

Antrim Agricultural Society
118th Annual Show

Saturday 25 July 2026

***Horticulture
and
Home Industries***

SCHEDULE

The details enclosed may be subject to change.

**EXHIBITS MUST BE STAGED BETWEEN 2.00PM AND 6.30PM ON FRIDAY 24 JULY 2026,
WITH EXCEPTION OF HORTICULTURE AND HOME BAKING ENTRIES WHICH MAY BE
STAGED UP UNTIL 9.30AM ON SATURDAY.**

**HOME BAKING, EGGS AND HORTICULTURAL CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED ON
SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026.**

ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED ON FRIDAY 24 JULY 2026 AT 6.30PM.

**Online Entries can be made at
antrimshow.com**

HORTICULTURAL AND HOME INDUSTRIES SECTION

Entries Close: Friday, 10 July 2026

With the exception of Horticulture which will remain open up until Friday 24 July 2026.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRIES

1. Online Entries can be made at antrimshow.com.
2. **Entry Fee:** £1.00 per entry (unless otherwise stated)
WI Team Competition - £5.00 per Team
3. No late entries will be accepted (with the exception of Horticulture Exhibits).
4. All entries shall be made on the prescribed form and lodged with the necessary fees.
- 5.. Any exhibitor may stage several exhibits in any class.
6. **PLEASE NOTE** – where the total entry fee is £10 or more, a Free Adult Pass will be issued.
All Children Under 12 get free admission to the Show but where entry fees come to £10 or more, a Free Adult Pass will be issued.

STAGING EXHIBITS AT THE SHOW

6. Exhibitor number cards will be issued to exhibitors on arrival.
7. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE STAGED BETWEEN 2.00PM AND 6.30PM ON FRIDAY 24 JULY.**
ONLY HOME BAKING & HORTICULTURE ENTRIES CAN BE STAGED ON SATURDAY 25 JULY BETWEEN 8.00AM AND 9.30AM. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE STAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF THE STEWARDS.
8. **JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM ON FRIDAY AND 9.30AM ON SATURDAY.**
9. The Show Committee will exercise the greatest possible care of articles exhibited but cannot be responsible for loss or damage to exhibitors' property while in the Show Grounds.

RULES

10. No two or more people may exhibit in the same class from the same garden, and exhibitors are prohibited from combining for the purpose of the Show.
11. Exhibitors are asked to provide their own vases for cut flowers.
12. All vegetables must be washed, suitable for table use.
13. Any article that has won a prize in a previous Antrim Show cannot be re-entered.
14. The Judges' decision will be final, with regards to merit or points of qualification.
15. No exhibitor may remain in the place of exhibition during the time when judging is in progress.
16. All exhibits must have been grown, made or produced by the exhibitor, except in the Floral Art section.
17. **All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Judges, who may withhold the prizes if they consider the exhibits are not worthy of an award.**

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS

ALL EXHIBITS AND PRIZE MONEY MUST BE CLAIMED FROM 4.00PM ON SATURDAY 25 JULY.
THE SOCIETY CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS NOT CLAIMED.

CARS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE SHOW FIELD UNTIL AFTER 4.30PM ON SHOW DAY.

A PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30PM ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

LIST OF JUDGES 2026

Floral Art:	Mrs Heather Hume, Randalstown
Horticulture:	Mr Reg Maxwell, Templepatrick
Horticulture:	Mr Roderick Barnes, Antrim
Preserves:	Mrs Jean Graham, Gracehill
Eggs:	Mr Jim Fletcher, Comber
Baking:	Mrs Violet Davidson, Broughshane
Baking:	Mrs Geraldine Ward, Glenarm
Needle Work, Craft	Mrs Shirley Dew, Lurgan
WI Team Competition:	Miss Rosemary Bunting, Lower Ballinderry
Photography:	Rev Ian McGowan, Kells
Children's & YFC Craft:	Mrs Sharon Wallace, Aldergrove
Limerick Competition:	Mrs Roberta McCullough, Antrim

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE TEAM COMPETITION

Class 601

Open to W.I. Members only

Theme: 'A Picnic'

ENTRY FEE: £5.00 per team

The prize money for this section is sponsored by Woodbank House Vintage Tearoom, Garvagh.

This Competition will be judged on Friday 24 July 2026 at 6.30pm.

Exhibits can be staged between 2.00pm and 6.30pm on Friday afternoon.

PRIZE MONEY

Per Individual Article 1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00. Team Prize - 1st - £15, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £5

The Antrim WI Tyrone Crystal rose bowl will be presented to the winning Team.

Cups will be presented to the individual exhibitor of the best baked item and the best craft item.

Each individual Women's Institute may put forward the work of one team, all of whom must be members of that Institute. A display comprising five articles, each of which must be made by a team member, are to be staged.

The Judge will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each element and for presentation. Points will be awarded accordingly. 1st – 5 points, 2nd – 3 points and 3rd – 1 point. The Team with the most points wins.

Items to be displayed on a table (i.e. card/picnic table). Tables will **NOT** be provided.

Display to contain the following:

- 1. A Cushion (any craft)**
- 2. A Patchwork Bottle/Flask Bag with a Drawstring**
- 3. 4 Sausage Rolls**
- 4. 4 Muffins (containing a fresh fruit)**
- 5. A Floral Basket. Space allowed: width 30cm. Height optional.**
(Floral arrangement to be judged according to NAFAS rules)

Please Note: The key items and any props used in the display must fit on a square/rectangular table, not exceeding 90cm x 90cm.

DECORATIVE AND FLORAL ART

PRIZE MONEY - 1st £10.00, 2nd £6.00, 3rd £4.00 (unless otherwise stated)

COLLECTION OF THE EXHIBITS FROM 4.00pm.

1. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor but can be brought to the Show partly or already assembled.
2. An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space specified in the show schedule. Backgrounds, bases containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated. More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated. In all exhibits natural plant material should predominate.
3.
 - a Entries must be on an official entry form accompanied by the appropriate fee.
 - b A competitor may enter more than one exhibit in each class.
 - c **ENTRY FEES ARE £1.00 FOR EACH FLORAL ART ENTRY.**
4. Tabling height approximately 2ft 3in from floor, covered in navy material.
5. Removal of exhibits will take place after 4.00pm on Saturday 25 July 2026.
6. All classes judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th Edition 2023.
7. **Exhibits can be staged between 2.00pm to 6.00pm on Friday 24 July 2026.**
8. **Judging will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 24 July 2026.**
9. Exhibits may be submitted, already assembled.

TROPHIES

THE GETTY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the best overall exhibit in the section.

THE TAYLOR TROPHY will be awarded to the best exhibit from a member of a YFC.

THE MR. & MRS. C.G. BLACKBOURNE TROPHY will be awarded to winner of the Open Class.

THE HELEN ROSS SILVER SALVER will be awarded to the winner of the Novice/Beginners Class.

The Overall Theme for 2026 will be:

“An Artistic Summer”

OPEN CLASS

CLASS 602 “Impressions of Summer” – (No oasis to be used) Space allowed: width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

NOVICE/BEGINNERS CLASS

(Restricted to exhibitors who have not previously won 1st prize in the Floral Art section at Antrim Show.)

CLASS 603 “It’s all in the Frame” Space allowed: width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

PETITE CLASS

CLASS 604 “Summers Little Palette” Space allowed: width 25cm, depth 25cm, height optional.

YFC CLASS (19 -30 age group)

CLASS 605 “Anyone for Tennis” – Space allowed: width 60cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

YFC CLASS (12 -18 age group)

CLASS 606 “Anyone for Tennis” – Space allowed: width 60cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

See Children’s Floral Art classes in the Children’s Section.

HORTICULTURE

The Horticulture Section will be judged on Saturday 25 July.

Prize money for this section is sponsored by McKervill Neilly Solicitors, Coleman's Garden Centre & Desi Mills, Agricultural Engineering

ENTRY FEE - £1.00 per entry

PRIZE MONEY - 1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00 (unless otherwise stated)

PRIZE MONEY WILL BE PAID IN CASH FROM 4.30PM.

All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- CLASS 607 **Top Vase Competition (5 - 10 blooms mixed from a minimum of 2 varieties of plant)**
- CLASS 608 **Top Tray Competition (3 kinds of vegetables)**
Each of the 3 vegetables chosen must be displayed in the quantities stated in classes 630 – 643 overleaf.

FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS

NEW: THE GRANGEWOOD SIELD

will be awarded to the Exhibitor, gaining most points in this section.

THE JIM CRAWFORD MEMORIAL CUP

will be awarded to the Exhibitor of the Best Exhibit in the Flower and Pot Plant Sections.

Flower Section

- CLASS 609 One Vase H.T. Roses, one bloom.
- CLASS 610 One Vase H.T. Roses, three stems, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 611 One Vase Floribunda Roses, three stems, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 612 One Vase Floribunda Roses, one stem.
- CLASS 613 One Vase Roses, three stems, any other variety.
- CLASS 614 Sweet Pea, Eight stems, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 615 One Vase of Dahlias, Three Blooms, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 616 One Vase of Dahlias, One Bloom.
- CLASS 617 One Vase of other Herbaceous Flowers, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 618 One Vase of Annual Flowers, one variety or mixed.
- CLASS 619 Small Vase of six Pansies.
- CLASS 620 Small Vase of six Viola.
- CLASS 621 Hydrangea, three stems.
- CLASS 622 Any other Flowering Shrub, three stems, one variety.
- See Class 607 Top Vase Competition Above.

Pot Plant Section

CLASS 623	Foliage plant in pot, not exceeding 8" diameter (exc. Fuchsia).
CLASS 624	Plant in bloom, in pot, not exceeding 8" diameter (exc. Fuchsia).
CLASS 625	One Pelargonium / Geranium – Any variety.
CLASS 626	Flowered Begonia, in pot not exceeding 8" diameter.
CLASS 627	Fuchsia in a pot (any size).
CLASS 628	One Cacti in Pot, up to and including 8" diameter.
CLASS 629	One Succulent in Pot, up to and including 8" diameter.

VEGETABLES

THE JIM MCKAY CUP

will be awarded to the Exhibitor of the Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section.

THE KINNEY ROSE BOWL

will be awarded to the Exhibitor gaining most points in Vegetable and Fruit Sections.

CLASS 630	3 Carrots.
CLASS 631	3 Globe Beetroot.
CLASS 632	6 Shallots (culinary).
CLASS 633	3 Onions.
CLASS 634	6 Pea Pods.
CLASS 635	6 Pods Broad Beans.
CLASS 636	1 Head of Garden Cabbage.
CLASS 637	1 Head of Lettuce – Any variety.
CLASS 638	6 Spray Parsley.
CLASS 639	3 Sticks Rhubarb.
CLASS 640	3 Potatoes (Coloured).
CLASS 641	3 Potatoes (White).
CLASS 642	3 varieties of culinary Herbs in a small vase.
CLASS 643	Any other vegetable.
	See Class 608 above. Top Tray Competition.

FRUIT

CLASS 644	12 Strawberries on a plate.
CLASS 645	12 Raspberries on a plate.
CLASS 646	Blackcurrants - 6 sprigs.
CLASS 647	Redcurrants - 6 sprigs.
CLASS 648	12 Gooseberries on a plate.

CLASS 649	Any other fruit.
CLASS 650	Collection of Soft Fruits.

YFC HORTICULTURE SECTION

This section is restricted to YFC members.

The vegetables exhibited must be displayed in the quantities stated in classes 630 – 643.

CLASS 651	Any brassica.
CLASS 652	Any other vegetable.
CLASS 653	A Plant in a pot, not exceeding 8” diameter.

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SECTION

This section is open to all exhibitors 16 years old and under.

The fruit and vegetables exhibited must be displayed in the quantities stated in classes 630 – 643.

CLASS 654	Any brassica.
CLASS 655	Any other vegetable.
CLASS 656	Any fruit.
CLASS 657	A Plant in a pot, not exceeding 8” diameter.
CLASS 658	5 Stems of Sweet Pea – in a vase.

HOME INDUSTRIES

ENTRY FEE - £1.00 per entry

PRIZE MONEY - 1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00

HOME MADE PRESERVES

The preserves section will be judged on Friday 24 July.

The prize money for this section is sponsored by Apperley’s Butchers.

THE MISS G. LEWIS TROPHY

will be awarded to the exhibitor, gaining the most points in the Preserves Section.

CLASS 659	Pot Rhubarb Jam.
CLASS 660	Pot Raspberry Jam.
CLASS 661	Pot Strawberry Jam.
CLASS 662	Pot Gooseberry Jam.
CLASS 663	Pot Blackcurrant Jam.
CLASS 664	Pot of any other variety Jam.
CLASS 665	Pot of Jelly – any variety.
CLASS 666	Pot of Lemon Curd.
CLASS 667	Pot of Marmalade.
CLASS 668	Pot of Chutney.

EGGS

The egg section will be judged on Saturday 25 July.

Prize money in this section is sponsored by Ballygarvey Eggs, Ballymena.

THE JAMES CRAWFORD SHIELD

will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Egg Section.

CLASS 669	3 Hen Eggs, brown.
CLASS 670	3 Hen Eggs, any other one colour.
CLASS 671	3 Bantam Hen Eggs, any one colour.
CLASS 672	3 Duck Eggs, any one colour.
CLASS 673	One Hen Egg, to be broken into a saucer by the Judge, to be judged for quality and freshness.

BAKING

The baking section will be judged on Saturday 25 July.
(Items will be judged on appearance and taste.)

The prize money for this section is sponsored by Country Cake Designs and Apperley's Butchers.

THE JAMES BAIRD MEMORIAL CUP

will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Baking Section.

THE A.I.B. PERPETUAL TROPHY

will be awarded to YFC Member gaining the most points in Baking Section.
(names of individual exhibitors and club must be recorded on entry forms).

CLASS 674	2 Farls Griddle Soda Bread.
CLASS 675	Oven Wheaten Bread.
CLASS 676	4 Pancakes.
CLASS 677	4 Fruit Scones.
CLASS 678	4 Scones – Any other variety.
CLASS 679	1 Loaf of Banana Bread.
CLASS 680	4 Shortbread Biscuits.
CLASS 681	4 Biscuits (any one variety).
CLASS 682	4 Chocolate Brownies.
CLASS 683	4 Muffins – containing a fresh fruit (i.e. Banana, Blueberry, Raspberry etc).
CLASS 684	A Gluten Free Cake.
CLASS 685	Fat Free Sponge (unfilled).
CLASS 686	Half Coffee Sandwich (decorated).
CLASS 687	Iced Carrot Cake.
CLASS 688	Cheesecake, any variety (1 slice/portion).
CLASS 689	Decorated Novelty Cake (Judged for decoration only).

Junior Baker Competitions (Restricted to Age 13 – 17).

- CLASS 690 4 Chocolate Brownies.
- CLASS 691 4 Decorated Cup Cakes (suitable for a party).

WORK

The Work section will be judged on Friday 24 July.

J. L. CLARKE PERPETUAL CUP

will be awarded to the exhibitor, gaining the most points in the Work Section.

THE WINDERMERE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

will be awarded to **the exhibitor of the best knitted item** in classes 692 – 695.

All articles to be made recently by the exhibitor and not previously entered in this Show. Soiled and used articles are not acceptable.

- CLASS 692 A Hand Knitted Garment for a Baby.
- CLASS 693 A Hand Knitted Garment for an Adult.
- CLASS 694 A Hand Knitted Baby Blanket.
- CLASS 695 Any other Hand Knitted Item.
- CLASS 696 A Crocheted Baby Blanket.
- CLASS 697 A Crocheted Blanket (Single bed size).
- CLASS 698 A Crocheted Blanket (Double to King bed size).
- CLASS 699 A Crocheted Bag.
- CLASS 700 Any Other Article in Crochet.
- CLASS 701 Any Article in Patchwork.
- CLASS 702 A Soft Toy (Any craft).
- CLASS 703 Any Article in Embroidery.
- CLASS 704 Any Article in Counted Cross Stitch.
- CLASS 705 A Stuffed Cushion (Any Craft).
- CLASS 706 Any Other Work Item, not classified in Classes 692 – 705.

CRAFT

The Craft section will be judged on Friday 24 July.

The prize money for this section is sponsored by SE McKay & Sons Ltd (Oil & Fuel Products)

All articles to be own recent work and not previously entered at this Show.

- CLASS 707 A Framed Painting (please state size on entry form).
- CLASS 708 A Pebble Art Picture.
- CLASS 709 A Place Mat (any craft).

CLASS 710	A Box with a Lid (any craft).
CLASS 711	A Handmade Birthday Card (Not to exceed A5 size).
CLASS 712	Any Craft made from Recycled Items.
CLASS 713	Any other craft item, not classified in Classes 707 – 712.

YOUNG FARMERS CRAFT COMPETITION

The YFC Craft section will be judged on Friday, 24 July.

Prize money for this section is sponsored by WG Crawford, Joinery.

This section is restricted to YFC Members.

THE HELEN BONAR CUP

will be awarded to the YFC member with the most points in the Home Industries Section. (Excluding Horticultural & Eggs).

CLASS 714	A Craft Item - 12-18 age group.
CLASS 715	A Craft Item - 19-30 age group.
CLASS 716	An Antrim Show Souvenir Keyring - 12-18 age group.
CLASS 717	An Antrim Show Souvenir Keyring - 19-30 age group.
CLASS 718	A Kitchen Notice Board made from a Recycled Kitchen Utensil - 12-18 age group.
CLASS 719	A Kitchen Notice Board made from a Recycled Kitchen Utensil - 19-30 age group.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography section will be judged on Friday 24 July.

Prize money for this section is sponsored by Stephen Caldwell, Photography

We are unable to accept photography exhibits by post.

Entries should not be framed or exceed 10" x 8" (including mount).

CLASS 720	A Colour Photo featuring Farm Machinery - taken by a 13–18-year-old (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 721	Colour Photo - subject "Football Crazy" - taken by a 13–18-year-old (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 722	Subject "Open" - taken by a 13–18-year-old (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 723	Colour Photo - subject "Wee Farmers" - taken by an adult (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 724	Colour Photo - subject "Peace and Tranquility" - taken by an adult (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 725	Subject "Open" - taken by an adult (Not exceeding 10" x 8").
CLASS 726	Black & White Photo. Subject "Open" (Not exceeding 10" x 8").

CHILDREN'S SECTION

(12 years and under) *Age to be given on entry form for all entries in this section.

The Children's classes (including Baking) will be judged on Friday 24 July.

Prize money for this section is sponsored by Randalstown Dental Clinic.

Under 8 years old

CLASS 727	A Floral Arrangement - "Summer Fun and Games in the Garden" . Space allowed – width 45cm, depth 45cm.
CLASS 728	4 Decorated Digestive Biscuits.
CLASS 729	Colour Photo – Subject "Games".
CLASS 730	A Colour Photo – Any Subject.
CLASS 731	An Egg Carton Creature.
CLASS 732	A Wooden Spoon Puppet.
CLASS 733	A Handmade Birthday Card – any medium (not to exceed A5).
CLASS 734	Picture - A Football Shirt. (Template available).
CLASS 735	Any Other Craft Item not classified above.

8 – 12 years old

CLASS 736	A Floral Arrangement - "Summer Fun and Games in the Garden" . Space allowed – width 45cm, depth 45cm.
CLASS 737	4 Cookies (one variety).
CLASS 738	4 Decorated Cup Cakes – With a Sporting Theme.
CLASS 739	Colour Photo – Subject "Games".
CLASS 740	Colour Photo - Subject "On the Farm".
CLASS 741	Colour Photo – Any Subject.
CLASS 742	An Egg Carton Creature.
CLASS 743	A Handmade Party Invitation – any medium (not to exceed A5).
CLASS 744	Picture - A Football Shirt (your own design).
CLASS 745	Any Other Craft Item not classified above.

Prizes for the Limerick Competition provided by B Craig & Co Ltd, Ballyclare.

Limerick Competition (A five-line poem)

CLASS 746	First line: <u>"There once was a lassie from Antrim town"</u> Limericks must be received by 5pm on Friday, 17th July 2026. Can be emailed to HomeIndustries@AntrimShow.com or posted to David Crawford.
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Sponsors for Horticulture and Home Industries

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