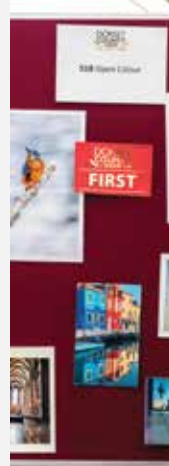


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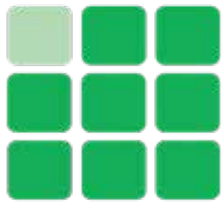


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### **Horticulture:**

Flowers, Vegetables and Fruit, Intermediate, Novice, Junior

**Horticulture Entries Close: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026**

### **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: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026**

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# HORTICULTURE

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**Chair: Mr Robin Pitcher**

**Vice-Chair: Miss Stephanie Addison**

**2026 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 4<sup>th</sup> September: Between 2:00pm and 7:00

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Between 6:30am and 7:30am

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**Presentation of Awards:**

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**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.

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 2024 & 2025 winners, Mrs D Benfield & Mr R Benfield**

- 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 Second-Best Dahlia Exhibit in Show**

**NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY Silver Medal for the Second-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:** Ms H Gardner, Bath; Dr F Hyden, Cerne Abbas

- 301 DAHLIAS, Championship, 3 vases, 3 blooms per vase or 5 pompon per vase, 3 classifications  
Entry Fee: £1.50      Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> £10; 2<sup>nd</sup> £7; 3<sup>rd</sup> £3**
- 302 DAHLIAS, Pompon, 5 blooms (55mm 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, Semi-Cactus or Decorative
- 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

Dahlias Sponsored by:



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

- 337 BONSAI**, Evergreen or Deciduous, presented in bonsai china or plastic bowl
- 338 3 POT OR CONTAINER PLANTS**, space allowed 123cm x 69cm
- 339 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
- MIXED VASE**, 9 blooms, 1 vase, any varieties, perennials and/or annuals

## VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CLASSES

### VEGETABLE AND FRUIT AWARDS

All Vegetables will be judged according to the rules of the National Vegetable Society and Fruit classes in accordance with the rules of the Royal Horticultural Society

**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 2024 & 2025 winners, Mrs D Benfield & Mr R Benfield

- 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 Championship Vegetable Collection (340)**
- HT18 MILES Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Onion Championship**
- HT19 MARY HAYWARD Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best Collection of Vegetables (341, 344, 347)**
- HT20 PITCHER Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Dorset 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 B Newman, Horsham; Mr I Clemens F.N.V.S, Holsworthy; Mr P Yeoman, Albury

**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

- 340 CHAMPIONSHIP VEGETABLE COLLECTION**, 5 different kinds from those listed in the classes within this section. Points will be awarded for presentation.  
**Entry Fee:** £2 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £40, 2<sup>nd</sup> £18, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10
- 341 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), Beetroot (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:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 342 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:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 343 MASTER GARDENER COMPETITION**, 1 vase of flowers, 1 pot plant, 1 kind of vegetables, 1 dish of fruit to fit within a 123cm frontage.  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 344 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES**, 5 different kinds, 1 specimen of each to be staged. Maximum of 92cm frontage.  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 345 DORSET WHEELBARROW**, A collection of Fruit, Flowers & Vegetables to be shown in a wheelbarrow, any size wheelbarrow, must contain all three.  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £10, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 346 ONION CHAMPIONSHIP**, 3 large exhibition onions, 3 onions under 250g, 6 large shallots.  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £10, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 347 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES**, 3 dishes, 3 specimens of each, NVS pointing value 15 or less.  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 348 1 DISH, 5 COLOURED POTATOES**, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish \*
- 349 1 DISH, 5 WHITE POTATOES**, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish \*
- 350 2 DISHES OF POTATOES OF 2 DIFFERENT VARIETIES**, 5 of each variety, optimum individual weight of 200g, 1 variety per dish\*  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 **Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> £6, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4
- 351 6 HOT CHILLI PEPPERS**, 6 of the same cultivar to be displayed on a paper plate\*
- 352 3 CARROTS**, long pointed, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 353 3 CARROTS**, stump rooted, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 354 3 ROUND BEETROOT**, top trimmed to approximately 76mm
- 355 2 LEEKS**, tops tied, not trimmed
- 356 BEAN COLLECTION**, 9 Runners, 9 French

- 357 9 RUNNER BEANS
- 358 9 FRENCH BEANS
- 359 3 ONIONS, red
- 360 5 ONIONS, up to 250g
- 361 3 ONIONS, over 250g
- 362 12 SHALLOTS, other than pickling
- 363 12 SHALLOTS, pickling (to pass through a 30mm ring)
- 364 2 CUCUMBERS
- 365 PAIR OF TABLE MARROWS, not more than 400mm in length
- 366 PAIR OF MARROWS (any size)
- 367 DISH OF 2 COURGETTES, with or without flowers, length should not exceed 150mm and diameter should be between 25 – 35mm
- 368 DISH OF 5 TOMATOES, approximately 60mm in diameter\*
- 369 DISH OF 10 SMALL FRUITED TOMATOES, not plum, size should not exceed 35mm in diameter\*
- 370 DISH OF SWEETCORN, 3 Cobs. Cobs to be open for Judges inspection
- 371 2 CAULIFLOWERS, to be shown with approximately 76mm of stem
- 372 1 POT CHILLI PLANT, to include fruit, pot not to exceed 30cm diameter
- 373 DISH OF ANY OTHER KIND OF VEGETABLE, not already listed in the Schedule (vegetable to be named)
- 374 THE HEAVIEST ONION, trimmed to within 5cm of top, no roots, and surplus outer skins removed. 1<sup>st</sup> prize only awarded £5
- 375 PARSLEY, 9 stems in water
- 376 3 KINDS OF CULINARY HERBS, 3 stems of each in water, 3 containers, to be named
- 377 LAVENDER, 9 stems in water
- 378 5 APPLES, dessert, 1 variety per dish\*
- 379 5 APPLES, culinary, 1 variety per dish\*
- 380 DISH OF 5 PEARS, 1 variety per dish\*
- 381 RHUBARB, 3 sticks, 1 variety per dish
- 382 DISH OF SOFT FRUIT, 12 berries or 6 strigs, 1 variety per dish\*
- 383 ANY OTHER FRUIT, not already listed, 1 dish\*, e.g. plums, medlars or figs (5), blueberries (12)

## (OPEN TO ALL)

These classes are not judged to NVS Rules.

**Judge:** Miss S Addison, Dorchester

- NEW 384 A WONKY VEGETABLE – the wonkier the better!**
- NEW 385 TALLEST SUNFLOWER** - 1<sup>st</sup> prize only awarded at £5
- 386 THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN** (of reasonable quality) - 1<sup>st</sup> prize only awarded at £5
- 387 THE HEAVIEST PUMPKIN**, before staging, exhibitor must report to the Steward to weigh and record weight, scales are provided - 1<sup>st</sup> prize only awarded at £5
- NEW 388 THE HEAVIEST MARROW**, before staging, exhibitor must report to the Steward to weigh and record weight, scales are provided - 1<sup>st</sup> prize only awarded at £5
- NEW 389 AN ANIMAL**, made from vegetable and plant material.

## 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 and Novices 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**
- 390 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
  - MIXED VASE**, 9 blooms, 1 vase, any varieties, perennials and/or annuals
- 391 DAHLIA**, 1 bloom, any variety or varieties
- 392 1 POT ORCHID**, Flowering
- 393 MIXED COLLECTION**, 1 vase of flowers, 2 kinds of vegetables, to fit within a 75cm frontage
- 394 BASKET OF MIXED VEGETABLES**
- 395 3 BEETROOT or 3 CARROTS**, tops trimmed to approximately 76mm

- 396** DISH OF 2 COURGETTES, with or without flowers, length should not exceed 150mm and diameter should be between 25 – 35mm
- 397** 3 RUNNER BEANS
- 398** 3 ONIONS, any size
- 399** 5 SHALLOTS
- 400** DISH OF 3 MEDIUM OR 6 CHERRY TYPE TOMATOES

## NOVICE CLASSES

A Novice is defined as someone who has not previously won a 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

- 401** 1 VASE OF FLOWERS, 3 stems, 1 kind
- 402** COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES, 2 each of 3 different kinds e.g. 2 potatoes, 2 carrots and 2 tomatoes
- 403** DISH OF FRUIT\*
- 404** DISH OF VEGETABLES, 3 of 1 kind
- 405** THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN

## JUNIOR CLASSES

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:** Mr & Mrs Ennals, Dorchester

- 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 31/08/2026

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

## 8 years to under 12 years on 31/08/2026

- 413 **A SEA CREATURE**, made from vegetable and plant material
- 414 **A MINIATURE FARM**, in a container no larger than 31cm x 46cm
- 415 **A DECORATED EGG**, sea themed, made from a hard boiled or blown egg
- 416 **'A FLOWER I HAVE GROWN'**, to be exhibited with handwritten growing instructions
- 417 **A PICTURE MADE FROM SEEDS**, to be stuck to an A4 sheet of paper with suitable glue
- 418 **THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER**, first prize only
- 419 **BEST CROP OF CRESS**, grown on paper in a saucer

## 12 years to 16 years on 31/08/2026

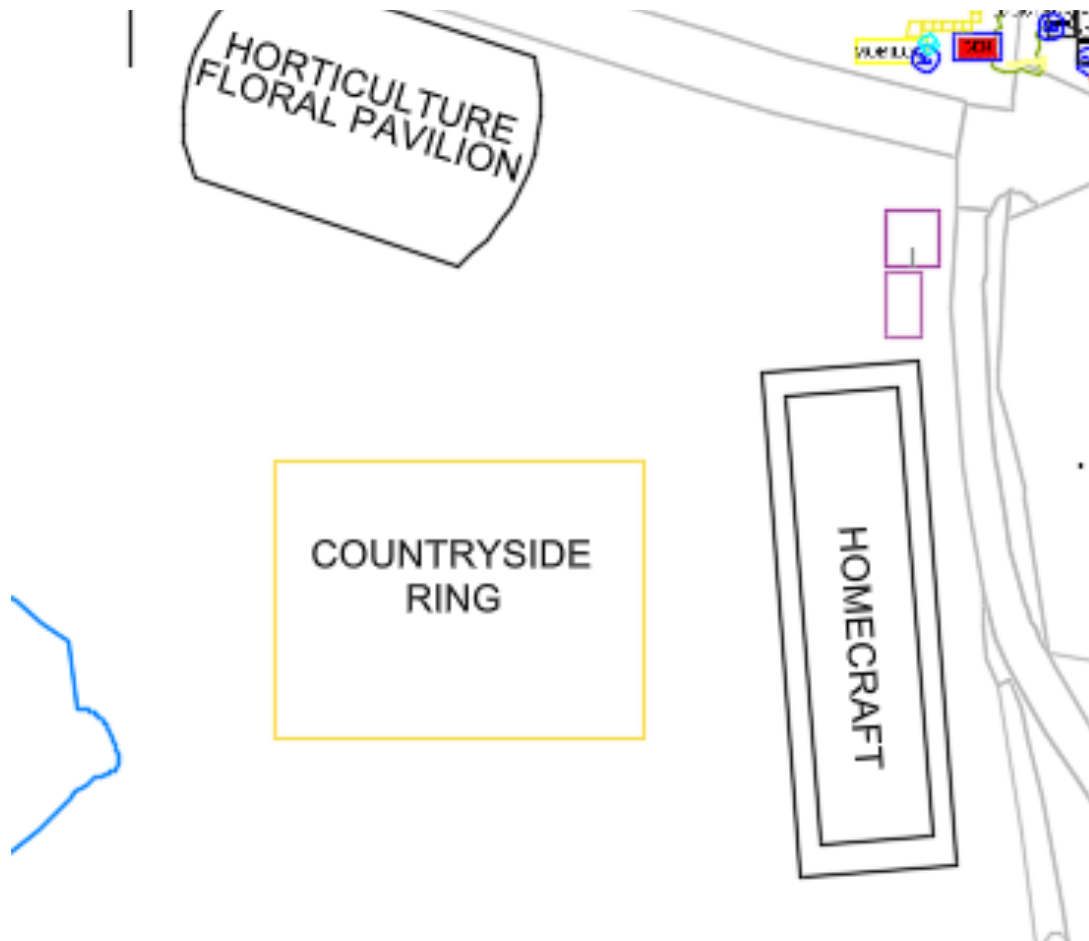
- 420 **A VEHICLE**, made from vegetable and plant material
- 421 **AN ARRANGEMENT OF FOLIAGE AND/OR FLOWERS**, in a cup and saucer
- 422 **2 COURGETTES**, with or without flowers, length should not exceed 150mm and diameter should be between 25 – 35mm
- 423 **ROOT VEGETABLES**, 3 of 1 kind, e.g. beetroot, carrots or potatoes
- 424 **A POT PLANT**, e.g. fuchsia, cactus
- 425 **THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER**, first prize only
- 426 **BEST CROP OF CRESS**, grown on paper in a saucer

# HOMECRAFT

2026 THEME: NATURE IN DORSET

(PLANTS & WILDLIFE)

**NEW LOCATION FOR THE HOMECRAFT MARQUEE**



The Homecraft Marquee will now be positioned near Horticulture and the Entrance to the Field.

## **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**Chair: Mrs Nicki Ralph**

**Vice-Chair: Mrs Linda Coombes**

**2026 PRIZE MONEY** (Except where stated):

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

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**Collection of Exhibits:** Removal is only permitted after 4:30pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> September will be held in the Show Office on the Showground until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 4:15pm.

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# 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**
- 434      **DRAWING**, pencil or charcoal

## JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFT

### THEME: NATURE IN DORSET

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:** Mrs H Baker, Blandford

- 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

- 435      **GROUP PAINTING OR COLLAGE – NATURE**, using any painting or collage techniques

### AGED 5 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026

**AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT**

- 436      **A PICTURE – “NATURE”**, any medium.

- 437 **A 3D MODEL – “A MAGNICIENT BUG”**, a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.
- 438 **A DECORATED PAPER PLATE – “DORSET WILDLIFE”**, any materials may be used but must be able to be hung for display.
- 439 **A PAINTED PEBBLE**, any subject.
- 440 **AN ITEM MADE FROM CLAY**, any design.

**AGED 8 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026 (AGES 6-8)**

**AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT**

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

**Mother Nature’s Bouquet**

Sweet joy! The flowers have come!  
They’ve followed the showers.  
They’ve grown with the sun.  
They’ve risen up high.  
They’ve spread their leaves.  
They’ve opened their petals to welcome the bees.  
They’ve brightened the day in their own sweet way.  
They’ve grown to become Mother Nature’s bouquet.

**AGED 11 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026 (AGES 9-11)**

**AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT**

- 448 **A PAINTING – “NATURE”**, no collage techniques or felt pens to be used.
- 449 **A 3D MODEL – “A MAGNICIENT BUG”**, a mixed media 3D model using natural materials where possible together with reusable and recycled junk.

- 450 A DECORATED PAPER PLATE – “DORSET WILDLIFE”**, any materials may be used but must be able to be hung for display.
- 451 A PAINTED PEBBLE**, any subject.
- 452 SHOEBOX CRAFT – “A WOODLAND SCENE”**, a scene to be contained as far as possible within a shoebox or box of a similar size, any materials can be used.
- 453 AN ITEM MADE FROM CLAY**, any design.
- 454 HANDWRITING**, size A4 maximum, on unlined paper only. Class will be judged on both handwriting and illustration.

### **I Love Nature**

I love the sound of birds  
So early in the morn,  
I like the sound of puppies  
Soon after they are born.

I love the smell of flowers  
And the taste of honey from bees.  
I love the sound the wind makes  
When its blowing through the trees.

I love the way the sky looks  
On a bright and sunny day,  
And even when its rainy,  
I love the shades of grey.

I love the smell of the ocean,  
The sound of waves upon the sand,  
I love the feel of sea shells and  
How they look in my hand.

And when the sun is gone, I love the  
Moon that shines so bright,  
I love the sound of crickets and  
Other creatures of the night.

So when I lay me down to sleep,  
I thank the lord above,  
For all the things of nature and more,  
All the things I love.

**AGED 16 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026 (AGES 12-16)**

**AGES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH EXHIBIT**

- 455 **A PICTURE**, using any medium.
- 456 **OPEN CRAFT**, a piece of craft of your choice using any medium such as metal, wood, clay, sculpture, candles, glassware etc.

## **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**

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; Ms L Coleman, Swanage

- 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 **TRADITIONAL TEA LOAF**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 350 – 400g mixed dried fruit | 1-2 tablespoons marmalade                  |
| 300ml hot strong tea         | 250g self-raising flour                    |
| 1 tsp mixed spice            | 200g brown sugar (muscovado or dark brown) |
| 1 large egg                  |  |

**Method:** Soak fruit in the tea overnight. Mix in all other ingredients. Bake in well lined and greased tin 900g for 1 ½ hours or until firm to the touch. Bake 160c fan, 180c, Gas mark 4. Allow to cool in

the tin before transferring to wire rack Tastes best if kept in an airtight tin after 2 days and served with butter.

**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) (fan 120C) Gas Mark 2. Cook for 1 ½ to 2 hours until the cake is firm and springy to the touch. Allow to cool in the tin. Dundee Cake keeps well in an airtight tin and tastes better if kept a few days before cutting.

**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 at 180 °C (350 °F) (fan 160C) Gas Mark 4 for approx. 45 mins or until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Let the cake cool in the tin for 10 mins before transferring to a wire rack.

**462 CHOCOLATE SWISS ROLL**, made with two eggs, buttercream filled and dusted with caster sugar.

**463 FIVE SWEET 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 CHEESE STRAWS**, own recipe.

**468 5 HOMEMADE MUFFINS**, any flavours allowed, own recipe.

**469 5 BROWNIES**, 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.

**474 GLUTEN FREE CAKE**, own recipe.

**475 GINGERBREAD PEOPLE**, own recipe, 2 pieces.

## COOKERY - JUNIOR

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.

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

**Judges:** Mrs S Warr, Sherborne; Mrs J Horsington, Dorchester; Ms 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 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**476 AN INSECT**, 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 FIVE DECORATED CUPCAKES**, to be judged on decoration only, display in cake cases

**AGE 8 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**478 AN INSECT**, 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.

**479 GINGERBREAD FLOWERS**, own recipe, please display 2 pieces.

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

**481 5 CHEESE STRAWS**, own recipe.

**AGE 11 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**482 AN INSECT**, 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.

**483 5 CHEESE STRAWS**, own recipe.

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

**485 GINGERBREAD FLOWERS**, own recipe, please display 2 pieces.

**AGE 16 YEARS AND UNDER ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**486 AN INSECT** 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.

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

# DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

Sponsored by:

Coastland  
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: 1<sup>st</sup> £15 | 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 | 3<sup>rd</sup> £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

- 488** **COLOURS OF NATURE**, a petite exhibit not exceeding 25cm in width, depth and height.
- 489** **BEE PARADISE**, an exhibit. Space allowed: 76cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 490** **NATURE WALK**, an exhibit excluding flowers. Space allowed 76cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 491** **HEDGEROW**, a horizontal exhibit. Space allowed: 90cm width, 69cm depth, height optional.
- 492** **COUNTRY MEADOW**, an exhibit using 5 flowers. Space allowed: 76cm width, 69cm depth and height optional.
- 493** **SEASONAL SPLENDOUR**, an imposed class with all materials provided. Space allowed: 76cm width x 69cm deep x height optional. To take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in the Homecraft Marquee. **Entry fee £5.00.** Flowers have previously been, very kindly, supplied by P & M Read Florist for this class.

## NOVICE CLASSES

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

# DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING - JUNIOR

**Entry Fee: £1**

**Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> £5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> £3 | 3<sup>rd</sup> £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 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**495 WOODLAND WALK**, 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 S Rodney, Weymouth

**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**

**496 AN ITEM OF CROCHET**

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

**498 AN ITEM OF PATCHWORK**

**499 A MACHINE OR HAND SEWN ITEM**

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

**501 AN ITEM MADE FROM RECYCLED CLOTHING**

**502 HANDMADE BUNTING**, any medium, maximum length 2 metres.

**503 A HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD**, Nature theme.

**504 AN ITEM OF FELT WORK**, using the wet or needle felting method.

- 505 A FASHION ACCESSORY, not including jewellery, any style or material, to be displayed in a space 75cm x 60cm.**
- 506 AN ITEM OF JEWELLERY**
- 507 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.
- 508 A FRAMED OR STRETCHED AND FINISHED 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.
- 509 LACE,** any method of twisting or knotting of yarn to create holes to form a pattern

## ADDITIONAL NEEDS

**Judges:** Mrs M Vergo, Weymouth

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

**510 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; TBC

**HC12 The WARR Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Sweet Wine**

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

**511 ONE BOTTLE FRUIT WINE,** please state dry or sweet

**512 ONE BOTTLE ANY OTHER WINE,** please state dry or sweet

**513 ONE BOTTLE WHITE TABLE WINE,** dry to medium dry

**514 ONE BOTTLE RED TABLE WINE,** dry to medium dry

- 515 ONE BOTTLE OF ROSE WINE
- 516 ONE BOTTLE OF SLOE GIN, in clear half bottles with white plastic topped flanged corks
- 517 ONE HALF BOTTLE OF LIQUEUR
- 518 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 not 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 4<sup>th</sup> September, this is to ensure there is enough time for them to be displayed correctly.

**Exhibitor Name, number & Class Number must be clearly marked on the reverse of the photo mount.**

Entries close: 21<sup>st</sup> 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)
- 519 OPEN MONOCHROME
- 520 OPEN COLOUR, colour
- 521 THE NIGHT SKY, open
- 522 LANDSCAPES, open
- 523 NATURE, open
- 524 SEASCAPES, open
- 525 A PHOTO TAKEN AT DORSET SPRING SHOW, open
- 526 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 4<sup>th</sup> September or early Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to allow enough time for them to be displayed correctly.

**Exhibitor Name, number & Class Number must be clearly marked on the reverse of the photo mount.**

Entries close: 21<sup>st</sup> August.

All entries in this section MUST clearly state exhibitors age on the entry. Entrants must be 16 years or under on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

**3 ENTRIES MAXIMUM PER CLASS PER ENTRANT**

**HC22 The BRAD MATTHEWS Trophy for the Best Junior Print**

**Under 8's**

**527 YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO**

**Under 16**

**528 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

**ANY BRANDED JARS OR LIDS WILL NOT BE JUDGED**

All Exhibits except Chutneys must have been made by the Exhibitor after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. 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 must be covered with:

A lock on (twist top), a rigid plastic cover (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)

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**

**529 JAR OF STRAWBERRY JAM**

**530 JAR OF RASPBERRY JAM**

**531 JAR OF STONE FRUIT JAM**

**532 JAR OF ANY OTHER JAM**

**533 JAR OF MARMALADE**

**534 JAR OF FRUIT CURD, any size**

**535 JAR OF FRUIT JELLY**

**536 JAR OF CHUTNEY**

**537 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: 1<sup>st</sup> £10 | 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 | 3<sup>rd</sup> £3**

**538 TRADITIONAL SCARECROW**, 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 28th 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 9th 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026 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*



**DORSET  
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**5 & 6 SEPT**  
2026