

DORSET COUNTY SHOW

6 & 7 SEPT 2025



HORTICULTURE & HOMECRAFT SCHEDULE

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HORTICULTURE ENTRIES CLOSE: 22ND AUGUST 2025

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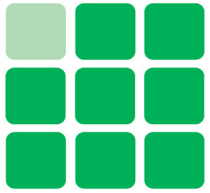


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HORTICULTURE & HOMECRAFT SCHEDULE

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Horticulture Chair	Mr Robin Pitcher
Horticulture Vice Chair	Mr Eric Pickard
Homecraft Chair	Mrs Nicki Ralph
Homecraft Vice Chair	Mrs Linda Coombes

Horticulture:

Flowers, Vegetables and Fruit, Intermediate, Novice, Junior

Horticulture Entries Close: 22nd August 2025

Homecraft:

Art, Junior Art and Craft, Decorative Cake Icing, Cookery, Junior Cookery, Decorative Flower Arranging, Handicraft, Additional Needs, Homemade Wines and Cider, Photography, Preserves, Scarecrow

Homecraft Entries Close: 6th August

If posting your entry form, ensure you send it early to avoid postal delays – late entries are **not** accepted.

ENTER ONLINE: www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk/compete

HORTICULTURE

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 2025

Chair: Mr Robin Pitcher

Vice-Chair: Mr Eric Pickard

2025 PRIZE MONEY (Except where stated):

All Classes: First Prize: £5 | Second Prize: £3 | Third Prize: £2

Entry Fee: £1 inc VAT/entry (Except where stated)

Staging of Exhibits:

Friday 5th September: Between 2:00pm and 7:00

Saturday 6th September: Between 6:30am and 7:30am

A DROP OFF facility will be available beside the Horticulture Marquee for those with large exhibits (weather permitting). This area is **not** for parking and will not be available after 7:30am on Saturday 6th September. Car Passes will be issued for dropping off of entries and these will permit access through the Showground Gate 1 on Friday 5th September. On Saturday 6th September those with the Drop Off Vehicle Passes will be directed to Gate 4. **Please note, a ticket will be required to drop off an entry on the morning of Saturday 6th September** – no ticket, no entry to drop off.

Collection of Exhibits:

Removal is **only** permitted after 5:00pm on Sunday 7th September. The Horticulture marquee will close for collection at 6:30pm. Vehicle movement to the Marquee is not permitted until 6pm. Exhibits not collected by 6:30pm on Sunday 7th September will be disposed of.

Presentation of Awards:

A presentation of awards will take place in the Horticulture Marquee on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 5pm.

Complimentary Show Ticket: One Show Ticket will be sent to adult exhibitors who make entries to the value of £14.00 or more in the combined Homecraft & Horticulture Section. These will be dispatched with confirmation of entries after the closing date.

This Society is an affiliated member of the Royal Horticultural Society, National Dahlia Society and National Vegetable Society.

All exhibits must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of 3 months.

Juniors are welcome to enter **all** classes.

FLOWER CLASSES

FLOWER AWARDS

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BANKSIAN MEDAL (Premier Horticultural Award), will be presented to the winner of the highest amount of prize money in the Flower and the Vegetable & Fruit Section. Not eligible are the 2023 & 2024 winners, Mr N Hatch,

- HT1 DORCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Flower Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Flower Section**
- HT2 WHEATLEY Perpetual Challenge Salver for the Runner Up in the Flower Classes**
- HT3 SHEPPARD Perpetual Memorial Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Chrysanthemum, Dahlia and Rose Classes**
- HT4 GALTON Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Vase of Flowers Class**
- HT5 READ Perpetual Trophy for the Best Dahlia Exhibit**
- HT6 WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Challenge Cup for the winner if the Chrysanthemum Championship**
- HT7 BEATON Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Pot Plant**
- HT8 HUMPHRIES GARDEN CENTRE Perpetual Shield for the Best Collection of Pot Plants**
- HT24 The PETER READ Memorial Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the best tuberous rooted flowering Begonia**

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Silver Medal for the Best Dahlia Exhibit

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Bronze Medal for the Best Vase of Dahlias in Show

NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY Silver Medal for the Best Chrysanthemum Exhibit in Show

NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY Bronze Medal for the Best Vase of Chrysanthemums in Show

NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY awards Certificates of Merit in the Chrysanthemum Classes

CLASSES

Names and varieties should be displayed with exhibits.

A limited number of vases are available for the flower classes and must be requested on the entry form

Judges: Mr J Penney & TBC

- 301 DAHLIAS, Championship, 3 vases, 3 blooms per vase or 6 pom poms per vase, 3 classifications**
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £10; 2nd £7; 3rd £3
- 302 DAHLIAS, Pom-Poms, 6 blooms (56mm maximum diameter), 1 vase**
- 303 DAHLIAS, Small or Miniature Ball, small from 115mm and not exceeding 170mm in diameter, miniature not exceeding 115mm diameter, 3 blooms, 1 vase**
- 304 DAHLIAS, Small or Miniature Decorative, 3 blooms, 1 vase**
- 305 DAHLIAS, Medium Decorative, (not exceeding 220mm diameter) 3 blooms, 1 vase**
- 306 DAHLIAS, Small Cactus or Semi-Cactus, (not exceeding 170mm diameter) 3 blooms, 1 vase**
- 307 DAHLIAS, Medium Cactus or Semi-Cactus, (up to 220mm diameter) 3 blooms, 1 vase**
- 308 DAHLIAS, 1 bloom Large or Giant Cactus or Semi-Cactus**

- 309 **DAHLIAS**, 1 vase, 3 blooms, any classification not otherwise mentioned
- 310 **DAHLIAS**, 1 container arranged for effect, number of blooms optional
- 311 **DAHLIAS**, 1 Specimen Bloom

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- 312 **CHRYSANTHEMUMS SPRAY**, 1 vase, 3 stems, any variety or varieties
- 313 **CHRYSANTHEMUMS**, 1 specimen bloom
- 314 **ROSES**, large flowered, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 315 **ROSES**, Cluster, 1 vase, 1 stem
- 316 **ROSES**, 1 specimen bloom
- 317 **ROSES**, Miniature – Multi Flora, 1 vase, 3 stems
- 318 **GLADIOLI**, Large flowered, 1 vase of 3 stems
- 319 **GLADIOLI**, Primulinus or Butterfly, 1 vase of 3 stems
- 320 **GLADIOLI**, 1 specimen spike
- 321 **1 CONTAINER OF MIXED FLOWERS**, space allowed 77cm
- 322 **FLOWERS**, 2 vases, 5 stems in each vase, 2 distinct kinds
- 323 **AFRICAN MARIGOLDS**, 1 vase, 5 blooms
- 324 **ASTERS**, 1 vase, 5 blooms
- 325 **PANSY AND/OR VIOLA**, 6 blooms, to be displayed in a box (either provided by yourself or the Society)
- 326 **FLOWERS**, 1 vase, 5 stems of 1 kind, other than any kind previously mentioned in the Flower Section
- 327 **HOSTA LEAF**, 1 leaf in water
- 328 **FLOATING FLOWER HEAD/HEADS**, displayed in a shallow container not exceeding 30cm
- 329 **HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL**, 3 stems
- 330 **SHRUB**, 1 stem (excluding roses)
- 331 **CACTUS**, single or multi-headed, 1 pot or pan
- 332 **SUCCULENT**, 1 pot or pan, not cacti
- 333 **1 FOLIAGE POT PLANT**
- 334 **1 FLOWERING POT PLANT**, not a tuberous Begonia, Fuchsia or Pelargonium
- 335 **1 POT PLANT**, flowering tuberous Begonia
- 336 **1 FLOWERING PELARGONIUM**
- 337 **POT PLANT**, flowering Fuchsia
- 338 **BONSAI**, Evergreen or Deciduous, presented in bonsai china or plastic bowl

339 3 POT OR CONTAINER PLANTS, space allowed 123cm x 69cm

340 1 VASE of FLOWERS from the following:

GLADIOLI, 3 stems, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

DAHLIAS, 3 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, 3 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

ROSES, 3 blooms of H.T.'s, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

ANNUALS, 9 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties of any one type i.e. Asters

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CLASSES

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT AWARDS

All Vegetables will be judged under N.V.S rules

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BANKSIAN MEDAL (Premier Horticultural Award), will be presented to the winner of the highest amount of prize money in the Flower, Fruit & Vegetable Sections. Not eligible are the 2023 & 2024 winners, Mr N Hatch

HT9 DORCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Vegetable & Fruit Challenge Cup awarded for the Best Exhibit in the Vegetable and Fruit classes

HT10 AMATEUR Perpetual Challenge Cup awarded to the Winner of 'Housewife's Choice' Class
NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY Medal for the Best Dish of Vegetables, all vegetables judged

HT16 HAYWARD Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Fruit Exhibit

HT17 P J BARNES Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the winning Collection of Vegetables

HT18 MILES Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Onion Championship

HT19 MARY HAYWARD Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the winner of the Collection of Three Dishes of Vegetables

HT20 PITCHER Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Grow and Show in a Wheelbarrow class

HT21 GROVES NURSERY Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit of herbs

CLASSES

Judges: Mr K Hine, Woking; Mr G Edwards, Swanage; Mr P Yeoman, Albury;
Mr B Newman, Horsham; Mr I Clemens F.N.V.S, Holsworthy

Judging commences at 8.00am prompt on Saturday

Paper plates will be provided for displaying exhibits in all classes marked *

Information on staging can be obtained from the Show Office or Show Stewards

- 341 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES**, 5 different kinds from those listed in the classes within this section. Points will be awarded for presentation.
Entry Fee: £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1st £50, 2nd £20, 3rd £13, 4th £8
- 342 TOP TRAY CLASS**, a collection of 3 types of vegetables taken from the following list: The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets and each type must consist of the same variety: Carrots (3), Cauliflower (2), Onions (3), Parsnips (3), Peas (6 pods), Potatoes (3), Runner Beans (6 pods), Tomatoes (6), French Beans (6 pods), Sweetcorn (2), Pepper (3), Cucumber (2), Courgettes (3), Red Beet (3), Aubergines (2). All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetable should be displayed within an area measuring 45cm x 60cm, without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45cm x 60cm can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can simply be marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge, the internal measurements must not exceed 45cm x 60cm.
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 343 HOUSEWIFE'S CHOICE**, a basket or trug of 4 different kinds of vegetable or 3 vegetables and a fruit, for a family of four and judge for culinary quality
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 344 MIXED COLLECTION**, 1 vase of flowers, 1 pot plant, 2 kinds of vegetables, to fit within a 123cm frontage
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 345 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES**, 5 different kinds, 1 specimen of each to be stages. Maximum of 92cm frontage
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 346 GROW AND SHOW IN A WHEELBARROW**, A collection of Fruit, Flowers & Vegetables to be shown in a wheelbarrow, any size wheelbarrow, must contain all three
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £10, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 347 ONION CHAMPIONSHIP**, 3 large onions, 3 onions up to 250g, 6 large shallots
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £10, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 348 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES**, 3 dishes, 3 specimens of each, NVS pointing value 18 or less.
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 349 1 DISH, 5 COLOURED POTATOES**, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish *
- 350 1 DISH, 5 WHITE POTATOES**, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish *
- 351 2 DISHES OF POTATOES OF 2 DIFFERENT VARIETIES**, 5 of each variety, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish*
Entry Fee: £1.20 **Prize Money:** 1st £7, 2nd £6, 3rd £4
- 352 6 HOT CHILLI PEPPERS**, 6 of the same cultivar to be displayed on a paper plate*
- 353 3 CARROTS**, long pointed, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 354 3 CARROTS**, stump rooted, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 355 3 ROUND BEETROOT**, topp trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 356 2 LEEKS**, tops tied, not trimmed
- 357 BEAN COLLECTION**, 6 Runners, 6 French

- 358 10 RUNNER BEANS**
- 359 10 FRENCH BEANS**
- 360 3 ONIONS, red**
- 361 5 ONIONS, up to 250g**
- 362 3 ONIONS, over 250g**
- 363 10 SHALLOTS, other than pickling**
- 364 10 SHALLOTS, pickling (to pass through a 30mm ring)**
- 365 2 CUCUMBERS**
- 366 PAIR OF TABLE MARROWS, not more than 400mm in length**
- 367 PAIR OF MARROWS (any size)**
- 368 DISH OF 5 TOMATOES, approximately 60mm in diameter***
- 369 DISH OF 10 SMALL FRUITED TOMATOES, not plum, approximately 30mm in diameter***
- 370 DISH OF 10 SMALL PLUM TOMATOES, approximately 30mm in diameter***
- 371 DISH OF SWEETCORN, 3 Cobs. Cobs to be open for Judges inspection**
- 372 2 CAULIFLOWERS, to be shown with approximately 76mm of stem**
- 373 DISH OF ANY OTHER KIND OF VEGETABLE, not already listed in the Schedule (vegetable to be named)**
- 374 THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN (of reasonable quality) - 1st prize only awarded £5**
- 375 THE HEAVIEST ONION, trimmed to within 5cm of top, no roots, and surplus outer skins removed. 1st prize only awarded £5**
- 376 THE HEAVIEST PUMPKIN before staging, exhibitor must report to the Steward to weigh and record weight, scales are provided. 1st prize only awarded £7**
- 377 PARSLEY, 9 stems in water**
- 378 3 KINDS OF CULINARY HERBS, 3 stems of each in water, 3 containers, to be named**
- 379 LAVENDER, 9 stems in water**
- 380 5 APPLES, dessert, 1 variety per dish***
- 381 5 APPLES, culinary, 1 variety per dish***
- 382 DISH OF 5 PEARS, 1 variety per dish***
- 383 RHUBARB, 3 sticks, 1 variety per dish**
- 384 DISH OF SOFT FRUIT, 12 berries or 6 strigs, 1 variety per dish***
- 385 ANY OTHER FRUIT, not already listed, 1 dish*, e.g. plums, medlars or figs (5), blueberries (12)**

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

These classes are open to anyone who has not won a first prize in the same form of class within the Open Horticultural Classes, or 5 first prizes in any intermediate classes at any previous Dorset County Show.

Juniors are welcome to enter the Intermediate Classes.

Judge: Mr D Pride, Dorchester

HT25 SIMON MILLS Perpetual Challenge Trophy to be awarded for the best exhibit in the Intermediate Classes

386 1 VASE OF FLOWERS from the following:

GLADIOLI, 3 stems, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

DAHLIAS, 3 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, 3 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

ROSES, 3 blooms of H.T.'s, 1 vase, any variety or varieties

ANNUALS, 6 blooms, 1 vase, any variety or varieties, of any one type i.e. Asters

387 DAHLIA, 1 bloom, any variety or varieties

388 MIXED COLLECTION, 1 vase of flowers, 2 kinds of vegetables, to fit within a 75cm frontage

389 BASKET OF MIXED VEGETABLES

390 3 BEETROOT or 3 CARROTS, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm

391 2 COURGETTES, approximately 150mm, shown with flower

392 3 RUNNER BEANS

393 3 ONIONS, any size

394 5 SHALLOTS

395 DISH OF 3 MEDIUM OR 6 CHERRY TYPE TOMATOES

NOVICE CLASSES

A Novice is defined as someone who has not previously won a 1st prize in an Open Horticultural class or 3 first prizes in the Novice/Intermediate Horticultural classes at any previous Dorset County Show.

Juniors are welcome to enter the Novice Classes.

Judge: Mr D Pride, Dorchester

Information on staging exhibits can be obtained from the Show Office or Show Stewards

HT11 LESTER Novice Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in this Section

396 1 VASE OF FLOWERS, 3 stems, 1 kind

- 397 COLLECTION OF 6 VEGETABLES**, 2 each of 3 different kinds e.g. 2 potatoes, 2 carrots and 2 tomatoes
- 398 DISH OF FRUIT***
- 399 DISH OF VEGETABLES**, 3 of 1 kind
- 400 THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN**

JUNIOR CLASSES

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Juniors are also eligible to enter the Novice, Intermediate & Open Horticultural Classes

All competitors in this section must state their First Name and Date of Birth on the entry form

Judges: TBC

- HT12 DORCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit from a child in the 7 years and under section**
- HT13 ROLLS Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit from a child in the 8 years to under 12 years section**
- HT14 AUDREY BEATON Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit from a child in the 12 years to 16 years section**

Age 7 years and under on 31/08/2025

- 401 AN ANIMAL**, made from vegetable and plant material
- 402 A NECKLACE MADE FROM GARDEN MATERIALS**, threaded on cotton and made with natural material only. Space allowed 26cm x 46cm
- 403 'A FLOWER I HAVE GROWN'**, to be exhibited along with pictures of me growing it
- 404 PAINT A FLOWER POT**, maximum diameter or width 20cm
- 405 BEST CROP OF CRESS**, grown on paper in a saucer
- 406 A PICTURE MADE FROM SEEDS**, to be stuck to an A4 sheet of paper with suitable glue
- 407 THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER**, first prize only

8 years to under 12 years on 31/08/2025

- 408** A VEHICLE, made from vegetable and plant material
- 409** A MINIATURE GARDEN, in a container no larger than 31cm x 46cm
- 410** A DECORATED EGG, made from a hard boiled or blown egg
- 411** 'A VEGETABLE I HAVE GROWN', to be exhibited with handwritten growing instructions
- 412** A GRASS SEED HEAD, made using a pair of tights/stockings
- 413** A PICTURE MADE FROM SEEDS, to be stuck to an A4 sheet of paper with suitable glue
- 414** THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER, first prize only

12 years to 16 years on 31/08/2025

- 415** AN INSECT, made from vegetable and plant material
- 416** AN ARRANGEMENT OF FOLIAGE AND/OR FLOWERS, in a recycled container
- 417** 2 COURGETTES, approximately 150mm, shown with flower
- 418** ROOT VEGETABLES, 3 of 1 kind, e.g. beetroot, carrots or potatoes
- 419** A POT PLANT, e.g. fuchsia, cactus
- 420** THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER, first prize only

HOMECRAFT

2025 THEME: SPACE

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025

Chair: Mrs Nicki Ralph

Vice-Chair: Mrs Linda Coombes

2025 PRIZE MONEY (Except where stated):

All Classes: First Prize: £5 | Second Prize: £3 | Third Prize: £2

Entry Fee: £1 inc VAT/entry (Except where stated)

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Photographs to be staged on Friday 5th September if possible

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Collection of Exhibits: Removal is only permitted after 4:30pm on Sunday 7th September. The Homecraft marquee will close for collection at 6:30pm. Vehicle movement to the Marquee is not permitted until 6pm. Any non-perishable exhibits not collected by 6:30pm on Sunday 7th September will be held in the Show Office on the Showground until Wednesday 10th September, after this date all exhibits will be disposed of.

Presentation of Awards: A presentation of awards will take place in the Homecraft Marquee on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 4:15pm.

Complimentary Show Ticket: One Show Ticket will be sent to adult exhibitors who make entries to the value of £15.00 or more in the combined Homecraft & Horticulture Section. These will be dispatched with confirmation of entries after the closing date.

ART

ALL PAINTINGS MUST COME WITH A MEANS OF HANGING

Chief Steward: Mrs Caroline Hiscock

Exhibits **must not** have been entered into a previous Dorset County Show

Judge: Mrs C Taylor, Weymouth

- HC24 **The JEAN BULL Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Senior Art section**
- 428 **A PASTEL PICTURE**
- 429 **A WATERCOLOUR PAINTING**
- 430 **AN OIL OR ACRYLIC PAINTING**
- 431 **AN ITEM MADE FROM POTTERY OR CERAMICS**
- 432 **A SCULPTURE FROM ANY MEDIUM**
- 433 **A PICTURE IN ANY OTHER MEDIUM**

JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFT

THEME: SPACE

All entries must clearly state the child's age on the front of the entry
All entries must be the child's own work

Judge:

- HC16 **The CHAPMAN Perpetual Challenge Cup for the most points in the Junior Art and Crafts**
HC17 **The REDINGTON Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Junior Craft Classes**

PLAY/NURSERY GROUP CLASS

- 434 **GROUP PAINTING OR COLLAGE – SPACE**, using any painting or collage techniques

AGED 5 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT

- 435 **A PICTURE – “SPACE”**, any medium.
- 436 **A 3D MODEL – “SPACESHIP”**, a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.

- 437 **A DECORATED PAPER PLATE – “ALIEN”**, any materials may be used but must be able to be hung for display.
- 438 **A PAINTED PEBBLE**, any subject
- 439 **AN ITEM MADE FROM CLAY**, any design.

AGED 8 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025 (AGES 6-8)

AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT

- 440 **A PAINTING – “SPACE”**, no collage techniques or felt pens to be used.
- 441 **A 3D MODEL – “SPACESHIP”**, a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.
- 442 **A DECORATED PAPER PLATE – “ALIEN”**, any materials may be used but must be able to be hung for display.
- 443 **A PAINTED PEBBLE**, any subject
- 444 **SHOEBOX CRAFT – “A SCENE FROM OUTER SPACE”**, a scene to be contained as far as possible within a shoebox or box of a similar size, any materials can be used.
- 445 **AN ITEM MADE FROM CLAY**, any design.
- 446 **HANDWRITING**, size A4 maximum, on unlined paper only. Class will be judged on both handwriting and illustration.

If I was an Astronaut

If I was an astronaut,
I'd climb into my suit,
Then in my rocket,
Up to the stars I'd shoot.

I'd meet a friendly alien,
From just around the Sun,
And he'd show me all around,
The world that he came from.

Skies of brilliant orange,
Grass of purple and blue,
Thousands of strange spacemen,
Nothing like me and you.

Then I'd head back home to earth,
My big blue beautiful friend,
Cos if I was an astronaut,
The fun would never end.

AGED 11 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025 (AGES 9-11)

AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT

- 447 A PAINTING – “SPACE”,** no collage techniques or felt pens to be used.
- 448 A 3D MODEL – “SPACESHIP”,** a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.
- 449 A DECORATED PAPER PLATE – “ALIEN”,** any materials may be used but must be able to be hung for display.
- 450 A PAINTED PEBBLE,** any subject
- 451 SHOEBOX CRAFT – “A SCENE FROM OUTER SPACE”,** a scene to be contained as far as possible within a shoebox or box of a similar size, any materials can be used.
- 452 AN ITEM MADE FROM CLAY,** any design.
- 453 HANDWRITING,** size A4 maximum, on unlined paper only. Class will be judged on both handwriting and illustration.

Planet Roll Call

Eight planets around the sun
Listen as I call each one;
Mercury? Here! Number one!
Closest to the sun.
Venus? Here! Number two.
Shining bright, just like new.
Earth? Here. Number three.
Earth is home to you and me.
Mars? Here. Number four.
Red and ready to explore.
Jupiter? Here. Number five.
Largest planet that’s no jive.
Saturn? Here! Number six.
With rings of dust and ice that mix.
Uranus? Here! Number seven.
A planet tilted high in heaven.
Neptune? Here! Number eight.
With one dark spot who size is great.

AGED 16 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025 (AGES 12-16)

AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT

- 454 A PICTURE,** using any medium.
- 455 OPEN CRAFT,** a piece of craft of your choice using any medium such as metal, wood, clay, sculpture, candles, glassware etc.
- 456 A 3D MODEL – “SPACESHIP”,** a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.

CAKE ICING – DECORATIVE CONFECTIONERY

These classes are judged on decoration only. They are not cut, so dummies may be used.

Class to be judged on:

1. Interpretation
2. Originality of Design and Balance
3. Skill and Decoration
4. Colour and Texture

Judge: Mrs N Ralph, Sturminster Newton

457 A DECORATED CAKE, for a celebration of your choice, to be judged on decoration only. Made and decorated in edible medium. Own recipe, space allowed: 38cm.

The Show recommends bringing a box for the cake to go in overnight, a cardboard box works well – please provide the box to the Stewards who will place the box over the cake overnight.

COOKERY

Sponsored by:



All entries in this section **MUST** be **COOKED** by the entrant and exhibited on a **WHITE PAPER PLATE** and in a **CLEAR UNBRANDED PLASTIC BAG**, unless otherwise stated.

Chief Steward: Mrs Ann Marie Kampf

Judges: Mrs S Warr, Sherborne; Mrs J Horsington, Dorchester

HC6 The DORCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Exhibitor gaining the Highest Number of Points in the Cookery Section

HC23 The JO YEATMAN Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Victoria Sandwich

458 MARMALADE TEA LOAF

285ml freshly made tea
350g mixed dried fruit
4 tablespoons orange juice
2 medium eggs

Zest of a medium orange
75g marmalade plus extra for glazing
175g Light Brown Sugar
270g self raising flour

Method: Add the tea, orange zest and orange juice to mixed dried fruit and mix well. Leave for at least 6 hours or overnight. Preheat the oven to 180°C, 160°C fan, Gas Mark 4. Grease and line a 2lb (900g) loaf tin. Add the eggs and marmalade to the soaked mixture and mix well. Add the sugar, add the flour and mix well. Pour into your prepared tin and cook for 55-70 minutes until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean. **Glazing the loaf:** Cool in the tin for 5 minutes before removing to a cooling rack. During this time make the glaze by gently warming the marmalade in a pan or microwave, you may need to add a tiny bit of water. Glaze the loaf while still warm.

459 VICTORIA SANDWICH, made with three eggs, jam filled and dusted with caster sugar.

460 DUNDEE CAKE

170g (6oz) butter	170g (6oz) currants
170g (6oz) caster sugar	170g (6oz) sultanas
Grated rind of orange	170g (6oz) raisins
4 standard eggs	55g (2oz) glace cherries, washed and halved
200g (7oz) plain flour	85g (3oz) mixed chopped peel
Half teaspoon baking power	1 teaspoon mixed spice

Decoration: 55g (2oz) whole blanched almonds

Method: Mix by the creaming method. Place mixture in a greased and lined cake tin approximately 18cm, arrange the whole almonds in circles around the top. Bake in the middle of a slow oven at 150 °C (300 °F) Gas Mark 2 for 3 hours 15 mins.

461 CHERRY CAKE

115g (4oz) butter	200g (7oz) self-raising flour
115g (4oz) caster sugar	Pinch of salt
3 eggs	30g (1oz) ground almonds
170g (6oz) glace cherries	

Method: Grease and line an approximately 15 cm round cake tin. Quarter the cherries and toss in a little of the weighed flour. Sieve remainder of the flour with the salt and add the ground almonds. Cream the butter and sugar, whisk the eggs and beat in a little at a time. Fold in the flour and the cherries. Place the mixture into the tin and smooth. Bake for approximately 1 hour, 15 mins at 180 °C (350 °F) Gas Mark 4.

462 JAM SWISS ROLL, made with two eggs, jam filled and dusted with caster sugar.

463 FIVE CHEESE SCONES, own recipe.

464 ONE LOAF, made with yeast, please state what type of flour used.

465 ONE LOAF MADE IN A BREAD MAKER, made with yeast, please state what type of flour used.

466 SAVOURY FLAN, approximately 20cm and free standing.

467 5 SAVOURY ROLLS, meat or non-meat etc using puff pastry, own recipe

468 5 CHOCOLATE HOMEMADE MUFFINS, any additional flavours allowed, own recipe

469 5 FLAPJACKS, own recipe

470 HOMEMADE FUDGE, six pieces to be displayed, any flavour.

471 A CAKE, own recipe – including a vegetable from the ‘veg patch’ (any out of carrot, courgette, beetroot, parsnip etc. but please state which). Approx 6in/15cms round. No filling. Can include a cream cheese topping. To be displayed on a board.

472 A LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

225g (8oz) unsalted butter
225g (8oz) caster sugar
4 Large eggs
225g (8oz) self-raising flour

Zest of one lemon
For the drizzle
Juice of 1 ½ lemons
85g (3oz) castor sugar

Method:

Heat oven to 180°C (160°C fan, gas mark 4). Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin. Cream the butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Add eggs one at a time, then the flour and lemon zest. Spoon mixture into the tin and level the top. Bake for 45 – 50 minutes until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. **To make the drizzle:** While the cake is cooling in the tin, mix together the lemon juice and caster sugar. Prick the top of the warm cake with a skewer or fork and gently pour over the top – the juice should sink in and the sugar will form a crispy top. Leave in the tin until cool. Keeps well in an airtight tin for 4 days and freezes well.

473 GINGER BREAD

230g (8oz) plain flour	115g (4oz) butter
3tsp ground ginger	115g (4oz) soft brown sugar
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda	7tbsp golden syrup
140ml milk	1 egg

Method:

Sift these ingredients together in a mixing bowl. Put butter, sugar and syrup into a saucepan, melt over a low heat, stirring continuously. Pour onto dry ingredients. Beat well, add beaten egg, beat together until smooth. Pour into an approximately 18cm greased and lined square tin. Bake in the middle of a slow oven at 150°C (300°F) Gas Mark 2 for two hours. Leave to cool, turn out onto a wire rack.

COOKERY - JUNIOR

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All entries in this section **MUST** clearly state the exhibitors age on the entry.

Judges: Mrs S Warr, Sherborne; Mrs J Horsington, Dorchester , Mrs L Coleman, Swanage

- HC9 The CHEFFEY Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest number of points in the 8 years and under cookery sections**
- HC10 The ROSE Perpetual Challenge Shield for the highest number of points in the 9 years to under 11 years cookery section**
- HC11 The UNGARETTI Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest number of points in the 11 years to 16 years cookery section**

AGE 5 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

474 A SPACE ALIEN, edible and made from marzipan and/or sugar paste, no wire, skewers or sticks to be used. Space allowed 20cm. May be displayed on a board.

475 FIVE DECORATED CUPCAKES, to be judged on decoration only, display in cake cases

AGE 8 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

476 A SPACE SHIP, edible and made from marzipan and/or sugar paste, no wire, skewers or sticks to be used. Space allowed 20cm. May be displayed on a board.

477 GINGERBREAD ASTRONAUTS, own recipe, please display 2 pieces.

478 FIVE DECORATED CAKES, to be judged on decoration only, display in cake cases.

479 CHEESE STRAWS, own recipe.

AGE 11 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

480 FOUND IN SPACE, edible and made from marzipan and/or sugar paste, no wire, skewers or sticks to be used. Space allowed 20cm. May be displayed on a board.

481 5 CHEESE BISCUITS, own recipe.

482 FIVE DECORATED CAKES, to be judged on decoration only, display in cake cases.

483 GINGERBREAD ASTRONAUTS , own recipe, please display 2 pieces.

AGE 16 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

484 A SPACE MODEL OF YOUR CHOICE, edible and made from marzipan and/or sugar paste, no wire, skewers or sticks to be used. Space allowed 20cm. May be displayed on a board.

485 VICTORIA SANDWICH, made with 3 eggs, jam filled and dusted with caster sugar.

DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

Sponsored by: **WEYMOUTH AND
KINGSTON MAURWARD
COLLEGE**



Judged according to NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th Edition Blue Cover.
Exhibits will be staged on tables and judged from the front only.

Chief Steward: Mr Martin Wiltshire

Entry Fee: £1

Prize Money: 1st £15 | 2nd £10 | 3rd £5

Judge: Mr M Bowyer MBE, Salisbury

- HC1** The **BUGG Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the best exhibit in the **Open Flower Arranging Classes**
HC2 The **HERRIDGE Perpetual Challenge Cup** is awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the **Decorative Flower Arranging Section**

OPEN CLASSES

- 486** **PARTIAL ECLIPSE**, a petite exhibit not exceeding 25cm in width, depth and height.
- 487** **METEOR SHOWER**, an exhibit. Space allowed: 76cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 488** **JOURNEY INTO SPACE**, an exhibit excluding flowers. Space allowed 76cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 489** **OUT OF THIS WORLD**, a horizontal exhibit. Space allowed: 90cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 490** **HARVEST MOON**, an exhibit using 5 flowers. Space allowed: 76cm width, 69cm depth and height optional.
- 491** **HERE COMES THE SUN**, an imposed class with all materials provided. Space allowed: 76cm width x 69cm deep x height optional. To take place on Friday 5th September at 3pm in the Homecraft Marquee. **Entry fee £5.00.**

NOVICE CLASSES

- HC3** The **TINDALL Perpetual Challenge Cup**, to be awarded to the **Novice Flower Arranging Exhibit**
- 492** **STAR DUST**, an exhibit. Space allowed: 76cm width, 69cm depth and height optional.

DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING - JUNIOR

Entry Fee: £1

Prize Money: 1st £5 | 2nd £3 | 3rd £2

All entries in this section **MUST** clearly state the exhibitors age on the entry form.

Judge: Mr M Bowyer MBE, Salisbury

- HC4** The **POPE Perpetual Challenge Cup** for the **Best Overall Junior Flower Arranging Exhibit**

UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE ON 31ST AUGUST 2025

- 493** **LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK**, an exhibit space allowed: 46cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.

HANDICRAFT

Chief Steward: Mrs Sue Jackson

Exhibitors are advised to bring appropriate stands on which to stage their exhibits, as exhibits staged on the correct stands show to much better advantage. Exhibit **MUST NOT** have been entered in a previous Dorset County Show and must be in 'as new' condition.

THREE ENTRIES MAXIMUM PER CLASS PER ENTRANT
NO ARTICLES TO BE ENTERED IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS

Judges: Mrs M Vergo, Weymouth; Ms J Murray, Sydling St Nicholas; Mrs J Bennett, Ringwood

HC14 The WESTON Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest number of points in the Handicrafts Section
HC15 The DORCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Overall Exhibit in the Handicraft Section

494 AN ITEM OF CROCHET

495 A HAND KNITTED ITEM, in 4 ply, double knit or heavier

496 AN ITEM OF PATCHWORK

497 A MACHINE OR HAND SEWN ITEM

498 A SOFT TOY, suitable for a baby under six months, to be washable, all materials used must be soft, no plastic or glass eyes.

499 AN ITEM MADE FROM RECYCLED CLOTHING

500 HANDMADE BUNTING, maximum length 2 metres

501 A HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD, Space theme

502 AN ITEM OF FELT WORK, using the wet or needle felting method

503 A FASHION ACCESSORY, not including jewellery, any style or material, to be displayed in a space 75cm x 60cm.

504 AN ITEM OF JEWELLERY

505 ANY ITEM made by you, for which there is no specific category; please state size, plus a short description of the work produced and the skills involved.

506 A FRAMED PICTURE – EMBROIDERY, TAPESTRY OR CROSS STITCH, beadwork allowed. Please provided own stand for display and state whether it is a kit or an original design.

507 LACE, any method of twisting or knotting of yarn to form a pattern

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Judges: Mrs M Vergo, Weymouth

HC20 The RIDGEWAY CUP for the best exhibit in the additional needs class

508 ANY ITEM, MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL, with additional needs. Include additional details on reverse of item if appropriate.

HOMEMADE WINES & CIDER

Chief Steward: Mrs Linda Coombes

Wines must have been made without the use of commercial extracts. Must be exhibited in clear 750ml bottles or 340ml – 375ml for half bottle classes with white plastic topped flanged corks. 5 cm x 2.5 cm label stating basic ingredients 7.5 cm from the base. Plain white labels only.

Cider to be presented in plain/clear 75cl bottles. Bottles must be full to be acceptable for judging and closed with a screw top or easily removable cork.

4 ENTRIES MAXIMUM PER CLASS PER ENTRANT

Judges: Mrs A Tilly, Ringwood; Mr J Smith NGWBJ, Exeter

HC12 The WARR Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Sweet Wine

HC13 The MORGAN Perpetual Challenge Rose Bowl for the Best Dry Wine

509 ONE BOTTLE FRUIT WINE, please state dry or sweet

510 ONE BOTTLE ANY OTHER WINE, please state dry or sweet

511 ONE BOTTLE WHITE TABLE WINE, dry to medium dry

512 ONE BOTTLE RED TABLE WINE, dry to medium dry

513 ONE BOTTLE OF ROSE WINE

514 ONE BOTTLE OF SLOE GIN, in clear half bottles with white plastic topped flanged corks

515 ONE HALF BOTTLE OF LIQUEUR

516 ONE BOTTLE FARMHOUSE CIDER

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chief Steward: Mrs Kate Brayshaw

Judge: Mr M Macnaughton, Dorchester

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR PHOTOGRAPH INTO THE CORRECT CLASS

All photographs must be mounted ONTO card. Photographic mounts are now allowed. The edges of the photograph must be visible. No photographs to be exhibited in frames or behind glass. Nothing is to be written on the photograph or mount. Photographs to be any size but with a 25.5cm x 30.5cm maximum mount size. All photographs will be attached to display boards using Velcro tabs by our Stewards.

Photographs to be displayed, where possible, in the Homecraft Marquee on Friday 6th September, this is to ensure there is enough time for them to be displayed correctly.

Entries must be clearly marked on the reverse of the mount with the Exhibitor Name & Class Number.

Entries close: 6th August.

3 ENTRIES MAXIMUM PER CLASS PER ENTRANT

HC18 The ELLIS Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Original Print, colour or black and white, the Photography Classes (Senior or Junior)

517 OPEN MONOCHROME

518 OPEN COLOUR, colour

519 THE NIGHT SKY, open

520 LANDSCAPES, open

521 NATURE, open

522 ALL CREATURES LAND OR SEA, open

523 A PHOTO TAKEN AT DORSET SPRING SHOW, open

524 MANIPULATION PHOTOGRAPHY, open, showing manipulation

PHOTOGRAPHY - JUNIOR

Judge: Mr M Macnaughton, Dorchester

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR PHOTOGRAPH INTO THE CORRECT CLASS

All photographs must be mounted ONTO card. Photographic mounts are now allowed. The edges of the photograph must be visible. No photographs to be exhibited in frames or behind glass. Nothing is to be

written on the photograph or mount. Photographs to be any size but with a 25.5cm x 30.5cm maximum mount size. All photographs will be attached to display boards using Velcro tabs by our Stewards.

Photographs to be displayed, where possible, in the Homecraft Marquee on Friday 5th September or early Saturday 7th to allow enough time for them to be displayed correctly.

Entries must be clearly marked on the reverse of the mount with the Exhibitor Name & Class Number.

Entries close: 7th August.

All entries in this MUST clearly state exhibitors age on the entry. Entrants must be 16 years or under on 31st August 2025.

3 ENTRIES MAXIMUM PER CLASS PER ENTRANT

HC22 The BRAD MATTHEWS Trophy for the Best Junior Print

Under 8's

525 YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO

Under 16

526 YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO

PRESERVES

Chief Steward: Mrs Dee Reilly

Judge: Mrs P Wyon-Brown, Axminster

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER YOUR PRESERVE INTO THE CORRECT CLASS

All Exhibits except Chutneys must have been made by the Exhibitor after 1st January 2025. Class labels, which will be supplied by the Society, must be used when staging the exhibits.

EXHIBITS MUST BE SHOWN IN APPROX, 450g JARS EXCEPT FOR THE LEMON CURD

Jam, Lemon Curd, Jelly, Marmalade & Mincemeat must be covered with:

A lock on (twist top), a rigid plastic over (neither of these should have a wax disc), or parchment or transparent cellophane (both of these should have wax discs).

Pickles and Chutneys should have a rigid, airtight plastic covers or screw tops lined with vinegar proof lining and should be made at least three months prior to the Show.

LABELS MUST BE PLAIN WHITE (Please state date made)

Trade names must not appear on jars or covers.

Cardboard tops, loose film or polythene will NOT be accepted on any preserve. Lids must be new.

HC5 The BUTT Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Highest Number of Points in the Preserves Section

- 527 JAR OF STRAWBERRY JAM
- 528 JAR OF RASPBERRY JAM
- 529 JAR OF STONE FRUIT JAM
- 530 JAR OF ANY OTHER JAM
- 531 JAR OF MARMALADE
- 532 JAR OF FRUIT CURD, any size
- 533 JAR OF FRUIT JELLY
- 534 JAR OF CHUTNEY
- 535 JAR OF PICKLE

SCARECROW COMPETITION

All scarecrows will be displayed around the Homecraft marquee on stakes supplied by the Show.

Entry Fee: £1

Prize Money: 1st £10 | 2nd £5 | 3rd £3

- 536 **LOST IN SPACE**, any material. To be displayed at the Homecraft Pavilion. A fixed vertical post approx. 135cm high will be provided.

RULES & REGULATIONS

This Society is a member of the Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations and endeavours to run its competitions in line with similar shows. Competitors are asked to remember that although great care and attention goes into site planning, it is possible that changes may become necessary, even on the day - should the need arise. Adequate time should be allowed to enter and leave the Showground as traffic delays are a possibility

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

1. **Entries** - All entries must be on an official entry form and signed by exhibitor, owner, agent or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor & parent/guardian. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of making entries. This rule obviously is superseded where exhibits are required to be bred, made or produced by the exhibitor.
2. **Closing Dates** - No entries will be accepted after the relevant closing date.
3. **Refunds** - No refunds can be made for any entry after the relevant closing date.

- 4. Safety** - Exhibitors are reminded to comply with all safety regulations relating to themselves, their exhibits and the public.
- 5. Accidents** - The Society will not be responsible for any loss, illness, damage or accident that may occur to any animal or article exhibited at the Show. It is a condition of entry that the exhibitor shall hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from any such accident, loss or illness. All accidents must be reported to the Secretary's Tent.
- 6. Prizes** - As printed in the schedule except where the Judge or Section Chairman reserves the right to change for whatever reason. The Judge need not award a first prize.
- 7. Prize Money** - This can be collected on Show Day in accordance with the instructions on the reverse of each prize money card. No prize money is given out unless the relevant prize card is handed in. No prize money is sent out, unless requested in writing with the relevant prize card attached.
- 8. Judging** - No public will be allowed in the tents or judging rings while judging is in progress. The Judges decision is final.
- 9. Entry Tickets** - Each adult (over 16 years) must give up an admission ticket when entering the Showground on show days. Should exhibitors be entitled to exhibitor or vehicle passes these will be dispatched by Friday 29th August. The Society asks all exhibitors to only give free passes to 'bona fide' assistants.
- 10. Objections** - An exhibitor making an objection shall do so in writing to the Secretary before 4.00 p.m. (or at close of judging) on the relevant day of the Show and shall deposit the sum of £30. The objector must be an exhibitor in the same class. The Appeals Committee will decide the outcome by 5.00 p.m. that day and in the event of an objection being held invalid the said sum of £30 shall be forfeited to the Society.
- 11. Showground Facilities** - Refreshments, toilets and showers are available on the Showground.
- 12. Access to the Showground** - Exhibitors are asked to follow the directional signs to the Showground and to allow adequate time for entry to the show site, parking and unloading of their entries.
- 13. Opening Hours** - Public opening hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. A security and noise curfew is in place after 11.00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Show weekend
- 14. Car & Lorry Parks** - Spaces will be allocated by the car parking steward and should any vehicle be discovered parked incorrectly it will be subject to a fine of £50 and removed. Competitors are asked to remember that adequate time should be allowed to enter and leave the Showground as traffic delays are a possibility. Any cars parked in any unauthorised area will be towed away to the car parking area.
- 15. Smoking** - The Society operates a no smoking rule in all tents, judging rings and in the Main Ring
- 16. Veterinary & Medical Cover** - These are on site via the Secretary's Tent between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Show days, after which a call out service is available. Exhibitors are responsible for any treatment costs incurred.
- 17. Entry Classes** – if a class receives insufficient entries, Dorchester Agricultural Society reserve the right to merge or amalgamate classes.

HEMECRAFT RULES

- 1. Exhibits** - These must not have been shown at the Dorset County Show, Dorset Spring Show or Dorchester Show before. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor and staging of entries must be before 7.30 a.m. on Saturday morning. It is a condition that all exhibits must be left on display until 4.30 p.m. on Sunday but collected before 6:30 p.m. Non-perishable entries can be collected from the Show Office (by 10th September) by prior arrangement with the Homecraft Chairman during the Show. The Society cannot be responsible for damage or breakages during this period
- 2. Vehicle Passes** - Decorative Flower Arranging competitors who make more than two entries will be entitled to a vehicle pass and exhibitor pass.

HORTICULTURE RULES

- 1. Rules** - Vegetable classes will be run under National Vegetable Society rulings and Flower classes will be run under Royal Horticultural Society rulings.
- 2. Exhibits** - These must be displayed prior to 7.45 a.m. on Saturday 6th September 2025 and it is a condition of entry that all exhibits are displayed until 5.30 p.m. on Sunday
- 3. The Heaviest Pumpkin and Marrow** - These must be weighed on the scales provided in the Horticulture Tent. The Steward will record the weights, but is unable to assist moving any heavy exhibits
- 5. Vases** - A limited number of specialist exhibition vases are available for flower entries by request on entry form

For clarification of the rules to the various competitions, prior to the Show, please contact the Show Office

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SHOW
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