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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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**2025  
SUMMER SHOW**

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# LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## A note from the Chairperson

Thank you for picking up this schedule and considering entering in our Summer Show. We hope that you do.

Lowdham Horticultural Society was founded in 1893 so amazingly this is our **132nd year!** The first show took place in the August of that year, 1893.

Lowdham Horticultural Society is affiliated to the RHS and is a not-for-profit organisation. The aim of the Society is to promote and advance the enjoyment of horticulture and gardening, encouraging individuals and families to make the most of their gardens.

We hold three shows each year - our Spring Show, the Summer Show and an Autumn Festival. The Summer Show, our biggest of the year, is traditionally held on August Bank Holiday Monday (regardless of weather!).

As well as the three shows, we run a series of monthly talks or demonstrations hosted by guest speakers, organise coach trips and local visits to inspirational gardens, grow plants to sell at our annual plant sale in May and run a subsidised seed scheme.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us and help continue the wonderful tradition of our Summer Show. Our membership year begins at the start of September and our annual subscription is just £10. We do also welcome non-members to our talks for a £3 charge.

If you can spare a few hours over the coming weeks or just on Summer Show Day to help out, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support.

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# How to enter the Summer Show

## In advance of Show Day

- Familiarise yourself with the schedule and identify the classes you are going to enter.
- Complete an entry form with your name, address, telephone number and email address, listing all your entries.
- A separate entry form must be completed for each competitor.
- Entrants aged 16 years and under require their age on the entry form.
- Entrants aged 16 or under can enter any of the other classes in addition to those specifically for Young People, but will need to complete a separate entry form and will be given a different entrant number for these classes.
- Show day is always busy, so it is helpful to submit your entry form in advance so that entry cards can be prepared ready for you to collect on the morning of the show. You can ring the Show Secretary for an exhibitor's number from 16th - 22nd August otherwise you will be allocated a number on show day.
- Completed entry forms can be posted through the door at 5 The Priors or 6 Ton Lane, Lowdham by Friday 22nd August.
- Entry cards can also be picked up from 5 The Priors or 6 Ton Lane if you wish to complete your own and bring them with your entry form on the morning of the show.
- Alternatively, you can bring your completed entry form on the morning of the show and your cards will be completed then.

## On Show Day

- On the morning of the show, bring your exhibits with your entry form (if you have not already returned it in advance) to the marquee at the back of the Village Hall as early as you can after 8am but well before 10.30am, when staging closes.
- Hand your completed entry form with your entry fees of 30p per exhibit to the stewards at the desk who will issue you with entry cards for each of your exhibits.
- Entry in the Young People classes is free.
- Place each of your exhibits with its entry card face down beside it in the correct section on the show bench. Check with a steward that you are putting your exhibits in the right section if you are unsure where they go.
- If you have cut flowers, vases are available for their display, if you wish to use them. There will be tables available for you to prepare your exhibits in the marquee.
- You must vacate the marquee by 10.30am in order for judging to start promptly at 11am.
- Prize money is awarded for first, second and third place in all classes and there are trophies and special prizes in each section.
- We have some advice sheets for those thinking of entering the Show: These notes are intended as a guide to what the judges will be looking for and hopefully allow participants to show off their entries to best effect.
- Above all, showing should be FUN and the more entries we have the better the show.
- Help sheets, the Show Schedule and Entry Form, can be accessed and downloaded from our website [www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk).

# **Lowdham Horticultural Society through 132 years**

## **Extracts from our archives**

**1893** The first Annual Show of flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables in connection with the Lowdham and District Horticultural Society was held in a field at the rear of the Magna Charta Inn.

*Newark Advertiser July 26th 1893*

**1933** Prior to 1933 the Flower Show was organised under the direction of a committee named 'Lowdham and District Branch of the Nottingham Children's Hospital Cot and Free Medicine Fund!' In the five years 1928 – 1933, £1000 was raised to support these causes.

**1947** The Schedule included classes for Half a Pound of Mushrooms (naturally grown), 5 Bantam eggs, Best Chicken Dressed and Trussed and Best Jar of Bottled Fruit.

**1948** Last year of the combined Horticultural Show and Gymkhana. The Gymkhana Classes included Style and Appearance, Juvenile Jumping, Musical Poles and Fancy Dress.

**1953** The show was held on the wettest day of the year. Nevertheless the number and standard of entries was very high indeed.

*Committee Minutes 1954.*

**1960** A record number of entries (710) despite a heavy thunderstorm. The Show was opened by former soccer star Tommy Lawton who was landlord at the Magna Charta. Mrs Lawton presented the prizes.

*Nottingham Guardian August 24th 1960.*

# **RULES - 2025 SHOW**

1. The Show is open to everybody regardless of where they live.
2. Exhibits will be staged on Monday 25th August, between 8 am and 10.30 am, **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 10.30 am when a bell will be rung.**
3. Judging will commence promptly at 11 am.
4. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE MOVED UNTIL AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE IN THE MARQUEE - AT APPROXIMATELY 4.30 pm.**
5. The Society Rules for judging the Horticultural Classes are based on the recommendations of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), and the decision of the judges is final.
6. Winners of the Banksian Medal in 2023 may not be awarded the medal in 2025 and the winner in 2024 may not be awarded the medal in 2025 or 2026 under RHS rules.
7. The Novice Classes are for people who have not won a 1st prize in the Main Classes.  
The prize money is awarded in these Classes, but will not count towards the totals for the Society's Cups and Trophies.
8. No exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in any one class.
9. The following scale of points is used to calculate winners of Cups and Section **Awards:**

<b>Classes 1, 33 &amp; 84:</b>	1st: 10 points	2nd: 6 points	3rd: 4 points
<b>Classes 2, 3, 4, 34, 35 &amp; 89:</b>	1st: 7 points	2nd: 4 points	3rd: 3 points
<b>Remainder Classes:</b>	1st: 5 points	2nd: 3 points	3rd: 2 points

10. The Royal Horticultural Society Bronze Medals will be won outright. The Nottingham Evening News Challenge Cup, The Pearson Bowl, The Walter Bennett Plate, The Hoveringham Trophy, The Fred Furley Memorial Cup, The MacAlpine Challenge Cup, The Smith Memorial Trophy, The George Haggis Memorial Trophy, The T. F. Revell Memorial Cup, The David Rees Memorial Cup, The Burton Challenge Trophy, The Reddish Memorial Salver, The Lowdham Horticultural Society Plate, The LHS Summer Show Winner Trophy, the Charles King Memorial Cup and The Mrs V Birkin Trophy are perpetual challenge trophies which will be held by the winners for 12 months.  
**The winners are to give satisfactory security to the Society that the trophies will be returned to the Trophy Secretary two weeks before the date of the following show.**
11. In the event of two or more exhibitors having equal numbers of points competing for a cup, medal or bowl, the award will go to the exhibitor having the greatest number of first prizes.
12. All competitors who wish to claim their prize money should apply to the Treasurer between 4 and 5 pm.
13. The Committee will not be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or property whilst in its custody.
14. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

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# 2025 COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Nicola Macdonald</b>
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Christine Baggaley</b>
<b>Show Secretary:</b>	<b>Anne Cross</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Alan Horne</b>

Sandra Giles	Sue Campbell	Jackie Halpin
Brigitte Beales	Geoff Burton	Patrick McDonnell
	Christine Statham	

## LIFE MEMBERS

Rev. Eric Ashby	Christine Baggaley	Patrick McDonnell
Maureen Ashby	Juliet Hardy	Hilary Turner

## SHOW JUDGES FOR 2025

Vegetables:	Geoff Butterworth
Fruit:	Mike Davey
Flowers:	Stuart Dixon
Floral Art:	Jane Walden
Produce:	Christina Wilson
Photography:	Tammy Mills
Young People Classes:	Jayne Parker
Handicrafts:	Dilys Cranstone
Preserves:	Rachel Hinchley

Show Secretary:	Anne Cross	Tel: 07905 537315
Show Treasurer:	Alan Horne	Tel: 07969 538626

The Committee will be very pleased to receive surplus produce, exhibits, donations and gifts of any kind and size for sale on the Produce and Gift Stalls and at the Auction at the end of the Show.  
All proceeds will swell the Prize Fund.

Produce and gifts will be auctioned at approximately 4.30 pm.

The Committee is grateful to donors who have sponsored the prize money for the Collections in the Show and those who provided gifts for the raffle.  
We would also like to thank the businesses who have advertised in our schedule.

# SPECIAL AWARDS & 2024 TROPHY WINNERS

**NOTTINGHAM EVENING NEWS CHALLENGE CUP:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Horticultural Classes.

**Geoff Burton**

**RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL:**

Awarded, according to the RHS rules, to the winner of the largest total amount of prize money in the whole of the Horticultural Classes in the Show (Excluding Classes 4 & 83).

**Geoff Burton**

**T. F. REVELL MEMORIAL CUP:**

Awarded to the winner of Class 1 (Collection of vegetables, 6 different kinds).

**Geoff Burton**

**FRED FURLEY MEMORIAL CUP:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in all the Vegetable Classes 1-28.

**Julie Squires**

**SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Fruit Classes 29 to 40.

**Geoff Burton**

**GEORGE HAGGIS MEMORIAL TROPHY:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Flower Classes 78 to 110.

**Maureen Handley**

**CROFT CUP FOR COLOUR CONTENT:**

Awarded to the winner of Class 108.

**Wendy Fisher**

**WALTER BENNETT MEMORIAL PLATE:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Flower Arrangement Classes 62 - 67.

**Andrew Key**

**PEARSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL:**

Awarded to the winner of Class 89. A container of shrubs, 5 kinds, flowering.

**Margaret Leafe**

**HOVERINGHAM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Produce Classes 48 to 60.

**Colin Barnes**

**McALPINE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Young People Classes 76 to 79.

**Alfie Aram, Sophie Brouner**

**LHS SUMMER SHOW WINNER:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Young People's Classes 72 - 75.

**Anya Ochrombel**

**MRS V. BIRKIN TROPHY:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in selective Preserve Classes.

**Angela Gray**

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL FOR FLOWERS:**

Awarded to the best exhibit in the Flower classes (excluding Class 108).

**Malcolm Fisher**

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL FOR VEGETABLES:**

Awarded to the best exhibit in the Vegetable Classes (Excluding the Collections.).

**Malcolm Fisher**

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL FOR FRUIT:**

Awarded to the best exhibit in the Fruit Classes (Excluding the Collections.).

**Geoff Burton**

**LOWDHAMS VEGETABLE TRAY:**

Tokens awarded for the collection of 3 vegetables from the nominated 8 vegetables.

**Geoff Burton**

**LOWDHAMS FLOWER VASE:**

For a vase of mixed flowering stems.

**Wendy Fisher**

**DAVID REES MEMORIAL CUP:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Photographic Classes.

**Richard Mills**

**BURTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY:**

Awarded to the exhibitor with the Floral Art – Best in Show.

**Anne Cross**

**LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SILVER PLATE:**

Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Young People Classes 80-83.

**Eloise Kitchen**

**CHARLES KING MEMORIAL CUP:**

Awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the Pot Plant Classes.

**Malcolm Fisher**

**GERRY REDDISH MEMORIAL SALVER:**

Awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Classes.

**Jamie McNeill**

**HEAVIEST POTATO AWARD:**

**Tracey Govier**

# SCHEDULE of CLASSES

Advice and tips on showing can be found on our website:  
[www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk).

An Entrance Fee of 30p per exhibit applies to all exhibits.  
Young People's classes are FREE

**Prize Money (unless otherwise stated):**

**1st - £2.50    2nd - £2.00    3rd - £1.50**

All entries need to have been accepted and staged by 10:30 am,  
when a bell will be rung and the marquee will be cleared.

## **VEGETABLE COLLECTIONS - Please state variety where known**

1. Collection of vegetables, 6 different kinds 2 of each  
Prizes: 1st - £10.00 2nd - £5.00 3rd - £3.00
2. Collection of potatoes, 3 different varieties, 3 of each  
Prizes: 1st - £4.00 2nd - £3.00 3rd - £2.00
3. A basket of mixed vegetables, 8 different kinds, any number of each, to be judged for variety, quality & effect.  
Prizes: 1st - £4.00 2nd - £3.00 3rd - £2.00
4. **LOWDHAMS VEGETABLE TRAY**  
Collection of 3 different kinds of vegetables, 2 of each  
Prizes: 1st - £10.00 2nd - £5.00 3rd - £3.00  
*The Rules for this Class are given later in the Schedule*

The **T. F. REVELL MEMORIAL CUP** will be presented to the winner of Class 1.

## **VEGETABLE CLASSES - Please state variety where known**

5. 3 Parsnips with tops, foliage trimmed back to 7.5cms (3ins)
6. 3 Blanched Leeks
7. 2 Dressed Cabbages
8. 3 Carrots any variety with tops, foliage trimmed back to 7.5cms(3ins)
9. 12 Shallots, judged on size and quality
10. 1 Squash
11. 5 Globe Onions dressed
12. Pair of Cucumbers
13. 5 White Potatoes
14. 9 French Beans
15. 5 Coloured Potatoes
16. 5 Flat Onions dressed

## **VEGETABLE CLASSES- CONTINUED**

17. Plate of 5 Tomatoes
18. 8 Kidney Beans
19. Pair of Marrows
20. Pair of Lettuces (with roots)
21. Pair of Peppers - sweet or chilli
22. 5 Onions, dressed, round or flat. Individual bulbs to be 250 grams or less in weight
23. 3 Beetroot, round foliage trimmed back to 7.5cms (3ins)
24. Small container of mixed herbs (cut)
25. A Truss of Cherry Tomatoes
26. 3 Courgettes
27. Plate of 12 Cherry Tomatoes (individuals not to exceed 35 mm in diameter)
28. One plate of any vegetable other than those specified in Classes 5 to 27
29. A wonky vegetable

The **FRED FURLEY MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor who gains the greatest number of points in Classes 1 to 28 inclusive.

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL** for vegetables awarded to the best exhibit in the vegetable classes (excluding the collections).

- 29.a Greatest potato crop by weight (MEMBERS ONLY CLASS potato and pot were provided by LHS at the Spring Show)

## **NOVICE VEGETABLE CLASSES**

The Novice Classes are for people who have not won a 1st prize in any main vegetable class.

Prizes: 1st - £2.50 2nd - £2.00 3rd - £1.50

30. 3 Tomatoes  
*Well shaped, clear skinned rounded fruits, ripe but firm. Richly coloured with calyces attached*
31. 3 Kidney Beans  
*Long, uniform, straight, shapely, fresh pods of good colour with stalks, uniform tails and no outward sign of seeds*
32. Plate of any other vegetables  
*Well formed vegetables with size and colour characteristic of their kind, free from blemishes*

## **FRUIT CLASSES - Please state variety where known**

(ALL FRUIT SHOULD BE SHOWN WITH STALKS)

33. 5 different kinds of fruit, displayed on separate plates, one variety to a plate  
Prizes: 1st - £10.00 2nd - £5.00 3rd - £3.00
34. Collection of Apples, 4 distinct varieties, 5 of each  
Prizes: 1st - £4.00 2nd - £3.00 3rd - £2.00
35. A basket of 4 kinds of fruit, grown by the exhibitor, arranged for effect  
Prizes: 1st - £4.00 2nd - £3.00 3rd - £2.00
36. Plate of 5 Dessert Apples
37. Plate of 5 Pears
38. Plate of 8 Plums
39. Plate of 5 Cooking Apples
40. Plate of 15 Blackberries (shown with stalks)
41. Plate of 15 Raspberries (shown with stalks)
42. One Melon
43. Plate of 15 Damsons
44. Plate of One Kind of Fruit other than those specified in Classes 36 - 43

The **SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded to the exhibitor who gains the most points in Classes 33 – 44.

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL FOR FRUIT** awarded to the best exhibit in the fruit classes (excluding the collections).

**NOVICE FRUIT CLASSES** (ALL FRUIT SHOULD BE SHOWN WITH STALKS. PLEASE STATE VARIETY WHERE KNOWN.)

The Novice Classes are for people who have not won a 1st prize in any main fruit class.

Prizes: 1st - £2.50 2nd - £2.00 3rd - £1.50

45. Plate of 3 Apples (Cooking or Dessert)  
*Optimum sized shapely fruits with eyes and stalks intact and clear unblemished skins.*
46. Plate of 3 Pears  
*Optimum sized shapely fruits with eyes and stalks intact and clear unblemished skins.*
47. Plate of any other kind of fruit  
*Fresh, ripe fruit with size and colour characteristic of the type. 3 specimens for large fruit (apricots, figs etc.), 15 for small fruit (blackberries, raspberries, blueberries etc.), well shaped ripe bunch for grapes.*

## **PRODUCE CLASSES**

48. Bakewell Tart \* (Homemade pastry, no icing)
49. Soda Bread Loaf
50. 5 pieces of Tray Bake \*
51. Savoury Flan \* (Homemade pastry)
52. 5 Cheese Straws
53. Chocolate Cake (Recipe given p24)
54. 5 Sultana Cookies
55. 5 Vegetarian Rolls (Homemade pastry)
56. Decorated Party Cupcakes - displayed on a-tiered traditional cake stand (maximum of 12 cakes)
57. 5 Cherry Scones
58. MEN ONLY - 5 Savoury Scones

Own recipe unless stated. \* Denotes state main ingredient.

The **HOVERINGHAM CHALLENGE TROPHY** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest points in Classes 48 – 57.

## **NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES**

- Any coverings, will be removed prior to judging by the steward.
- Produce will be covered by the steward after judging.
- No meat or fish to be included in any recipe.

## **PRESERVES CLASSES**

59. Jar of raspberry jam
60. Jar of any other jam made with fresh fruit.
61. Jar of citrus marmalade
62. Jar of jelly
63. Jar of lemon curd, with waxed disc and cellophane top (labelled with date made)
64. Jar of chutney, state hot or mild (no pickles accepted)
65. Jar of pickle

The **Mrs. V BIRKIN TROPHY** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest points in Classes 59 - 65.

## **NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES**

- Jars must be clear glass with no commercial markings, clean and free from stickiness and finger marks.
- All preserves should be labelled, stating the contents together with the day, month and year of making.
- Labels should be an appropriate size to the container, straight and placed centrally on the jar.
- A twist top or a wax disc and cellophane cover may be used for jams, jellies and marmalade.
- A wax disc and cellophane cover must be used for lemon curd.
- Twist tops with a plastic lining are best for vinegar preserves.
- New twist lids are recommended as old lids do not always give a good seal and can contaminate the contents.
- Pickles and chutney are best left to mature for 2 or 3 months before showing.

## FLORAL ART

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Prizes: 1st - £5.00 2nd - £4.00 3rd - £2.50

**Please Note:** *Intention to enter the Flower Arrangement Classes must be notified to the Show Secretary before noon on Sunday 24th August in order that adequate space may be allocated for these exhibits.*

Show Secretary Mrs A Cross 07905 537315.

#### **66. Recycled**

An arrangement not to exceed 45 cm (18") in width or depth. To include recycled components.

*This is a NOVICE Class for anyone who has not won a 1st prize in a flower arranging class at any Lowdham Horticultural Society Show.*

#### **67. Cupcake**

A petite design cupcake not to exceed 25cm (10") in width or depth.

#### **68. Beauty of Leaves**

An exhibit of any natural plant material excluding flowers not to exceed 45cm (18") in width or depth.

#### **69. Country Kitchen**

An exhibit to depict the title not to exceed 60 cm (24") in width or depth.

#### **70. Still Waters**

Exhibit to include water and NO FLORAL FOAM. Not to exceed 45cm (18") in width or depth.

#### **71. Wedding Anniversary**

A design to depict the title. Not to exceed 60cm (24") in width or depth.

**Fresh flowers and foliage should predominate in all floral art classes above.**

**PLEASE NOTE.** *Accessories may be included in any exhibit. Arrangements will be staged on a table covered in green cloth with a green background and viewed from the front. Height optional, unless stated otherwise.*

The **BURTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** will be awarded for the Best Flower Arrangement in the Show.

The **WALTER BENNETT MEMORIAL PLATE** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in Classes 67 to 71.



## **YOUNG PEOPLE CLASSES**

Age **must** be stated and exhibits can only be judged in the appropriate age group.

### **5 Years and Under**

- 72. A finger painting (up to A4)
- 73. An edible necklace
- 74. A box model
- 75. A book or nursery rhyme character made from fruit and/or vegetables

The **LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW WINNER CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 5 years and under classes.

### **6 - 11 Years**

- 76. A miniature garden in a seed tray incorporating water
- 77. An instrument made out of recycled materials
- 78. 3 rock cakes (own recipe)
- 79. A decorated wooden spoon (character)

The **MCALPINE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 6 - 11 years classes.

### **12 - 16 Years**

- 80. Your favourite piece of artwork
- 81. A working model (kits accepted)
- 82. My favourite cake (state main ingredient)
- 83. A summer welcome wreath to hang on door or gate

The **LOWDHAM SILVER PLATE** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the 12 - 16 classes.

The **VIV BUSHELL TROPHY** will be awarded to the young person who has grown the best begonia (provided by the Society).

## Chocolate Cake - Class 53

### Ingredients

#### **Cake**

4oz SR flour  
4oz softened butter  
4oz caster sugar  
2oz cocoa powder  
2 large eggs  
2 tablespoons boiling water

#### **Buttercream**

2oz unsalted butter  
4oz icing sugar  
1 tablespoons cocoa powder  
1-2 tablespoons milk

### Method

- Grease 7inch round tin
- Preheat oven 180, fan 160 or gas 4.
- Mix all ingredients, beating for at least 2 mins.
- Pour in tin and cook for approx. 40mins.
- Remove from tin and cool.
- Make buttercream by beating butter and icing sugar until smooth.
- Add cocoa powder and milk and then cover cake with it.

## **FLOWER CLASSES**

84. 6 kinds of flowers, 6 stems of each in 6 containers, judged for quality & effect  
Prizes: 1st - £10.00 2nd - £5.00 3rd - £3.00
85. One Geranium in bloom
86. One vase of annuals, 6 of one kind
87. 3 blooms of Roses, one variety or mixed
88. + Dahlias, 3 blooms, up to 4"
89. **LOWDHAMS VASE:** A mixed vase of flowers containing a total of between 6 & 12 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants.  
Prize 1st - £10.00 2nd - £5.00 3rd - £3.00.  
*The Rules for this Class are given later in the Schedule*
90. One Spray of Floribunda (cluster) Roses
91. One Gladiolus
92. One Rose Bloom with leaves
93. 3 Stems of Shrub, one variety, flowering, fruiting or foliage. Maximum 24" width & depth
94. One Vase of Miniature Roses, the display not exceeding 12" in diameter
95. A Container of Shrubs, 5 kinds, flowering, fruiting or foliage. Maximum 24" width & depth
96. + Dahlias, 3 blooms, between 4" and 6"
97. 3 Gladioli, same variety or mixed
98. +. Dahlias, 3 blooms, over 6"
99. 6 stems of Herbaceous Perennials, one kind.
- The **PEARSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the winner of class 99.
100. + 3 Blooms of Chrysanthemums, one variety or mixed
101. \* One Foliage Pot Plant
102. + Dahlias, 5 blooms, pompom, maximum diameter 2"
103. \* 3 flowering Pot Plants, pots not exceeding 6" in diameter. Same kind or mixed
104. 9 Asters, same variety or mixed
105. One cactus or succulent, in a pot, maximum pot diameter 4"
106. \* One Flowering Pot Plant
107. Pansies, 6 blooms, one variety or mixed. Display board provided by the Society

## **FLOWER CLASSES - CONTINUED**

- 108. One Cactus or Succulent, in pot over 4" diameter
- 109. One Vase of Mixed Annuals
- 110. One Fuchsia in a pot
- 111. + 3 Stems of Spray Chrysanthemums, one variety or mixed
- 112. \* 3 Foliage Pot Plants
- 113. 6 Stems of Sweet Peas
- 114. A Container of Flowers and Foliage from your garden.  
To be judged on colour content only - **this is NOT "an arrangement"**  
The **CROFT CUP** will be awarded to the winner of this class.
- 115. Flower heads floating in a bowl of water (max diameter 9")
- 116. 3 Hosta leaves (displayed in a vase)

+ The **GERRY REDDISH MEMORIAL SALVER** will be awarded for the most points in the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Classes 88, 96, 98, 100, 102 & 111.

\* The **CHARLES KING MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded for the most points in the house plant classes 101, 103, 106 & 112.

The **NOTTINGHAM EVENING NEWS CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Horticultural Classes.

The **GEORGE HAGGIS MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded for the most points in Classes 84-113, 115 & 116.

**RHS BRONZE MEDAL FOR FLOWERS** will be awarded to the best exhibit in the flower classes (excluding 114).

## **NOVICE FLOWER CLASSES**

The Novice Classes are for people who have not won a 1st prize in any main flower class.

Prizes: 1st - £2.50 2nd - £2.00 3rd - £1.50

- 117. Rose  
*Average size for the type with good colour and evenly spaced petals free from blemishes*
- 118. Vase of Mixed Summer Flowers  
*Judged on quality and colour*
- 119. Vase of one kind of Annuals or Perennials  
*Judged on quality*

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES**

### **All entries to be unmounted without frames**

<b>Max. Size 9"</b>	<b>Subject</b>
120.	PATTERNS IN NATURE
121.	SUNRISES OR SUNSETS
122.	TREE BARK
123.	FOUNTAINS
	FRIENDSHIP
124.	A class for 16's and under (Not included in the points for the D.R. Cup).

("Size" is the greatest measurement of the photograph diagonally.)

The **DAVID REES MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points in the Photographic Classes.

### **SUBJECTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES 2026**

Get clicking for next year!!

- Berries
- Wild flowers
- Rivers
- Statues

### **Under 16's class for 2026**

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If you have any favourite subject you would like to be included let us know and we can include it in the future - subject to the Committee's approval!!

### **HANDICRAFT**

125. A hand sewn item

126. A hand knitted or crocheted item

127. An original painting or drawing using any medium (put your name on the back and cover any signature on the front please)

128. An item made from a hard material e.g. wood, metal, stone, ceramic, plastic, glass

129. A felted article (wet or needle felt)

130. Any other item of handicraft not covered by the above classes

FOR ANY QUERIES REGARDING THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OR  
THIS SCHEDULE YOU CAN CONTACT:

Mrs A Cross - Tel: 07905 537315

# Lowdhams Vegetable Tray 2025

## Class 4

### COMPETITION RULES:

- All vegetables are to be displayed for effect, 2 of each kind
- They must be displayed within an area measuring 45cm x 60cm (18 x 24 in) without bending any part of them. No part of them may exceed the size of the tray.
- A tray of the correct size will be provided by the society, or an area can simply be marked on the staging.
- Parsley is allowed for garnishing. However no other foliage or accessories including plates or sand rings are allowed.
- Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

The winner of the **Lowdhams Vegetable Tray** will receive:

1st £10.00      2nd £5.00      3rd £3.00

Prize money donated by Lowdhams.

### NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

- Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3in)
- Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with the green flower bud case (calyces)
- Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc. to check for quality.
- The tray, board or staging may not be cut or mutilated in any way e.g. cutting holes for onions to stand in.
- Judges should use their discretion, entries may have come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Points awarded should be clearly marked by judges on the exhibitor's cards.
- Any queries, other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by the Show officials.

Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.

# Lowdhams Flower Vase 2025

Class 86

## COMPETITION RULES:

- This class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 6 and 12 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants.
- Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plant are NOT two kinds.
- The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 marks for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase.
- The vase will be viewed from all directions.
- Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.
- Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.
- The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display.
- No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
- No accessories whatsoever such as bows and additional foliage will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material - including Oasis - to keep the stems in place is allowed.

The winner of the **Lowdhams Flower Vase** class will receive:

1st £10.00 2nd £5.00 3rd £3.00

Prize money donated by Lowdhams.

## NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera  
For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet william - which are all dianthus - would not be classed as different kinds.
- Only fresh, home-grown flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed.
- A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
- This class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Lowdhams Flower Vase class, bearing in mind that the entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Judges and exhibitors should note that the display has to be viewed all round.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by, the show officials.

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Lowdham Horticultural Society

# AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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**Sunday 19th October**

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# New Member's Form

Membership to Lowdham Horticultural  
Society costs £10 a year.

Our membership year starts in September  
and runs to the Summer Show the following  
August.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to 6 Ton Lane, Lowdham or  
email to: [na246@btinternet.com](mailto:na246@btinternet.com)



# **LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **APPROXIMATE TIME TABLE 2025**

**8.00 am STAGING OF EXHIBITS COMMENCES**

**10.30 am STAGING OF EXHIBITS ENDS**

**11.00 am JUDGING COMMENCES**

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## **SHOW OPENS AT 1.00pm**

### **EVENTS (approx. times)**

**1 pm: Nottingham Concert Band**

**1.30 pm: Dako Flying Angels**

**2 pm: Punch and Judy**

**2.30 pm: Nottingham Concert Band**

**3 pm: Dako Flying Angels**

**3.45 pm: Prize Giving**

**4 pm: Duck Race**

**4.30 pm: Raffle Draw followed by Auction**

**Sideshowes and Stalls open all afternoon  
– refreshments until 4.00pm**