



Fernhurst Horticultural Society

Rules and Conditions of Entry for Shows

- 1 All classes are **open to members, non members and children** (non-members entering should live within a 10 mile radius of Fernhurst Crossroads). (see *'Notes for your Guidance'* page 5).
- 2 **There is no entry fee.**
- 3 Exhibitors must complete the entry form (see pages 11 and 19) for Spring and Autumn Shows respectively. The form can also be downloaded from our website or completed online. Deadline for submission of entry forms is two days before the show date (ie 4 April for Spring Show and 5 September 2024 for Autumn Show) paper submissions should be taken to The Fernhurst Hub for collection by the Show Secretary. Once registered exhibitors may vary their entries on the show day.
- 4 All exhibits in division 1 must have been grown by or tended by the exhibitor for at least 2 months prior to the show. All division 2 exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and not have been shown previously.
- 5 All show exhibits must be staged between the times specified on the day of the show and may not be removed until requested. All exhibitors must retire from the show when judging begins and remain so until after it is completed.
- 6 Exhibitors may only show one item in each class.
- 7 Judging of horticultural exhibits shall be conducted under RHS Code of Rules. The judge's decision shall be final.
- 8 The Judges shall have the power to withhold any award if they consider an exhibit unworthy and to recommend an extra award for a meritorious exhibit.
- 9 First, second, third and highly commended may be awarded in each class. Points will be awarded: first-10, second-6, third-4 and highly commended-2 and are totalled to determine the overall winner.
- 10 In the event of a tie for points of any cup the member with the highest number of first prizes will be the winner.
11. Exhibitors' gardens shall be open when required for inspection by the Judges or members of the committee.
12. Trophies and Cups will be held for a year and remain the property of the Society.
- 13 Trophies, Medals and Cups will not be awarded to non-members, but they will receive a certificate in the event of an award.
- 14 The RHS Banksian medal is awarded at the Autumn Show to the competitor who has won the most points in diivision 1 at the Spring and Autumn Shows combined. The winner may not have won it in the previous 2 years.



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Please read Guidance Notes carefully, including the Rules and Conditions of Entry (see page 4). **If you need help or guidance please ask. The Show Secretary and Committee members are there to assist you! Also see our Website**

Submit your entries on time.

If possible prepare your entries the evening before the show and keep them cool.

Arrive at the show hall on show day as early as possible so you can stage the exhibit without hurrying.

ALWAYS CHECK YOUR ENTRIES BEFORE LEAVING THE HALL

All root crops should be washed and free from any blemishes. Roots should be gently washed with a sponge and clean water, do not scrub.

Leave at least 75mm (3") of the tops on carrots, beetroots, parsnips etc.

Cabbages and cauliflowers should have at least 50mm (2") of stalk.

Lettuce should have the root left on and the root washed (lift with a fork).

Peas and beans should have 12mm (1/2") of stalk. Do not handle pods as this marks them.

Marrows and courgettes should have 12mm (1/2") of stalk with or without flower attached.

Tomatoes should have the calyx attached.

Onions / shallots should have the tops tied and roots trimmed, do not over skin, if they are not ripe show them bunched. Individual onions should weigh less than 250 gms.

Fruit (including berries) should be fresh, clean but not polished and have the stalks left on.

Do not show king apples (these have a lump by the stalks).

Fruit, berries and certain vegetables can be shown to advantage on paper plates.

Flowers should always be fresh and, where stated, numbers, size, type requirements must be followed exactly.

Single specimen roses should have buds removed.

Bikini vases will be provided for most flower classes.

Where possible name your exhibit as extra points may be awarded by the Judge, otherwise it should be free from any other marks (except for age in years and months for children's exhibits).

Cakes must be made to the recipe if one is given.

Flans and quiches must be shown out of the tin or case. Plain sided dishes for savoury and flute sided dishes for sweet.

Pies should be shown in their dish. All cooked items must be covered with cling film.

All jams must be labelled, showing contents and date (day, month, year) of preparation.

Jars, lids, bottles must be clean, not bear any name or trade marks, and jars must not be of the screw top type (i.e. honey jars).

Jars may be sealed with wax disc and cellophane or new lids.

Chutneys and pickles must be shown in jars with solid vinegar-proof tops, and must be at least 2 months old.

Items of Handicraft / Design and Technology should have been completed within the last 12 months and not exhibited previously.

Any item of clothing must not have been previously worn or washed.

All entries should be removed at the end of the show.