

SHOW REGULATIONS

Anything not provided for in these regulations will be dealt with by the Committee.

1. Exhibitors may enter one exhibit only per class.
2. Entry forms are included at the end of this brochure. Additional entry forms may be obtained from the WHS website or from the Show Secretary <https://wolvercote.org/wolvercote-horticultural-society/>
3. Entry forms must be completed and delivered to the Show Secretary, with the entry fee, during the week preceding the Show and **not later than** midnight on the preceding Friday evening. Please allow sufficient time for postal entries to arrive. Children's entries can be submitted on the morning of the Show.
4. You may request and send back your entry form via e-mail to the Show Secretary: **clarewinterbottom@googlemail.com** However, e-mail is not infallible, so please ensure that you have received confirmation of receipt. Fees for electronic entries can be paid on the morning of the Show.
5. All Shows take place in the Wolvercote Village Hall. Exhibits are to be brought to the Hall between **8.30a.m. and 10.00a.m.** on the morning of the Show. Exhibitors must vacate the Hall by 10.15a.m., so please allow yourself sufficient time to set up your exhibits.
6. Judging will commence at 10.30a.m. No unauthorised person may be present while judging is taking place. The public is re-admitted from 2.00p.m.
7. Trophy presentations start at 4.00pm. Cash prizes for children's classes will be awarded after the presentation of trophies.
8. We ask that exhibitors please refrain from removing their exhibits until 15 minutes after the end of all trophy presentations.
9. Any protest should be lodged with the Chairman or the Show Secretary on the day of the Show, accompanied by a fee of 50 pence. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

10. The Committee reserve the right to inspect gardens and/or allotments of exhibitors, if deemed necessary.
11. The Committee will do all in its power to prevent loss or damage, but cannot be held responsible for such occurrences.
12. Entry fees are: 10 pence per exhibit for adult members; 20 pence for adult non-members; children free. Public entry at the door in the afternoon is from 2.00p.m. Entry is free. Refreshments will be available.
13. All trophies must be returned to the Show Secretary **one month** before each Show. Cups may be engraved by winners, if desired.
14. Rules of the Royal Horticultural Society apply. Copies of these may be obtained from their website at: www.rhs.org.uk

A USEFUL CHECKLIST BEFORE ENTERING!

1. Please read the directions in the Society's handbook **carefully**, when deciding which class to enter. There have been unfortunate disqualifications due to exhibitors mistakenly entering the wrong class.
2. Exhibits should be fresh, clean, free from blemish and any damage.
3. Please take careful note of the **number** of vegetables, pieces of fruit, flower stems or eggs required for entries in particular classes. The Judges will not accept incorrect entries.
4. In classes where more than one specimen is requested, uniformity is what the Judges are looking for i.e., alike in size, form and colour.

Flowers:

5. Make sure that they are firm in the vase and taking up water.

Roses:

6. If possible ensure your roses have not fully blown.
7. Nip spare buds off, remove unsightly leaves.

Vegetables:

8. Be careful when lifting vegetables from the garden. With parsnips, carrots etc., try not to break off that fine long tail. Better to leave clean roots on cabbages and lettuces, they will keep fresh longer. All varieties of beans and peas should be displayed with stalks attached.
9. Presentation: parsnips, carrots, beans, beetroot etc. are usually just laid out on the show table, but potatoes, tomatoes, shallots, peppers etc. are best placed on a plate, a paper one will do. Shallots look better mounted on dry sand and onions on a ring.

Fruits and Berries:

10. These should have stalks intact and should not be polished.

Beverages:

11. All to be presented in labelled and stoppered or corked bottles (any size) with tasting glass.

Pot Plants:

12. Please pay particular attention to size restrictions, as this just might be the deciding factor for the Judge.

Floral Art:

13. Please take note of height and width limitations on arrangements and remember that the material often relaxes in transit. The Judges will use a ruler as a deciding factor in awarding First, Second, or Third place.
14. Note also whether the arrangement is to be in a basket or simply a 'container'. Containers, baskets, trays etc. used for display will be at the exhibitors' discretion, unless otherwise stated.
15. Materials used need not have been grown by exhibitors.

Cookery:

16. Entries for the various classes in the Cookery section should, for purposes of hygiene and food safety, be covered in Clingfilm, or a glass/clear dome. This may make a difference between First and Second and Third place.
17. Judges will consider taste and texture and, in the event of a tie, presentation will be taken into consideration.

Duck and Hen's Eggs:

18. Should be presented as a saucer of 2 with one extra saucer, as the judge may open one.

Home Made Preserves:

19. All to be presented covered, with labelled and dated pots.

Children's Classes:

20. Entry is free, but **age must be stated**.
21. Please ensure your child's name is not visible on the entry.
22. Prize money is First place: £2 Second place: £1.50 Third place: £1

Photography:

23. Entrants are reminded that entries should be unmounted unless otherwise specified.
24. Photographs can be home or shop processed, digital also acceptable, coloured unless black and white specified.
25. Size not to exceed A4 (30x21cm). It is acceptable to crop the photographs, if desired.