



# KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## PATRON:

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## OFFICIAL GARDEN LIFE SCHEDULE OF THE 95TH KENT COUNTY SHOW.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY  
3rd, 4th and 5th JULY 2026

## CELEBRATING THE WORLD CARNIVAL ENTRIES CLOSE

Hanging Baskets– Friday 19th June 2026

Wheelbarrow– Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Scarecrows– Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Kent County Agricultural Society

Registered Charity No. 1001191

# THE COLOUR OF THE CARNIVAL

This year we are celebrating the colourful world of carnivals. This needs to be reflected in the entries below, maybe you have taken inspiration from Mardi Gras or even 'day of the dead'.

## HANGING BASKET SHOW RULES

The Hanging Basket & Decorative Pot Competition is located within the Brachers Building at the Kent County Show and is always an excellent addition to our floral displays. The space for this area is limited and entries will be allocated in strict rotation. If your application is not successful you will be informed as a matter of urgency.

### Rules and Regulations

Each entrant will be allocated an area 4' square for the pot and facilities will be provided for hanging the basket above. Exhibitors are required to stage their exhibit in their own 12" hanging basket and a matching 12" terracotta or like material, planted with suitable summer material, to complement each other.

### Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize	Prize Card	£50.00
2nd Prize	Prize Card	£30.00
3rd Prize	Prize Card	£20.00

The Burrows and Day Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Hanging Basket and Decorative Pot Competition.

# SCHOOL COMPETITION SHOW RULES

There are two classes open to all Primary Schools across Kent any clubs that include primary aged pupils. These are great opportunities for your school or club to show what you can produce. Your exhibit will display the young peoples work as part of the Garden Life area of the Kent Agricultural Show. Entry to both classes is free.

## WHEELBARROW COMPETITION

Fill the wheelbarrow with a stunning display of plants to suit the carnival theme.

Rules – Each exhibit will be judged using the criteria below and will follow your design brief and description. The judges' decision is final. The winners will be awarded a rosette and an award card. (Each entry will be awarded a rosette for taking part).

Design Brief–

- You are supplied with a wheelbarrow and potting compost to fill the barrow.
- How you choose to arrange your plants is up to you and your team.
- The wheelbarrows will be displayed on a plinth, so your School/Club name can be displayed in front of the barrow.
- The display must only fill the wheelbarrow and the plinth, not overflowing onto the floor.
- Your description should be clearly part of your exhibit.

It should focus on–

- Your choice of theme is appropriate to the age of your group.

- Your plants are healthy and well cared for.
- The plant list is inclusive and correct.
  
- 50% of the marks are for the description of your theme (carnival), which shows that some of your young people have written part of it. Your description needs to include a title and highlight influences from the carnival theme. Please keep to 500 words maximum.

## SCARECROW COMPETITION

Build a freestanding scarecrow or one that can be easily attached to a fence post.

Rules – Each exhibit will be judged using the criteria below and will follow your design brief.

The judges' decision is final. The winners will be awarded a rosette and an award card. (Each entry will be awarded a rosette for taking part.)

Design Brief–

- Your finished scarecrow should not be taller than 2m and not wider than 1m.
- Give your scarecrow a name and include the name of your school or club.
- You can choose to use any material in your construction, but eco-friendly materials would be preferred.

It should focus on–

- Your choice of theme is appropriate to the age of your group.
- Your description should include why you chose this theme. Limit this to 500 words maximum.
- Your description clearly is the work of several people.

# SCARECROW COMPETITION

## Judging Criteria

- 50% of the marks are for the structure and look of your scarecrow.
- 50% of the marks are for the description of your theme (carnival), which shows that some of your young people have written part of it. Your description needs to include a title and highlight influences from the carnival theme. Please keep to 500 words maximum.

## INFORMATION

Cost of entry: –

There is no charge to enter either of the Schools Classes.

All entries must be made on the official Showing Scene website no later than 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 via [Showing Scene– www.showingscene.com](http://www.showingscene.com), alternatively, contact Miss Phoebe Pickett via post, email or over the phone.

Closing Date for Entries: –

Closing date for the 2026 show is the 19th June 2026. We have a limited number of spaces available for these classes, so we recommend that you make an early entry.

No poisonous or toxic plant materials to be used within exhibits.

Pre/Post show vehicle passes will be given as well as tickets for show days for prize giving.