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RHS Malvern Spring Festival Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Three Counties, Malvern, WR13 6NW 01684 584900

## GROW TO SHOW SCHEDULE

Closing date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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## **GROW TO SHOW**

**ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026  
JUDGING COMMENCES AT 7AM THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026**

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW (excluding Class 1A, Sections J and L) will receive an Award Card and Trophy (see rule 19).

BEST EXHIBIT OF CUT FLOWERS FROM SECTIONS B, C or H will receive an Award Card.

BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION - Sections A – L (excluding Class 1A) - will each receive a Best in Section Award Card.

BEST IN SECTION J - The Tony Hughes Memorial Trophy (see rule 19).

### **SECTION A**

**Entry fee for class 1A: £2**

**Prizes: 1st - £30, 2nd - £24, 3rd - £18**

Class 1A A display of cut flowers and/or vegetables and/or pot plants, foliage etc, (excluding dried materials) arranged for effect. The niche provided will be 900mm wide at the front and 760mm at the back. Front to back measurement will be 590mm, height unlimited. Tabling, backboard and sideboards will be supplied by the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. Exhibitors may use alternative coverings if they wish. Displays may overhang the front, but pots must be within area provided. A list of plants included in the display is required for public information.

**Entry fee for classes 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A: £1.50**

**Prizes: 1st - £10, 2nd - £8, 3rd - £6**

Class 2A An established container or containers, planted with flowering plants suitable for the PATIO. The container is to be provided by the exhibitor and will be placed on a 610mm x 610mm paving slab. To be judged for all round effect. Container/s must be brought to the Show already planted, if not it will not be accepted into the Show.

Class 3A An established container or containers, planted with foliage plants suitable for the PATIO. The container is to be provided by the exhibitor and will be placed on a 610mm x 610mm paving slab. To be judged for all round effect. Container/s must be brought to the Show already planted, if not it will not be accepted into the Show.

Class 4A A hanging container not to exceed 360mm diameter planted with flowering plants. Facility for hanging container will be provided.

Class 5A A hanging container not to exceed 360mm diameter planted with foliage plants. Facility for hanging container will be provided.

## SECTION B – BULBS

**Entry fee for Classes 1B - 10B: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1B Daffodils/Narcissi, one container of 5 stems, any cultivar/cultivars (excluding those eligible for class 2B).
- Class 2B Daffodils/Narcissi, diameter 50mm or less, one container of 5 stems, any cultivar/cultivars.
- Class 3B Three different cultivars of daffodils/narcissi in a container - 1 stem of each variety.
- Class 4B One specimen stem of daffodil/narcissus.
- Class 5B One specimen tulip stem.
- Class 6B Tulips, one container of 5 stems, any cultivar/cultivars (excluding those eligible for class 7B, 8B and 9B.)
- Class 7B Tulips, miniature, one container of 5 stems, any cultivar/cultivars.
- Class 8B Parrot Tulips, one container of 5 stems, one cultivar.
- Class 9B Double flowered tulips, one container of 5 stems, one cultivar.
- Class 10B One container growing any single species of bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers in flower, excluding Orchid. Container not to exceed 356mm diameter.

## SECTION C - CUT FLOWERS

**Entry fee for Classes 1C - 16C: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1C Polyanthus, one container of 5 stems.
- Class 2C Wallflowers, one container of 5 stems.
- Class 3C Lily of the Valley, one container of 5 stems.
- Class 4C One vase of cut flowers of one genus, not mentioned elsewhere in the schedule, excluding flowers grown from bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome.
- Class 5C One container of cut flowers of one genus, not mentioned elsewhere in the schedule, grown from bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome.
- Class 6C One container of one cultivar or species of cut flowering shrub, excluding lilac.
- Class 7C One container of one cultivar or species of cut flowering tree, excluding lilac.
- Class 8C One container of cut lilac.
- Class 9C One container of mixed spring flower. Consideration will be given to quality of blooms, number of cultivars and artistic presentation. Extra foliage not allowed. Width of exhibit not to exceed 1m.
- Class 10C Pelargonium flowers, one container of 5 stems.
- Class 11C A petite arrangement of mixed flowers.  
Size not to exceed 250mm in width, depth and height. Consideration will be given to quality of blooms, number of cultivars and artistic presentation. Extra foliage not allowed.
- Class 12C Pansies or Violas, One board of six blooms.  
Boards provided.
- Class 13C One container of cut peony flowers.
- Class 14C One container of cut aquilegia flowers.
- Class 15C One container of cut euphorbia flowers.
- Class 16C One bowl of floating flower heads. Bowl not to exceed 300mm diameter.

## SECTION D - AURICULA

Judged to National Auricula and Primula Society rules, please see  
<http://www.auriculaandprimula.org.uk> for more information

**Entry fee for Class 1D - 8D: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1D One plant White, Green or Grey Edge Show Auricula
- Class 2D One plant Self Show Auricula
- Class 3D One plant Fancy Auricula
- Class 4D One plant Light Centred Alpine Auricula
- Class 5D One plant Double Auricula
- Class 6D One plant Striped Auricula
- Class 7D One plant Border Auricula
- Class 8D One plant Gold Centred Alpine Auricula

## SECTION E - POT PLANTS

**Entry fee for Classes 1E - 18E: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1E One pot plant, flowering, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm diameter, excluding pelargoniums, bulbs, corms, tubers, orchids, rhizomes, cacti and succulents.
- Class 2E One Regal Pelargonium, flowering, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm.
- Class 3E One other variety Pelargonium, flowering, excluding Regal, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm.
- Class 4E One pot plant grown for Ornamental foliage effect, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm diameter, excluding cacti, succulent and hosta.
- Class 5E One Miniature Hosta, variegated leaf. Container not to exceed 200mm.
- Class 6E One Miniature Hosta, non-variegated leaf. Container not to exceed 200mm
- Class 7E One Hosta, variegated leaf, grown for foliage effect, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm diameter.
- Class 8E One Hosta, non-variegated leaf, grown for foliage effect, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm diameter.
- Class 9E A collection of three Hostas in separate pots or pans, not to exceed 260mm diameter.
- Class 10E A collection of three miniature Hostas in separate pots or pans, not to exceed 260mm diameter.
- Class 11E One climbing plant, pot or pan not exceeding 260mm.
- Class 12E Any Broadleaf 'BONSAI' exhibit.
- Class 13E Any Coniferous 'BONSAI' exhibit.
- Class 14E One pot of Orchid in flower, container not to exceed 360mm diameter.
- Class 15E A container of Ornamental Grass, Sedge or Rush, Container not to exceed 260mm.
- Class 16E One Fern Pot or pan not to exceed 260mm.
- Class 17E One pot or pan, any carnivorous plant. Container not to exceed 260mm diameter and 200mm depth.
- Class 18E One pot, Violas or Pansies, maximum pot size 150mm.
- Class 19E One pot or pan, Violas or Pansies, maximum pot size 260mm.

## SECTION F - CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

**Entry fee for Classes 1F – 10F: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1F One cactus, the pot or pan not to exceed 260mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 2F A collection of three cacti in separate pots or pans not to exceed 155mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 3F A collection of four cacti in separate pots or pans not to exceed 90mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 4F One cactus - any cultivar, unrestricted pot size.  
(Please state pot size on entry form for staging purposes.)
- Class 5F One succulent, excluding cacti, pot or pan not to exceed 260mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 6F A collection of three succulents, excluding cacti, in separate pots or pans not to exceed 155mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 7F A collection of four succulents, excluding cacti, in separate pots or pans not to exceed 90mm diameter or equivalent in square pot or pan.
- Class 8F Echeveria Group, one plant - unlimited pot size.  
(Please state pot size on entry form for staging purposes.)
- Class 9F Cacti and/or other succulents, container not to exceed 385mm x 230mm, with a minimum of nine plants, each in individual pots or pans.
- Class 10F A "miniature" container garden, cacti and/or succulents, ornaments optional. Container not to exceed 305mm diameter.

## SECTION G – ALPINES

**Entry fee for Classes 1G - 22G: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

All exhibits in the Alpine section must be named

Pan sizes are external measurements at the top rim

### **(a) PAN SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 360mm DIAMETER**

- Class 1G One pan rock plant in flower, to exclude Orchidaceae.
- Class 2G One pan dwarf Shrub.
- Class 3G One pan dwarf Conifer.
- Class 4G One pan hardy Orchid.

### **(b) PAN SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 260mm DIAMETER**

- Class 5G One pan rock plant in flower, to exclude Orchidaceae and Lewisia
- Class 6G Three pans rock plants, different cultivars or species.
- Class 7G One pan Primulaceae.
- Class 8G One pan dwarf bulbous plants of one cultivar (to include bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes but exclude Orchidaceae).
- Class 9G One pan dwarf Shrub.
- Class 10G One pan rock plant with silver or grey foliage.
- Class 11G One pan hardy Orchid.
- Class 12G One pan Lewisia.

- Class 13G One pan Cushion plant.
- Class 14G One pan Sempervivum or Jovibarba
- Class 15G One pan Saxifragaceae.

**(c) PAN SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 190mm DIAMETER**

- Class 16G One pan rock plant in flower, to exclude Orchidaceae and Lewisia.
- Class 17G Three pans rock plants, different cultivars or species.
- Class 18G One pan Lewisia.
- Class 19G One pan Primulaceae.
- Class 20G One pan dwarf Shrub.
- Class 21G One pan rock plant to be judged for foliage effect.
- Class 22G One pan dwarf bulbous plants of one cultivar (to include bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes but exclude Orchidaceae).

**SECTION H – IRIS**

**Entry fee for Classes 1H - 4H: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1H Iris. Bearded hybrids (over 410mm in height), three cut stems displayed in three containers. Any cultivar/cultivars.
- Class 2H Iris. Dwarf bearded hybrids (380mm or less in height), three cut stems in one container. Any cultivar/cultivars.
- Class 3H Iris. Beardless hybrids, three cut stems in one container. Any cultivar/cultivars.
- Class 4H Iris species, three cut stems in one container.

**SECTION J – PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Entry fee for Classes 1J - 4J: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

No photograph to have been exhibited in this Show before.

- Class 1J A spring scene in the garden.
- Class 2J A picture of a pot plant.
- Class 3J A picture of a floral close up.
- Class 4J A picture of foliage.

**SECTION K – VEGETABLES**

**Entry fee for Classes 1K - 5K: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

- Class 1K Rhubarb natural. One dish of three, with leaf blades trimmed back to approximately 75mm.
- Class 2K Asparagus, one dish of six spears.
- Class 3K Herbs, three bunches of cut herbs.
- Class 4K Potatoes One dish of five – **must** be named.
- Class 5K Any Other Vegetable not classified elsewhere - **must** be named. If not named, the exhibit will not be judged.

## SECTION L – DESIGN AND DISPLAY

**Entry fee for Classes 1L and 2L: £1.50**

**Prizes: 1st - £10, 2nd - £8, 3rd - £6**

Class 1L A trio of ornamental plants, which would naturally grow well together planted in a container/s of designer's choice. Maximum space allowed 1m wide by 590mm.

Class 2L A collection of five different growing culinary plants, presented in an imaginative and creative way. Multiples of any one type allowed. Maximum space allowed 1m wide by 590mm deep.

These classes will be judged on the overall effect, creativity of design, selection of plants and containers.

## SECTION M – FIRST TIMERS

**Entry fee for Classes 1M - 3M: 80p**

**Prizes: 1st - £5, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2**

Class 1M A vase of spring flowers.

Class 2M A container grown flowering plant.

Class 3M A container grown foliage plant.

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ACCEPTED

### Rules

- 1 All exhibits must be of the Exhibitor's own growing. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the premises of Exhibitors and to disqualify for infringement of this rule.  
Exhibits in class 1A entered in the Societies/Groups/Club name must similarly have been grown by the Society/Groups/Club members.
- 2 Entry forms and fees must reach the Show Secretary by Wednesday 29 April 2026. No late entries will be accepted.
- 3 Only one entry from each address per class allowed.
- 4 The Grow to Show section will be open from 12 noon on Wednesday 6 May until 6.45am on Thursday 7 May for exhibitors to stage. The marquee will be electrically illuminated throughout the night and security staff will be in attendance throughout the night. However, stewards will only be on duty during the following times to give advice and issue exhibit cards:-  
**Wednesday 6 May – 12 noon to 10.00pm**  
**Thursday 7 May - 6.00am to 6.45am**  
All exhibitors must leave the section by 6.45am. Judging will commence at 7am prompt.
- 5 All exhibits **should be named** where possible, for the interest and education of visitors or be marked 'unknown'. All exhibits in Alpine Classes **must** be named. Variety cards will be available from the Stewards.
- 6 VASES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CUT FLOWERS, but exhibitors may supply their own. **Please see rule 20 FLORAL FOAM**
- 7 The Society and Committee will take every reasonable care but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

- 8 Please place exhibits in a saucer if you wish your entry to be watered during the Show.
- 9 The decision of the Judges is final. They have the power to withhold any award if the exhibits are deemed to be unworthy.
- 10 Exhibits and prizecards **must not** be removed until after **4.45pm** on Sunday 10 May 2026. Failure to comply will forfeit prize money. **The Society and Committee will try to ensure the safety of all exhibits, but no responsibility will be taken for any loss or damage. Stewards will be in attendance until 6pm.**
- 11 IF EXHIBITORS ARE UNABLE TO STAGE THEIR EXHIBIT/S, WOULD THEY PLEASE INFORM THE SHOW OFFICE BY TUESDAY 5 MAY 202.
- 12 Any objection must be made in writing to the Secretary before 3.00pm on the first day of the show, together with a deposit of £5.00, which will be retained if the objection is not upheld by the Committee.
- 13 Prize money will be paid after the Show.
- 14 The Show is open to all exhibitors who need not be resident within the three counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.
- 15 One pass per exhibitor for no fewer than **5 entries. The wristband will be given to exhibitors when they collect their class cards.**
- 16 One-vehicle pass will be issued to exhibitors to enable them to deliver and collect their exhibits. Once delivery has been completed, all vehicles **must** be removed from the showground to the car parks.
- 17 The Society's general show regulations will apply to this section. Copies are available from the main office.
- 18 All classes to be judged in accordance with the Royal Horticultural Society Rules, **8th Edition, 2016**, except where stated otherwise in the schedule.
- 19 Trophies and Best in Show Award will be presented to the winners in the Grow to Show area on Sunday 10 May at 4.15pm (and will then be retained by the Society).
- 20 **RHS and Three Counties Society statement for Floral Foam – 2026 Show Season.**

As part of our efforts to improve sustainability and to make environmentally-minded choices when planning our events, ALL plastic containing foam is banned at all shows. Many current floral foams on the market are non-biodegradable and use micro-plastics, and due to the nature of its use, it is very easy for these to get into the water supplies. We have taken the decision in consultation with exhibitors, competitors, venues, and site managers.

#### **What are the alternatives?**

There are several great floristry resources online proposing alternatives.

Some to consider include:

Chicken Wire or Metal Pins (kenzan)

Moss

Green Foliage

Tubes and Water

Newspaper

Marbles

Pebbles, Sand, Gravel, Clay

If you are using a degradable alternative to floral foam such as

Agra-wool please contact the relevant show manager to confirm the product is suitable.



The RHS guide to Floral Foam Alternatives can be viewed at:  
<https://rhsmalvern.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Floral-Foam-Alternative-Document-V1.pdf>

- 21 Plant material at all shows is subject to RHS Biosecurity Policy & Regulations which can be viewed at <https://rhsmalvern.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Shows-Biosecurity-policy-regulations-2025-v1-18.10.pdf>