



DORSET SPRING SHOW



9 & 10 MAY 2026



COMPETITIONS SCHEDULE

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026



BIRCH LANE SHOWGROUND, PUDDLETOWN, DT2 7LN

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CLOSING DATE: Monday 27th April 2026

Show Location: Birch Lane Showground, Puddletown, DT2 7LN

Entry Fee for all classes (unless otherwise stated): £1 inc VAT

Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

AWARDS:

The Dorchester Agricultural Society PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Best Exhibit in Show

The PRIDE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL awarded for the best exhibit in classes 1 – 25

The PICKARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE PLATE awarded for the Best Exhibit in the CHILDRENS CLASSES

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NOTES TO ENTRANTS

STAGING OF EXHIBIT: Entries drop off is permitted between 16:00 and 18:00 on Friday 8th May, and between 7:00 and 9:15 on Saturday 9th May. Exhibits must be staged by 9:15 on Saturday 9th May 2025. Judging will commence promptly at 9:30.

Vehicles for the dropping off of exhibits must park in the Public Car Parks and exhibits carried to the marquee. The marquee is based just inside the main Show Visitors Entrance. **Further drop off information will be e-mailed after entries close.**

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS: You can collect your entries from 16:00 on Sunday 10th May 2026. All entries that have not been collected by 16:00 on Monday 11th May 2026 will be disposed of.

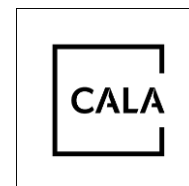
COMPLIMENTARY TICKET: One complimentary Dorset Spring Show Ticket will be e-mailed to **adult** exhibitors who make entries to the value of value of £10 or more across Dorset Spring Show competitions.

All entries must have been grown or made by the exhibitor. These exhibits must not have been displayed or judged at any previous event (including Dorset County Show).

If less than 4 entries in the class, 1st prize is not guaranteed to be awarded

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HORTICULTURE

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Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
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Classes judged under the Royal Horticultural Society rules

FLOWERS

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 1 **POLYANTHUS**, 1 vase of 5 stems
- 2 **PRIMROSES**, 1 vase of 5 stems
- 3 **GRAPE HYACINTHS (muscari)**, 1 vase of 5 stems
- 4 **GARDEN SHRUB**, 1 Stems
- 5 **VASE OF MIXED CUT FLOWERS**, 9 Stems, any varieties
- 6 **CONTAINER OF MIXED FLOWERS**, grown and shown in the same container, space allowed 77cm
- 7 **WISTERIA, 3 STEMS**, one variety
- 8 **PERENNIAL, 1 STEM**, any variety
- 9 **ALLIUMS, 1 STEM**, any variety

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POT PLANT

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 10 1 BOWL OR POT GRAPE HYACINTHS (*muscaria*), pot not larger than 8"
- 11 1 BULB AMARYLLIS in bowl or pot
- 12 1 POLYANTHUS in pot
- 13 1 PRIMROSE in pot
- 14 1 BOWL OR POT OF BULBS OR CORMS not listed elsewhere in schedule
- 15 1 HOUSEPLANT
- 16 1 VIOLA OR PANSY, in pot
- 17 1 BOWL OR POT OF FRITILLARIA
- 18 1 ORCHID, Flowering
- 19 ALPINE PLANT

PROPAGATION

To be presented in a suitably sized pot

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 20 1 PELARGONIUM CUTTING
- 21 1 CHRYSANTHEMUM CUTTING
- 22 1 SWEET PEA PLANT
- 23 1 TRAY OF VEGETABLE OR FLOWER SEEDLINGS, pricked out. Max. tray size 15"x9"
- 24 1 TOMATO PLANT
- 25 1 SUNFLOWER SEEDLING

ENTER YOUR SEEDLING AS THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER AT THE DORSET COUNTY SHOW 2026

CACTI & SUCCULENTS

Plants should be labelled, but this is not obligatory. Pot measurements refer to internal diameters.

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 26 **CACTUS, ONE PLANT**, no pot restriction
- 27 **CACTUS, THREE PLANTS**, maximum pot size 5 ins/12.5cm
- 28 **SUCCULENT (OTHER THAN CACTI), ONE PLANT**, no pot restriction

VEGETABLES

All Vegetables will be judged under **National Vegetable Society** rules

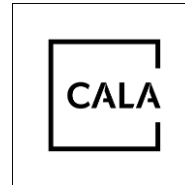
Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 29 **3 STICKS OF RHUBARB**
- 30 **SPRING ONIONS, 3 stalks**
- 31 **3 KINDS OF CULINARY HERBS, 3 stems of each in water, 3 containers, to be named**
- 32 **2 LEEKS**
- 33 **ANY OTHER VEGETABLE**

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ASSOCIATED GARDEN

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GARDEN FURNITURE & ORNAMENTS

Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £12, 2nd - £5, 3rd - £2

Judge: Mr & Mrs M Miller

- 34 **GARDEN FURNITURE**, eg, bench, table, archway, planter. To be made out of wood or metal
- 35 **GARDEN ORNAMENT**, eg, bird table, decoration. To be made out of wood or metal
- 36 **SOMETHING FOR THE GARDEN MADE OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIAL**

HEMOCRAFTS

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Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

HANDICRAFT

Judge: Mrs M Vergo

- 37 **HAND KNITTED ITEM**, using 4 ply or double knit wool, any design
- 38 **HAND CROCHET ITEM**, using 4 ply or double knit wool, any design
- 39 **A TOY CREATED BY YOU**, any material or medium
- 40 **A WREATH FOR YOUR DOOR**, any material or medium
- 41 **DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT**, adult's wellington, any material or medium
- 42 **ANY ITEM** made by you, for which there is no specific category

ART

Judge: Mrs S Bowerman

- 43 **WATERCOLOUR**, any design
- 44 **OIL OR ACRYLIC**, any design
- 45 **A PIECE OF ART WORK**, any medium, including sculpture, pottery or ceramics

PHOTOGRAPHY

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 **25.5 cm x 30.5 cm maximum size**. All photographs will be attached to display boards using Velcro tabs by our Stewards.

Judge: Mr M Macnaughton

- 46 **WILDLIFE**

- 47 SPRING
- 48 OPEN COLOUR
- 49 OPEN MONOCHROME
- 50 LANDSCAPE
- 51 ANIMAL / PET, excluding wildlife

DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

Judge: Mrs N Ralph

- 52 **A BASKET OF FLOWERS**, an arrangement or exhibit of natural plant material and flowers.
Space Allowed: 76cm width x 69cm depth x unlimited height

COOKERY

Judge: Mrs J Horsington

Unless otherwise stated, entries to be displayed on a white paper plate in a clear plastic bag.

- 53 **5 CHEESE STRAWS**, own recipe
- 54 **5 FLAPJACKES**, own recipe
- 55 **5 SWEET SCONES**
- 56 **A CAKE MADE USING AT LEAST ONE VEGETABLE**, to be displayed on a board, no covering required
- 57 **VICTORIA SPONGE CAKE**
- 58 **A LOAF OF BREAD**, not made in a bread maker
- 59 **SAVOURY LOAF**

Cooking time: 1 hour Oven: 190C (375 F), Gas Mark 5

INGREDIENTS

250g (10oz) self-raising flour
1 tsp salt
1 stick celery – finely chopped

½ tsp baking powder
50g (2oz) butter
1 medium onion – finely chopped

100g (4 oz) Cheddar Cheese grated
1 large beaten egg

1 clove crushed garlic
100ml (1/4 pint) milk

METHOD

1. Well grease a 400g (1lb) loaf tin
2. Sieve together the flour, baking powder and salt
3. Rub in the butter
4. Add the celery, onion, cheese and garlic and mix well
5. Add the egg and milk and mix to a soft dough
6. Knead lightly and then form into an oblong and place in the tin
7. Bake for 1 hour or until golden brown and well risen
8. Serve warm or cold sliced with butter. This bread is delicious served with soup.

60 CHOCOLATE CHIP LOAF

Cooking time: 30-40 minutes. Oven 170 C (325 F), Gas Mark 3

INGREDIENTS

100g (4 oz) self raising flour
2 large beaten eggs
100g (4 oz) soft margarine
3 tbs warm water

2 tbs cocoa powder
100g (4 oz) caster sugar
2 tbs chocolate chips

METHOD

1. Grease and line a 400g (1lb) loaf tin
2. Sift flour and cocoa into bowl
3. Add eggs, sugar and margarine
4. Use an electric whisk or mixer and beat for 2 mins
5. Add the warm water
6. Fold in the chocolate chips
7. Pour into the lined and greased tin and bake for 30-40 mins
8. Check with a skewer – take care not to over bake!
9. Turn out and cool

61 A JAR OF JAM, any flavour

62 A JAR OF MARMALADE, any flavour

In classes 61 & 62, jars must be covered with a lock on (twist top), a rigid plastic cover (neither of these should have a wax disc). Labels must be plain white, please state date made. Trade names must not appear on jars or covers.

JUNIOR CLASSES

CLASSES FOR 16 YEARS AND UNDER

Classes will be split into age groups if the number of entries is sufficient. Please state child's age on the entry form.

Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

Judge: Mr R Pitcher

AGED 8 YEARS AND UNDER

- 63 **A FLOWER FROM MY GARDEN**
- 64 **ANY SEEDLING**, eg tomato plant
- 65 **AN ANIMAL**, made from vegetable and plant material
- 66 **A PICTURE**, made from natural materials, such as leaves. A4 size.
- 67 **BEST CROP OF CRESS**, to be grown on paper in a saucer


OVER 8 YEARS & UNDER 16 YEARS

- 68 **VASE OF CUT SPRING GARDEN FLOWERS**
- 69 **A FLOWER FROM MY GARDEN**
- 70 **A SUNFLOWER SEEDLING**
- 71 **ANY OTHER SEEDLING**, eg tomato plant
- 72 **AN ANIMAL**, made from vegetable and plant material

73 **A PICTURE**, made from natural materials, such as leaves. A4 size.

74 **BEST CROP OF CRESS**, to be grown on paper in a saucer

JUNIOR HOMECRAFT

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Judge: Mrs S Bowerman

8 YEARS AND UNDER

75 **A DECORATED EGG**, may be hard boiled or blown. Any material to be used for decoration.

76 **PHOTOGRAPHY – YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO TAKEN BY YOU**

77 **ART – A PICTURE**, any medium

78 **AN ANIMAL MASK**, any material or medium

79 **A FAIRY DOOR**, any material or medium, does not have to be a wooden base

80 **DECORATED PAPER PLATE**, any animal, any material

81 **A MODEL MADE FROM LEGO**, please state if a kit

82 **A PLAYDOUGH MODEL**, any theme

83 **5 DECORATED FAIRY CAKES**, to be judged on decoration only

OVER 8 YEARS & UNDER 16 YEARS

84 **A DECORATED EGG**, these may be hard boiled or blown. Any material to be used for decoration.

85 **PHOTOGRAPHY – WILDLIFE, PETS OR ANIMALS**

86 **PHOTOGRAPHY – LANDSCAPE**

87 **ART – A PICTURE**, any medium

- 88 **A PARTY MASK**, any material or medium
- 89 **DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT**, child's wellington, any material or medium
- 90 **A FAIRY DOOR**, any material or medium, does not have to be a wooden base
- 91 **DECORATED PAPER PLATE**, any theme, any material
- 92 **A MODEL MADE FROM LEGO**, state if a kit
- 93 **A CLAY MODEL**, any type of clay
- 94 **FIVE DECORATED FAIRY CAKES**, to be judged on decoration only

COMPETITION RULES

1. Entries - All entries must be on an official entry form and signed by exhibitor. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of making entries.
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 article exhibited at the Show or an individual. 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 Show Secretary.
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 or sent out after the Show by cheque.
8. Judging - No public will be allowed in the Marquee while judging is in progress. The Judge's decision is final.
9. Objections - An exhibitor making an objection shall do so in writing to the Show Secretary before 3.00 p.m. on the day of the Show and shall deposit the sum of £5. The objector must be an exhibitor in the same class. The Appeals Committee will decide the outcome by 4.00 p.m. that day and in the event of an objection being held invalid the said sum of £5 shall be forfeited to the Society.
10. Flower, Pot Plant and Propagation classes will be run under the Royal Horticultural Society rulings. Vegetable classes will be run under National Vegetable Society rulings.
11. The Show organisers reserve the right to combine or amalgamate classes at its discretion.

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

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ENTER ONLINE: www.dorsetspringshow.co.uk



ENTRY FORM

Entries Close: Monday 27th April 2026

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Class No	Exhibitor's Name	Age on 27/4/26 (if under 16yrs)	No. of Entries	Entry Fees
				£1 per entry
Cheques payable to: Dorchester Agricultural Society			Total	

I understand that information from entry forms will be stored on the computer and that information about results may also be published and/or provided to the Press for publication. I understand that the making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

I certify that the particulars above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to conform to, and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society

Signed _____ Print Name _____

