ogg Trophy, the Federation County Trophy Award Certificate and Red Rosette will be awarded for the Best Vase of roses in classes 24 – 31.

Class 24. **The John Appleton Class**

Two vases – one vase six blooms large-flowered – one vase three stems cluster-flowered

– one or more cultivars in each vase.

Prizes: First: £5.00 plus a Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

Second: £3.00. Third: £2.00.

Class 25. Three 7in/18cm. vases, one bloom in each vase – large-flowered.

Class 26. One vase 7in/18cm. specimen bloom, large-flowered.

Class 27. One vase, one cultivar, three-stages, large-flowered blooms.

(One bloom bud stage – one bloom perfect stage – one bloom full stage).

Stage in one vase, bud at top followed by perfect bloom, then full bloom.

Criteria: Bud to show colour with one or two petals beginning to unfurl above an open calyx. Perfect stage is half to three-quarters open; full bloom stage does not require stamens to show, but if seen, must be fresh and of good colour. A neatly printed label bearing the name(s) of the cultivar(s) should accompany every exhibit of roses.

Visitors do like to know the names.

Class 28. One vase, three stems, cluster-flowered, one or more cultivars.

Class 29. One vase 7in/18cm. specimen stem, cluster-flowered.

Class 30. A box (provided) of six miniature blooms in the perfect stage.

Any cultivar/s.

Class 31. Novice Class – (See General Rules)

One vase, three stems or blooms, any cultivars.

Novice Prize: First: £5.00 plus the Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

Second: £3.00. Third: 2.00.

OTHER CUT FLOWERS & PLANT CLASSES

The Kent & Sussex Farmers` Cup a Federation County Trophy Award Certificate and Red Rosette will be awarded for Best Vase in classes 32 – 37.

Class 32. A vase of any cut flower, one cultivar, not scheduled, 3 or more stems.

Class 33. A vase of Liliium, three stems.

Class 34. A vase of Hosta foliage, not less than 12 stems, minimum 3 cultivars.

Class 35. A vase of mixed garden flowers.

Class 36. A specimen Delphinium spike.

Class 37. An informal exhibit of cut garden grown flowers and foliage

To be grown by the exhibitor and staged for all round viewing.

Exhibitors may use their own container for class 37.

First: £5.00 and the Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette

Second: £3.00. Third £2.00.

POT PLANTS

The Geoffrey Wickham Memorial Trophy, a Federation County Trophy Award Certificate and Red Rosette will be awarded for the Best Pot Plant in classes 38 – 48

Class 38. Pot plant or plants in bloom, excluding fuchsias and pelargoniums.

Maximum pot size 10in/25cm

- Class 39.** Pot plant or plants grown for foliage, maximum pot size 10in/25cm
- Class 40.** Hosta, miniature, maximum pot size 7in/18cm
- Class 41.** One cactus.
- Class 42.** One pot, one succulent or succulents.
- Class 43.** One pan of sempervivum.

The Best Exhibit in classes 38 – 43 will receive the Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

FUCHSIAS

- Class 44.** Fuchsia, bush or shrub, single or double, maximum pot size 7in/18cm.
- Class 45.** Fuchsia, triphylla type, any size pot.
- Class 46.** Fuchsia, a hanging pot or basket, maximum size 8in/20cm. (a suitable stand will be provided).

The Best Exhibit in classes 44– 46 will receive a Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

PELARGONIUMS

- Class 47.** Zonal pelargonium, to include bi-colour or tri-colour, maximum pot size 7in/18cm.
- Class 48.** Regal or angel pelargonium, maximum pot size 7in/18cm.

The Best Exhibit in classes 47 – 48 will receive a Federation Certificate of Merit and Blue Rosette.

JUNIOR CLASSES

No entry fee for these age groups:

8 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

Class 49. A Decorated Flowerpot approx.6ins/15cms.

First: £5.00 plus a Federation Certificate and Blue Rosette. Second: £3.00.Third: £2.00.

9 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

Class 50. A Miniature garden in a standard seed tray.

First: £5.00 plus a Federation Certificate and Blue Rosette. Second: £3.00.Third: £2.00.

KFHS GENERAL SHOW RULES

Eligibility;

Shows staged by the Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies are open to all person`s resident in the County, individual members of the KFHS and members of societies affiliated to the KFHS. However, only affiliated societies and individual members of the KFHS or members of affiliated societies are eligible for the award of trophies.

1. In all sections of the Schedule only one exhibit is allowed in any one class from any one exhibitor or garden. All members of a household are permitted to exhibit from one garden, provided they do so in different classes from each other. The exceptions are the classes for Pot Plants and Craft, in which any number of members of a household may each exhibit one entry per class.

2. Exhibits of vegetables, fruit or flowers for competition must have been grown by the exhibitor or, in the case of society displays, by contributing exhibitors.
3. The judging of all horticultural exhibits will be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in the most recent edition of the Horticultural Handbook published by the R.H.S.
4. Any prize may, at the discretion of the judges, be withheld or modified if the exhibits are not considered worthy of such a prize.
5. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the decision of the judges is final. Any protest or objection must be made in writing and lodged with the Show Secretary no later than two hours after either show opens.
6. The KFHS accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to any exhibit. The KFHS shall not be liable for compensation for the loss or damage from any cause whatsoever, of or to, any personal property belonging to exhibitors or visitors to the shows. The right is reserved by the KFHS for cancelling the competitions, accepting, or refusing entries, withholding any or all prizes, as well as determining any questions that may arise out of these regulations.
7. Exhibitors must not interfere in any way whatsoever with any exhibit or display of another exhibitor. Any difficulties encountered should be brought to the attention of the Show Committee.
8. At KFHS Shows all ties on vegetables must be of undyed raffia or undyed string.

9. KFHS Trophies will be presented at each show. Trophy winners will be given the option of retaining trophies on the understanding that they must be returned to the Committee by 31st December of that respective year. Winners will also be responsible for loss of, or damage caused to trophies whilst in their possession.

10. Novice sections are open only to those exhibitors who have not gained a First Prize in any National or K.F.H.S. County Show.

11. The quantity of specimens to be shown in "collections," or "any other fruit and vegetable" class are listed below.

Apples	5	Cabbages	2	Damsons	12
Aubergines	3	Carrots	3	Fennel, Florence	3
Beans, Broad	9	Cauliflowers	2	Figs	5
Beans, Runner	9	Celery	2	Garlic	5
Beans, French	9	Cherries	12	Gooseberries	9
Beetroot	3	Courgettes	3	Grapes, bunches	2
Blackberries	12	Cucumbers	2	Kohlrabi	5
Brussels Sprouts	12	Currants, strigs	12	Leeks*	3
Lettuces	3	Peppers, sweet	3		
Loganberries	12	Plums	9		
Marrows	2	Potatoes	5		
Medlars	5	Quince	5		
Melons	1	Radishes	12		
Mushrooms	12	Raspberries	12		

Onions	5	Rhubarb, sticks	5	Tomatoes**	5
Parsnips	3	Shallots	6	Tomatoes***	9
Peaches	5	Strawberries	12	Turnips	3
Pears	5	Swedes	3		
Peas, pods	6	Sweet corn	3		

* Blanch or intermediate. ** Medium-fruited cultivars. *** Small-fruited cultivars.

Each dish must consist of one cultivar (variety) unless mixed dishes are permitted by the schedule.

For other vegetables and fruit not listed please refer to the R.H.S Show Handbook, most recent edition, published by the Royal Horticultural Society.

