



Halstock & District Gardening Club
ANNUAL SHOW

With Halstock Fete

Saturday 29th August 2026

Show Schedule

Doors open to public at 1pm

Exhibitor's displays of flowers, fruit, veg, homecraft & photography

Plant stall & Produce auction

Teas

Show secretary: Mr Paul Barrow

Vice President Mr P Hester

Rules

1. **Entries** Anyone, irrespective of age or gender may enter all classes except **Classes 68 - 73**
Entries submitted on entry form or by email to the Show Secretary, Paul Barrow, Lower Farm Cottage, High Street, Corscombe, DT2 0NZ by **Wednesday 26th August 2025** at the latest. Entries can be left in the **Community Room, Halstock Shop** in the appropriate box. **Your print photographs to be entered with the forms.**
The committee will not be held responsible for late arriving, lost or illegible entries.
2. **Number of Entries** Only one entry per class apart from classes **50 - 53 and 63 - 67.**
3. **Exhibits** All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and been in their possession for at least 2 months. Flowers, fruit and vegetables must have been grown in their own gardens apart from floral art classes. Homecraft must have been made by the exhibitor, previously entered photographs are not to be entered.
4. **Floral Art Class 47 & 49** Accessories & backgrounds allowed.
5. **Staging** exhibits to be staged 8 - 10.45am.
6. **Containers** Exhibitors to supply own vases, dishes etc. committee will not be responsible for loss or damage.
7. **Trade Names** No container must display a trade name.
8. **Judging:**
 - A. No Exhibitor allowed in the hall during the judging.
 - B. Judge's decision is final.
 - C. In the event of insufficient entries or inadequate standard the Judge may withhold any/all awards.
9. **Removal of Exhibits/Auction** Exhibits to be removed by 3.45pm, any left will be auctioned to raise funds for the show, donations gratefully received.

Top Tips

1. Read the Schedule carefully, especially the rules and conditions.
2. Allow plenty of time for staging, help will be available.
3. Strictly no entry while judging.

Fruit and Vegetables

4. Condition of fresh produce is important, ideally without blemishes, or signs of pests, however it is best to participate.
5. Aim for similar shape colour & size if more than one.
6. Clean veg carefully to remove soil, do not polish or rub off skins.
7. Soft fruits should retain their natural bloom, don't wash.
8. Leave stalks on fruit, trim to same length.
9. The green calyx should be as fresh as the fruit.
10. Presentation is important; symmetrical, stalks to middle or back.
11. Leave about ½" (1cm) stalk on beans & peas, display facing the same way.
12. Beans best straight, little or no contours of the bean inside showing.
13. Courgettes should be 5" – 6" (12-15cm) long, include flowers if possible.
14. Leave approx. 3" (8cm) stalks on beetroot, carrot, etc.
15. Onions should be weighed or measured to criteria in schedule, tie tops with raffia or undyed string, trim roots, avoid onions with overly thick necks & don't over skin.
16. Choose medium sized potatoes with shallow eyes & clear skin.
17. Potato in a bag competition. Heaviest crop wins.

Flowers & pot plants

18. Remove any damaged flowers, discoloured or broken leaves.
19. Don't forget to fill your container with water.
20. A perfect single rose is ½-¾ open with circular outline.

Homecraft

21. All jars & lids should be clean with no brand names.
22. Chutneys best in screw top jars with plastic lined lids.
23. Jars of jam presented with wax discs and cellophane or screw top lids.
24. Cover food with cling film or similar.

Scoring, Cups and Prizes

RHS Banksian Medal

Awarded to the exhibitor with most points in the Horticultural classes. (Winners in previous 2 years are excluded).

G.I. Jessop Challenge Cup

Will be awarded for the best vegetable collection- Class 1.

Quiet Woman Challenge Cup

Will be awarded to the individual who gains the most points in individual vegetable and fruit classes 2-18 & 22-25.

Crumpler Challenge Cup

Will be awarded for the exhibitor who gains the most points in flower classes 26-36.

Bingham Challenge Cup

Will be awarded for the best exhibit of roses classes 29-31.

Middleton Challenge Cup

Will be awarded for best pot plant classes 37-42.

Scoring

1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point, HC ½ point.

Prize Cards will be awarded in all classes.

Hugh Gordon Challenge Rose Bowl

Will be awarded to the exhibitor who gains most points in Homecraft classes 50-62.

Ted Bingham Memorial Plate

Will be awarded for the best photographic exhibit classes 63-67.

Joe Salter Cup

Will be awarded to the man with the most points in Homecraft classes 50-62.

Joyce Riggs Memorial Plate

Will be awarded to the exhibitor who gains the most points in the Art and Handicraft classes 74-77.

Halstock School Cup

Will be awarded to the child who gains the most points Classes 68-70.

Lauder Challenge Cup

Will be awarded to the child who gains most points in Classes 71-73.

Gardens Group Voucher

Awarded to most points won in Classes 43-45.

Prize Money in children's classes 1st - £4, 2nd - £3, 3rd - £2.

Cups are to be held for one year only. Name engraving is the responsibility of the Show Secretary and cups will need to be returned to Show Secretary after presentation for this purpose. All cups must be returned the following year, in good condition and by the Tuesday prior to the forthcoming show at the latest.

Show Day Programme

8am – 10.45am All entries to be staged.

10.45am – 11.00am Stewards check.

11am – 1pm Judging.

12pm Fete opens in field.

1pm Show open.

2pm Potato weigh - in at plant stall.

3.15pm Presentation of cups.

3.45pm Removal of exhibits.

4.00 pm Auction of produce.

Judges

Fruit and Vegetables - Peter Yeates

Flowers – Peter Yeates

Floral Art - Francis Burroughes

Homecraft - Shirley Warr

Handicraft – Rachael Harding

Photography - Colin Fursman

Children – Peter Brink

Vegetable Classes

1. Grower's choice, selection of different fruit and/or veg in garden trug or basket max 24"x24".
2. 5 Potatoes - white (no coloured eyes).
3. 5 Potatoes - coloured. (Includes predominantly white with coloured eyes)
4. 3 Onions – over 250 grams.
5. 5 Onions - 250 grams or under.
6. 2 Leeks.
7. 3 Carrots.
8. 7 Runner beans.
9. 8 French beans.
10. 7 Shallots.
11. 5 Tomatoes.
12. 7 Cherry tomatoes, max diameter 1 1/2".
13. 3 Beetroot.
14. 2 Cucumbers.
15. 2 Squash.
16. 2 Courgettes not exceeding 6".
17. Bunch of Named mixed culinary herbs container max 4" diameter.
18. Pair of any other vegetable not listed above.

Fun Classes

19. Longest runner bean.
20. Odd shaped fruit or veg.
21. Potato growing competition, 1 potato and bag supplied in March.

Fruit Classes – multiple entries allowed

22. 3 Dessert apples- one variety.
23. 3 Cooking apples- one variety.
24. 7 Plums.
25. Dish of any other home-grown fruit.

Flower Classes

26. 1 vase 3 dahlias -cactus.
27. 1 vase 3 dahlias – decorative.
28. 1 vase 3 dahlias – pom pom (max 2”).
29. 3 different H.T roses, one stem of each.
30. 1 perfumed rose.
31. 3 stems of any other rose.
32. 7 sweet peas.
33. 1 hydrangea head.
34. 3 fuchsia heads supported through cling film over a container of water.
35. Mixed flowers, max 12 stems, container not more than 7”.
36. Collection of 4 different annuals, 2 of each.

Pot Plants (Note 1 plant in each pot)

37. Decorative foliage plant.
38. Flowering pot plant.
39. Cactus in a pot.
40. Succulent in a pot.
41. Flowering fuchsia in a pot.
42. Geranium/pelargonium in a pot.
43. Gold Club - From Bidens plug.
44. Gold Club - From Petunia plug.
45. Gold Club - From Osteospermum plug.

Floral Art (Please conform to measurements allowed)

46. Little Beauty - A miniature arrangement in an egg cup, max 4” in any direction.
47. A Nursery Rhyme, space allowed 24” x 24”.
48. An Ikebana arrangement 18” x 18”.
(Ikebana is a Japanese form of flower arranging that uses only a small amount of material arranged in an artistic form to show off the flowers in the best of ways.)
49. Wimbledon, space allowed 24” x 24”.

Homecraft (Classes 50 - 53 up to 2 entries allowed)

50. Jar (1lb approx.) any chutney.
51. Jar (1lb approx.) fruit jam.
52. Small jar (1/2lb approx.) any fruit jelly.
53. Jar (1lb approx.) citrus marmalade.
54. Jar (1/2lb approx.) lemon curd.
55. 6 hen eggs.
56. Chocolate Cake – your recipe.
57. 5 Fruit Scones.
58. 5 Flap Jacks.
59. 5 Rock cakes.
60. A Quiche Lorraine.
61. Handmade Loaf of brown bread (Note. Do not use a bread maker).
62. A home-made tipple.

Photography – max 10" x 8" (25 x 20 cm) including any mounts – not framed

Up to two entries per class per exhibitor

63. Garden Bird(s) – colour print.
64. A Shop Window Display- colour print.
65. View at a Seaside Town- colour print.
66. River - colour print.
67. My favourite tree – B&W print. Can be taken anytime of the year.

Childrens Classes

7 years and under

68. How does your garden grow. Your dream garden in a seed tray.
69. A painting of your favourite flower.
70. Posy of flowers.

8-14 years

71. A colour photograph of an animal, insect, bird or reptile - max size A4.
72. A photograph of your favourite landscape.
73. 4 chocolate brownies.

Art & Handicraft Classes

74. A pencil sketch. Max size 12" x 8" (30 x 20cm).
75. Painting for a design for a greeting card. Max size 12" x 8" (30 x 20cm).
76. Pen and ink drawing any subject. Max size 12" x 8" (30 x 20cm).
77. A knitted animal.
78. A cross-stitch article.
79. Any other creative hobby, e.g. pottery, jewelry, woodwork etc. but NOT A PHOTOGRAPH.

Competitors Notes

2024-2025

1. Competitor A
2. Competitor B
3. Competitor C
4. Competitor D
5. Competitor E

6. Competitor F
7. Competitor G
8. Competitor H
9. Competitor I
10. Competitor J

11. Competitor K
12. Competitor L
13. Competitor M
14. Competitor N
15. Competitor O

16. Competitor P
17. Competitor Q
18. Competitor R
19. Competitor S
20. Competitor T

21. Competitor U
22. Competitor V
23. Competitor W
24. Competitor X
25. Competitor Y

26. Competitor Z
27. Competitor AA
28. Competitor AB
29. Competitor AC
30. Competitor AD

