

# 2025 Show



## Introduction

This year we have consulted “The Horticultural Show Handbook” which is the official RHS guide to organising, judging, and competing in a show. We have picked out ideas and suggestions from the guide that we feel are suitable and doable for a small association.

## New entry class ‘Newbies’

New for 2025 is the ‘Newbies class’. This is for plot holders who took on their allotment recently and may feel they have nothing much to put in the show yet. Fret not, in the ‘Newbies class’ you can enter any fruit, veg or flower that turned out to be a success in your first growing season.

## Points for presentation

This year we are awarding points for presentation. This could be a tiebreaker where entries are of the same high standard. 5 perfect tomatoes on a pretty green plate will win over 5 perfect tomatoes in an old margarine tub.

## Display section - not in competition

Here you can display anything you have been growing that you want to show to visitors and other plotholders. It’s interesting for all of us to see samples of what’s growing on the site.

## Entry fees

Flat fee of 50 pence per person.

Newbies class FREE.

Children’s class FREE

Display section FREE

## Judging criteria and scoring

<b>Vegetables and Fruit</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Homemade Compost</b>
Condition 5 points Uniformity 5 points Size 5 points Shape 5 points Colour 5 points Presentation 5 points <b>TOTAL 30 points</b>	Condition of flowers and stems 5 points Uniformity 5 points Shape and texture of flowers and foliage 5 points Colour 5 points Symmetry and balance (potted plants, bouquets, baskets/containers) 5 points Presentation 5 points <b>TOTAL 30 points</b>	Texture 5 points Colour 5 points Smell 5 points <b>TOTAL 15 points</b>

## Show Categories 2025

A	Vegetables
1	Beetroot, 3 with foliage
2	Broccoli, 2 heads
3	Broccoli (sprouting) 5 stalks
4	Cabbage, 2 heads
5	Carrots, 3 with foliage
6	Cauliflower, 1 head
7	Courgettes, 3
8	Cucumber, 2 with foliage
9	Exotic/unusual vegetable, 1 specimen
10	French beans, 5 pods with stalks
11	Garlic, 3 bulbs
12	Gourds, 2, all types, butternut, bottle etc
13	Leeks, 3 with foliage
14	Lettuce, 2 heads
15	Onions, 3 from set or seed
16	Peas, 5 pods with stalks
17	Potatoes, 5 of standard white/red variety
18	Potatoes, 5 of any other variety (blue, Anya, Irish lumper, etc)
19	Pumpkin, 1 largest
20	Radishes, 7 with foliage
21	Runner beans, 5 with stalks

22	Shallots, 5 from set or seed
23	Spring onions, 7 in a bunch
24	Sweetcorn, 2 cobs
25	Sweet peppers, 2
26	Tomatoes, 5
27	Turnips, 3 with foliage
28	Ugliest vegetable, 1 specimen
<b>B</b>	<b>Fruit &amp; Berries</b>
1	Apples (cooking), 3
2	Apples (eating), 3
3	Blackcurrants, 5 strigs
4	Cherries 5 with stalks
5	Gooseberries, 5 berries with stalks
6	Figs, 3
7	Loganberries, 5 berries with stalks
8	Pears, 3
9	Plums, 3
10	Raspberries, 5 berries with stalks
11	Red or white currants, 5 strigs
12	Rhubarb, 3 stems
13	Strawberries, 5 berries with stalks
<b>B</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
1	Canna, potted plant
2	Dahlias, vase of 5 blooms

3	Daylilies, potted plant
4	Flowers, mixed bouquet in vase (not Dahlias)
5	Fuschia, potted plant
6	Geranium, potted plant
7	Gladioli, 3 spikes, same or mixed colours
8	Hanging basket or container planted for summer
9	Rose, 1 bloom, any type with own foliage
10	Roses, 4, same or mixed varieties/colours, with own foliage
11	Sunflower, 1 bloom with own foliage
<b>C</b>	<b>Children's section</b>
1	Any vegetable or flower grown by child
<b>D</b>	<b>Other stuff</b>
1	Cake, any type of handmade cake
2	Chutney, 1 jar, of any type
3	Compost, homemade, in a 500ml clear glass jar
4	Herbs, 3 varieties in a bunch
5	Jam, 1 jar, of any variety