

Quick Guide for Exhibitors

If you have not entered before, don't worry! Show Stewards will be on hand to help you. We value each and every entry as without entries we wouldn't have a show.

Hand in entry forms and collect staging cards

Thursday	7pm - 8pm	Village Hall (Todrck Room)
Friday	1pm - 8pm	Marquee
Saturday	8am - 9.45am	Marquee

Staging of Exhibits (Show Stewards available to assist you)

Friday	1pm - 8pm
Saturday	7am - 9.45am.

Top Tips

- **Ensure you have filled in the entry form correctly** and please check the small print in the classes and Show rules. (Ask a Show Steward if unsure)
- Pay attention to the definition of the class e.g. number of stems, type of flower, type of jam, container to be used.
- Give yourself time to stage the exhibit and display it to its best advantage. †

Guidance on entering different classes

FLOWERS & PLANTS

- **Flowers** should be fresh, in good condition and free from damage due to the weather, pests and disease, as far as possible. Exhibits with minor problems will still be considered but the judges will mark accordingly.
- **The Flowers** should be arranged to display the exhibit to the best advantage. If necessary, flowers may be trimmed.
- **Foliage** should be clean, healthy and undamaged. Ensure that you clean debris from under plants in pots and any dead parts around the exhibit. †
- **Dahlias** should be clean, perfectly circular with closed firm centres and all florets intact, without blemish. Check the type of bloom fits the class description.

- **Gladioli** should ideally have an erect spike with one third in full flower, one third in colour, and one third in green bud.
- **Roses** should have petals regularly arranged in a circular outline with a well formed centre.
- **Sweet Peas** should have strong stems with, ideally, 4 well spaced blooms on each, although less can be accepted.
- **Lilies** should have anthers removed to prevent marking clothes.
- **The Top Vase Class 35** is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different species of plants. Two varieties of the same plant are NOT two species. Only fresh HOME GROWN flowers can be used in the vase. The display will be judged for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions.

DEFINITIONS

- **Perennial** refers to a plant that flowers every year, and is not a shrub, bulb, corm or tuber.
- **Border** means any plant. except a shrub.
- **Shrub** means a woody perennial, often many stemmed, of smaller structure than a tree and having no distinct bole or trunk.

VEGETABLES

- **Potatoes** should be medium sized, generally not more than 170g each, clear skinned with shallow eyes and all the same size and shape.
- **Beetroot** to have an undamaged tap root, and fangless with a smooth, clean, uniformly dark skin. Cut off the tops to leave 75mm of stalk, which is tied.
- **Carrots** should be of good shape, colour and equal size, with a clean skin and no side roots. Treat the tops as the beetroot.
- **Tomatoes** should be of even size and rich colour and firm with fresh calyxes attached.
- **Onions** to be of even size with thin necks. Trim off rootlets and remove the thin layer of outer skin. Tie tops at the thinnest part of the neck and cut immediately above.

- **Turnips** should be as beetroots except slightly larger, with a small tap root and 75mm of stalk and tied.
- **Peas** - choose large, fresh, deep green pods with bloom intact and well filled with tender seeds, Leave part of the stem attached to the pod.
- **Courgettes** should be young, tender, shapely, 100-150mm in length and well-matched with a small piece of stem attached.
- **French Beans** should be straight, fresh with tender snap pods and stalks. Pods should be a good green colour and no outward sign of seeds
- **Runner Beans** should be long, slender, straight, fresh pods with small attached stems and have a good colour and no outward sign of seeds.
- **Rhubarb.** Pull from crown. Ensure fresh, straight, tender stalks with well-developed red colour and leaf blades trimmed back to approx 50mm.
- **Lettuce.** Ensure firm, tender, crisp hearts of good colour. Remove any damaged leaves and cut off roots close to leaves.
- **Cucumber** should be fresh, young, green, tender, straight fruits of uniform thickness with short handles.

FRUIT

- As fresh as possible with stalks on the apples

INDUSTRIAL CLASSES

- **Sticker-dots** - When staging your exhibits in the industrial classes **please attach two sticker dots** (these will be supplied by the Steward); one dot on your exhibit and one dot on your card. These should be numbered (same number both stickers). This stops the cards and exhibits getting mixed up during judging.
- **Drinks** - Use clean, clear bottles which are well filled and sealed.
- **Jams** - See Section 4 - Industrial Preserves for information on containers and display.