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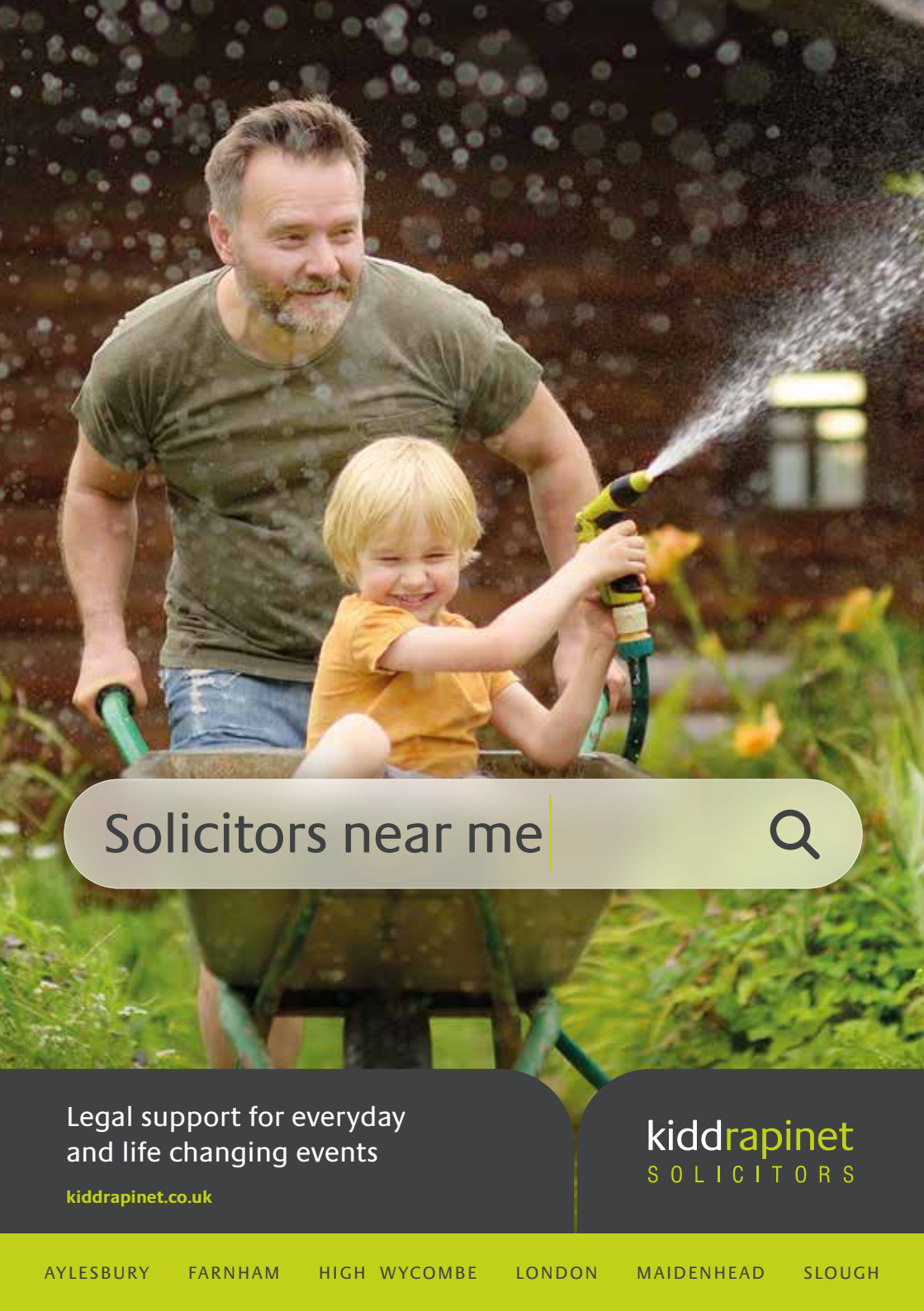


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Last year we were delighted to welcome His Majesty King Charles III and Alan Titchmarsh, Honorary President of the Royal Windsor Rose & Horticultural Society to the show.

Dear Society Members & Friends,

A warm welcome to the 2026 Royal Windsor Flower Show Competition Schedule, for which this year's theme is 'Rooted in Nature'.

We have a wide range of competitions for you to enter; from creating a posie for His Majesty King Charles III's breakfast table or baking a lemon drizzle cake. We think we have a category for everyone to enter!

Remember, all ages and abilities are welcome, no previous experience

is necessary and everyone gets the chance to win prizes and rosettes on this special day!

Simply choose the competitions you'd like to enter from the following pages, then apply either online or by sending in the completed Competition Application form (p47) by post. So come join in the fun on this memorable day. We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday 6 June!

Good luck!

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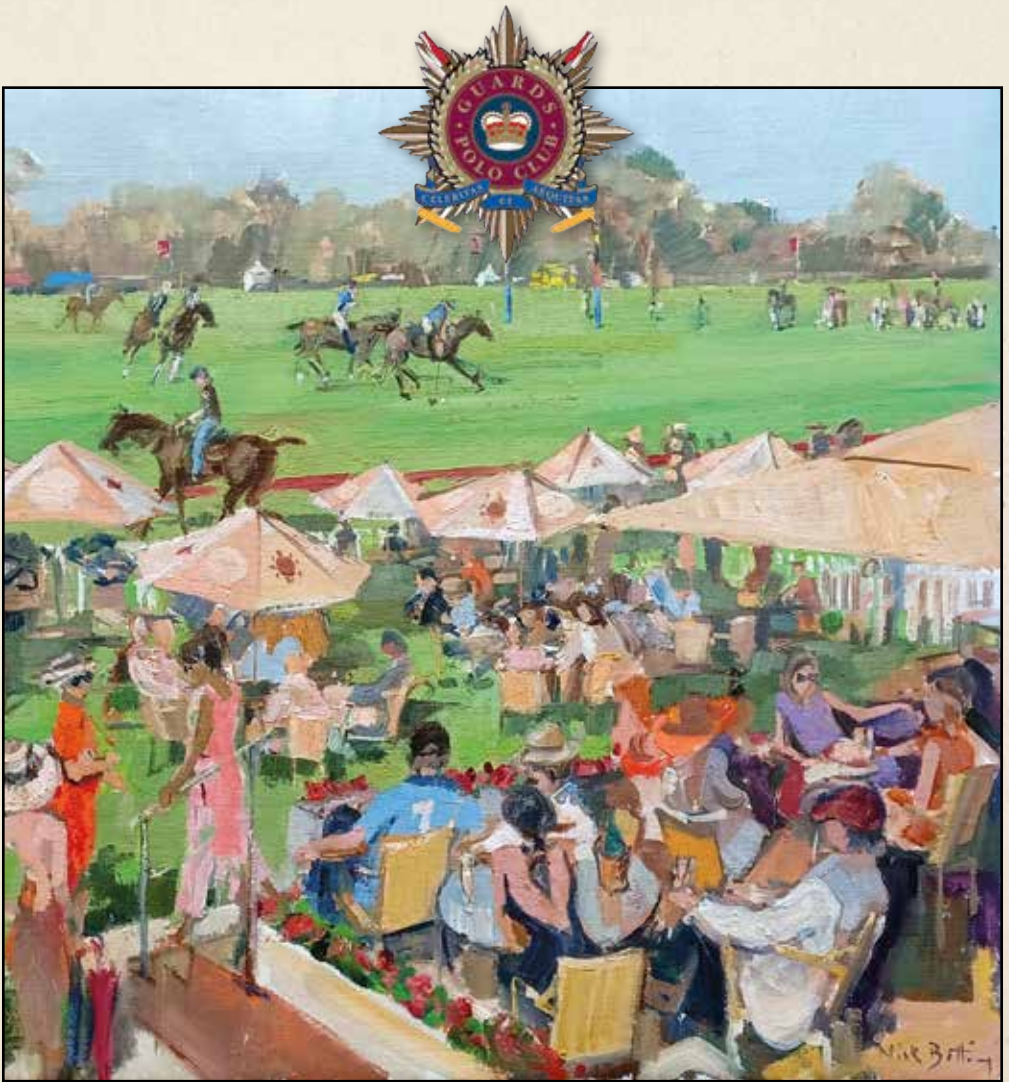
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The Society provides a programme of fun and informative events and activities that bring us closer together as a community. Members gain free access to talks from esteemed guests and knowledgeable speakers held at the

York Club in the Windsor Great Park. Members will also receive exclusive invitations to events such as the Moat Garden Drinks Party at Windsor Castle which carry an additional cost. Plus, members receive reduced-price tickets to the Royal Windsor Flower Show.

Membership costs £35 for an Individual Membership and £68 for a Joint Membership. To join, simply visit www.rwrhs.com.



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CALENDAR OF RWRHS EVENTS 2026

- TALK** Catherine MacDonald, Garden Designer
EVENT Royal Windsor Flower Show Launch Party
TALK John Anderson, Keeper of the Gardens, WGP
VISIT Adam Scott, Tour of Windsor Castle Gardens
TALK Andre Tranquilini, Estate Manager, Waltham Place
- Royal Windsor Flower Show**
EVENT Moat Garden Drinks Party
TALK Andy McIndoe, Garden Designer
EVENT Autumn Dinner
EVENT Alan Williams, Garden Designer
- 21 Jan, 19:30, York Club WGP*
25 Feb, 19:30, York Club
25 Mar, 19:30, York Club
22 Apr, 14:00, Windsor Castle
13 May, 19:30, York Club
6 June 10:00 to 18:00, York Club
24 June, 18:30-20:30 Windsor Castle
16 Sep, 19:30, York Club
14 Oct, 19:00, Venue TBA
18 Nov, 19:30, Glasshouse Collective, Chobham

*WGP = Windsor Great Park

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the RWRHS's Calendar of Events*



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WHY ENTER OUR COMPETITIONS?

“ Entering and being part of the competition fills me with so much excitement and winning a rosette made me feel very proud and happy after all the work I put in. Going to the Royal Windsor Flower Show is one of my favourite things to do in the year! ”

Oliver Iovane Brown (Age 9)



“ I'd never entered a flower competition before, but I decided to try The King's Posie, and I'm so glad I did. Using pink and yellow flowers in a pretty teacup, inspired by my wedding colours that year, I never imagined I would win. The moment I realised my posie would be on the King's breakfast table the next morning was unforgettable. It was the absolute highlight of my year. ”

Andrea Smith



“ The Royal Windsor Flower Show is a wonderful event to be part of. Entering the competitions offers an opportunity for thousands of people to see and hopefully admire your efforts. ”

Roger Dix



“ I loved working hard on my entries and was so happy when I won a cup. My miniature garden and giant fish were my favourite entries. I hope I can win again! ”

Theo Frost (Age 6)



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COMMUNITY CONTAINER

Competition

The Community Container Competition is aimed at encouraging a 'community' of people – whatever age – to create an in-the-round planting display in a recycled container.

The community could be a

gardening club, school group, family, retirement group, company team building or another!

The container deemed the most engaging by the judges will win the Andrew Try Cup.

Staging times: 8am to 4pm Friday 5 June.

Class No

1

'THE ANDREW TRY' CUP

A community project to create an in-the-round planting display in a recycled container (eg an old wheelbarrow, a shopping crate, a washing-up bowl or even an old tyre). The community should consist of two or more people of any age and ability. Please supply a display name board for your community group. The exhibit should occupy a space of no more than 1m².

1st Prize: £50 gardening gift vouchers

2nd Prize: £30 gardening gift vouchers

3rd Prizes: £20 gardening gift vouchers



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ROSES

THE ROSE SOCIETY UK BRONZE MEDAL

Awarded for the most outstanding rose in Class Nos 2-11. A cash prize

of £5 will be awarded to cup winners. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Class No

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| 2 | THE 'CALEY CHALLENGE' CUP
Vase with one stem of cluster-flowered rose (floribunda). |
| 3 | THE 'SIR WILLIAM CARTER' CUP
Vase with three stems of cluster-flowered roses; one or more varieties. |
| 4 | THE 'COURAGE CHALLENGE' CUP
Vase with one specimen bloom of large-flowered rose (hybrid tea). |
| 5 | THE 'ROMAINE CHALLENGE' CUP
Vase with three rose blooms of large-flowered roses (hybrid tea) of one or more varieties. |
| 6 | THE 'AVERY TYRELL CHALLENGE' CUP
Three vases, with three stems per vase, all cluster-flowered or all large-flowered roses. |
| 7 | THE 'REYNOLDS ALBERTINI CHALLENGE' CUP
Container of miniature roses. |
| 8 | THE 'WINDSOR CHALLENGE' CUP
Bowl of any roses, arranged for all round effect. |
| 9 | THE 'ACUMEN' TROPHY
Vase with one spray or stem of any type of rose. Judged for scent. |

NOVICE CLASSES: For competitors who have not won first prize for roses at this show.

THE 'ELIZABETHAN CHALLENGE' CUP

Awarded for best exhibit in this section.

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| 10 | One rose bloom floating in water (glass bowl supplied – 10cm diameter) |
| 11 | Collage of floating blooms in water (glass bowl supplied – 20cm diameter) |

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SWEET PEAS

NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY be awarded to cup winners.
BRONZE MEDAL Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will
 Awarded to the best exhibit in Class be awarded in all other classes.
 Nos 12-19. A cash prize of £5 will

Class No

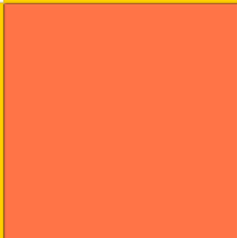
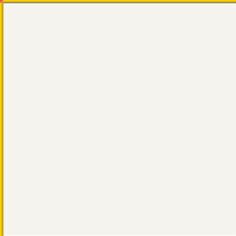
All classes are for Spencer type sweet peas, unless otherwise stated.

- 12** One vase with a single sweet pea stem.
- 13** **THE ‘SIR CYRIL DYSON’ CUP**
 One vase of sweet peas, not more than six stems, one cultivar.
- 14** One vase, sweet peas, not more than six stems, mixed cultivars.
- 15** **THE ‘PUTNAM CHALLENGE’ CUP**
 One vase of sweet peas, containing not more than nine stems of one cultivar.
- 16** **THE ‘AIRD CHALLENGE’ CUP**
 One vase of sweet peas, containing not more than nine stems of mixed cultivars.
- 17** **THE ‘LADY FAIRBAIRN CHALLENGE’ CUP**
 Three vases of sweet peas, with not more than nine stems to a vase, three cultivars (one cultivar per vase).
- 18** Bowl of mixed sweet peas. Bowl no larger than 15.25cm (6 inch) diameter. Judged for quality and decorative effect.
- 19** Bowl of old fashioned sweet peas (not Spencers and not cordon grown). Mixed or single cultivar. Judged for quality and decorative effect.

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POT PLANTS, HOUSE PLANTS & CUT FLOWERS

All pot plants to be staged on plant saucers.
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except Class 20, which has prizes of £5, £3 & £2, donated by the late P. Stoveld Esq. The Woolworth Challenge Cup will be given to the best exhibit in Class Nos 27-29.

Class No

POT PLANTS

Pelargonium

20

THE 'BRIDIE STOVELD MEMORIAL' CUP

Display of three pots of pelargoniums consisting of 1 plant Zonal, 1 plant Regal, 1 plant Scented or 1 plant Ivy Leaf.
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.

21

Best overall pelargonium. Any variety.
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.

Fuchsia

22

THE 'STOVELD CHALLENGE' CUP

Best overall fuchsia. Any variety.
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.

Begonia

23

THE 'LILLYWHITE CHALLENGE' CUP

Best overall begonia. Any variety.
Maximum diameter pot 20.5cm (8 inch).

24

One flowering pot plant (not fuchsia, begonia or pelargonium).
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.

HOUSE PLANTS

25

One house plant.
Maximum pot size 25.5cm (10 inch) diameter.

26

Planted bowl or terrarium of house plants.
Maximum bowl size 28cm (11 inch) diameter.

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- 27** One specimen cactus.
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.
- 28** One specimen succulent.
Maximum pot size 20.5cm (8 inch) diameter.
- 29** Group of succulents and or cacti arranged for decorative effect.
To cover space not larger than 45cm square.

CUT FLOWERS

- 30** THE 'MARY JEFFRYES CHALLENGE' CUP
Bowl of mixed flowers and foliage, judged on natural scent alone. Not to include herbs. Bowl not to exceed 15cm (6 inch) diameter.
- 31** Vase of mixed garden flowers arranged for frontal effect.
- 32** Vase of wild flowers grown from seed.
(Stems no taller than 90cm (3ft) and staged in a weighted container)
- 33** Vase of ornamental grass(es).
(Stems no taller than 90cm (3ft) and staged in a weighted container)
- 34** Single spray or stem of a shrub (not roses) chosen for bearing fruit, and/or for flower or foliage effect.
(Stems no taller than 90cm (3ft) and staged in a weighted container)

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VEGETABLES

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standards will apply.

A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to
cup winners. Cash prizes of £3, £2
and £1 will be awarded in all other
classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Class No

35

THE 'TW CLUCAS CHALLENGE' CUP

Collection of vegetables, three kinds. Size of display not to exceed
91cm x 61cm (3ft x 2ft).

POTATO CLASS

36

THE 'MURPHY CHALLENGE' CUP

Five potato tubers. Potatoes should be clean, blemish-free, medium-
sized, evenly matched, well shaped with shallow eyes. They should be
lightly washed and displayed on a paper plate or board.

PEA & BEAN CLASSES

Exhibit large, long, fresh, smooth pods of good colour. Peas and broad
beans should be well-filled with tender peas or beans. Exhibits should
be well matched and shown on a plate or board.

37

One dish of peas (six pods).

38

One dish of broad beans (six pods).

ONIONS, SHALLOTS & GARLIC CLASSES

39

One group of onions (three bulbs). Shown clean, as grown.

40

One dish of garlic (three bulbs).

41

One dish of spring onions (six bulbs).

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ROOT VEGETABLE CLASSES

Root vegetables should be carefully washed. Stalks and leaves neatly trimmed to 7.5cm (3 inch). Vegetables should be blemish-free, evenly matched and evenly coloured. Display directly on the show bench, plates are not needed.

42 Three beetroots, round or cylindrical.

43 Three carrots.

SALAD CLASSES

Salads should be fresh, clean and evenly matched. Radishes are shown as a tied bunch complete with foliage. Any container may be used, including upcycled products.

44 One planted container of mixed salad leaves.
Maximum container size 28cm (11 inch) diameter.

45 One planted container of more than three salad crops
(eg salad onion, lettuce, carrots, radish, beetroot, tomatoes etc).
Maximum container size 28cm (11 inch) diameter.

46 Two lettuce.

47 Six radishes.

OTHER CLASSES (VEGETABLES)

48 Six stems of asparagus.

49 One cabbage.

50 Three sticks of rhubarb with only 7.5cm (3 inch) of leaf blade.

51 Any vegetable (not specified above).

52 Collection of cut fresh herbs for culinary use, five distinct kinds, name and stage in separate vessels, displayed for best visual effect.

53 Vegetable animal (adults). This may include the use of fruit.

FRUIT

Class No

THE 'CHAMBER OF TRADE' CUP

Awarded for best exhibit in this section. A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to the cup winner. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

All fruit should be ripe, with the exception of gooseberries, which may be shown unripe. Specimens should be well matched, clean and blemish-free. Fruit has a natural bloom on its surface and this should be retained if possible and not washed off. Stalks and calyces should be left on and fresh. The plant foliage should be used to decorate the exhibit.

54

One dish of soft fruit.

55

One dish with 10 strigs of currant, one kind.

WINDSOR GREAT PARK CLASSES

The following classes are open to residents or employees of the Windsor Great Park only.

‘WINDSOR GREAT PARK’ CUP

We have selected six Classes from across the Competition Schedule that residents/employees can enter for the ‘Windsor Great Park’ Cup competition. The award will be given to the competitor with the

most points in those classes listed below. Importantly, you must ensure your exhibit card states that you are a Windsor Great Park resident/employee.

A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to the cup winner. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

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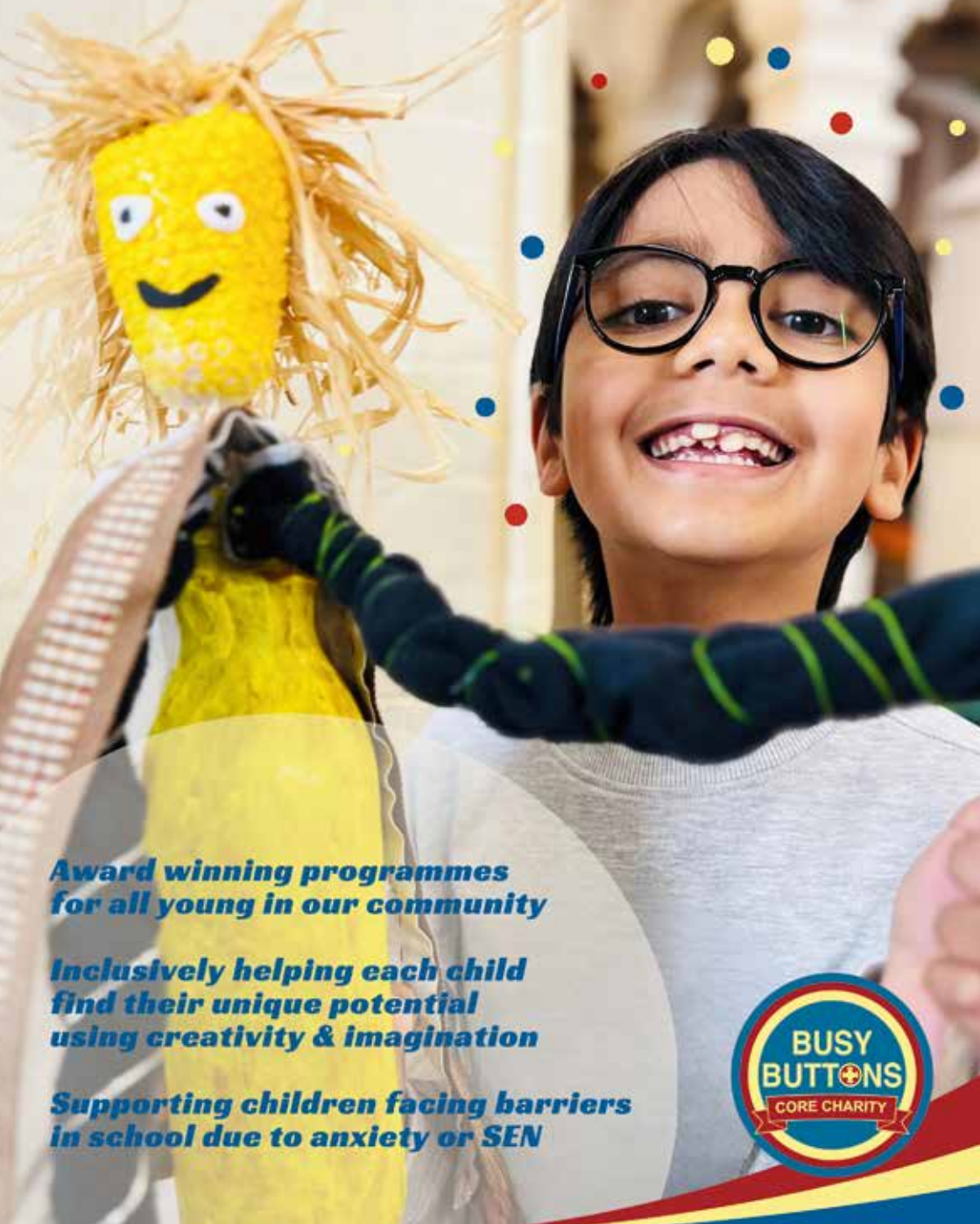
- 56
 One rose bloom floating in water (glass vase supplied – 10cm diameter)
- 57
 Vase of mixed garden flowers arranged for frontal effect.
- 58
 The Queen’s favourite, a 20cm Victoria Sandwich Cake. Four medium eggs. Fill with raspberry jam and sprinkle with caster sugar. No cream should be used.
- 59
 Jar of homemade lemon curd.
- 60
 One photographic print of wildlife. Show the beauty and diversity of animals in their natural habitats.
- 61
 A crocheted or knitted item with a botanical theme.

WINDSOR PUBS IN BLOOM

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Class No

- 62
THE ‘JOHNNIE WALKER’ CUP
To be awarded to the most attractive, florally decorated, Windsor and surrounding area pub (within 10 miles).
Judging announced within 10 days of the show.
Plants may be home grown or bought from local suppliers.
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FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Class No

63

A POSIE FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING

A small arrangement suitable for a table display to be viewed from all sides. The exhibit should include fragrant, seasonal garden flowers and foliage. It must be staged in a container, pot, or vase containing water to ensure freshness at the time of presentation to His Majesty The King. No accessories or floral foam are permitted.

Strict Notice Finished design to be no taller than 18cm (7 inch) and with a diameter no larger than 18cm (7 inch) – tea plate size – or 18cm (7 inch) along its longest edge. Competitors must adhere to these instructions to be eligible for selection.

Floral exhibits in Class Nos 64-66 will be judged in accordance with The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) Competitions' Manual, Fourth Edition 2023, available from nafas.org.uk.

Supplementary Rules and Definitions for Floral Arrangements: All competitors must ensure that all drapes, backings and props used in their exhibits are fixed firmly.

64

THE 'WINDSOR GOLDEN ROSE' TROPHY

'Garden Bounty'

An arrangement of fresh plant material in an upcycled container. Plant material must include flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables. No floral foam or accessories permitted. Space allowed 76cm (30 inch) width x 76cm (30 inch) depth, height unlimited. To be viewed and judged from the front, staged against the marquee wall. Cash prizes: 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5.

65

THE 'DOREEN DIBBS' FLORAL CLUB SALVER

'A Boho Festival Headdress'

A headdress made from natural materials. Wire, string, ribbon and glue are allowed for construction, but no floral foam.

Props are allowed for displaying the piece to full effect on the hat stands provided. The finished headdress must be able to be detached from the display and worn by a model.



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Space allowed 76cm (30 inch) width x 76cm (30 inch) depth, height unlimited. Cash prizes: 1st £10, 2nd £5, 3rd £3.

66

THE 'LADY DYSON MEMORIAL' CUP

An Imposed Flower Class open to all ('with some moderate skills'). Limited places, allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

'Here Comes the Sun'

An arrangement of dried material within a defined, allocated space. The whole design to be constructed within the marquee to a set time limit and during times allocated for staging exhibits, and pre-arranged with the organisers.

All materials for the design will be provided. Competitors must bring a basic, floral toolkit for their own use (toolkits will not be provided by the show).

Exhibits to be staged 3pm-10pm on Friday 5 June 2026.

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COOKERY

IMPORTANT NOTICE Competitors are asked to cover all cookery entries with a see-through covering such as a plastic bag

THE 'SAWDAY' CUP

Awarded to the competitor gaining the most points in this section (Class Nos 67-91).

Points: 1st = 4, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2,
VHC=1.

A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to cup winners. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Please make your entry as visually appealing as possible.

Class No

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| 67 | THE 'COWORTH PARK' CUP
Three miniature cakes/pastries, all the same, suitable to be included in an English-style Afternoon Tea. The winner, along with three guests, will be invited to Coworth park to enjoy a Meadow Afternoon Tea. |
| 68 | Chocolate cake, any recipe. |
| 69 | The Queen's favourite, a 20cm Victoria Sandwich Cake. Four medium eggs. Fill with raspberry jam and sprinkle with caster sugar. No cream should be used. |
| 70 | Cake containing a vegetable ingredient. Please display a card detailing the vegetable that has been used. |
| 71 | Free-from cake suitable for someone with a food allergy or intolerance. Please display a card detailing what your cake is free from. |
| 72 | Cake containing honey, any recipe. |
| 73 | Lemon drizzle cake made in a 450gm loaf tin, any recipe. |
| 74 | Fruit flan with pastry base. |
| 75 | Six signature flavoured biscuits. Please display a card detailing flavours. |
| 76 | Six Shortbread biscuits. |
| 77 | Loaf of home-made sourdough bread, displayed on a bread board. |
| 78 | Six homemade bread rolls displayed in a basket. |
| 79 | Five savoury cheese scones. Glaze with milk or egg and sprinkle grated cheese on top. |

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Class No

PRESERVES

- 80 Jar of homemade stone fruit jam.
- 81 Jar of homemade soft fruit jam.
- 82 Jar of homemade marmalade
- 83 Jar of homemade lemon curd.
- 84 Jar of homemade honey.

PICKLES, SAUCES & FERMENTED FOODS

- 85 Jar of homemade chutney.
- 86 Jar of pickled vegetables.
- 87 Jar of fermented food.
- 88 Jar of spicy sauce.

BEVERAGES

- 89 Bottle of a homemade alcoholic beverage, eg beer, cider, wine.
- 90 Bottle of a homemade flavoured gin. Please display a card to detail the flavouring.
- 91 Bottle of non-alcoholic beverage, eg kombucha, botanical cordial.

PHOTOGRAPHY

FOR AMATEURS ONLY

Entries in Class Nos 92-98 must be printed on photographic or photo printing paper. Max size 25.5cm (10 inch) x 20.5cm (8 inch) including mount, if used. All entries will be displayed by a Society official.

THE CUP FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Awarded for best overall print in this section. A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to cup winners. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

92

THE WINDSOR & ETON EXPRESS PHOTOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE:

‘Rooted in Nature’. One print of a single or group of trees to celebrate the beauty of trees in our landscape.

The winning photograph will be printed in the Windsor & Eton Express.

93

One print of an exotic plant taken while travelling.

94

One print of one or more people engaging with nature in a garden, park or community space.

95

One print of a natural landscape. Show the beauty of nature in its purest form.

96

One print to show how plants and wildlife can thrive in an urban setting.

97

One print of wildlife. Show the beauty and diversity of animals in their natural habitats.

98

One print of a horticultural subject using macro photography. Capture the small details of a tree, plant, flower or fungi.

ART

FOR AMATEURS ONLY

Entries must not have been exhibited in this show previously. Maximum display area for any item is 90cm x 90cm (3ft x 3ft). NOTE All entries will be hung by a Society official.

Class No

THE CUP FOR ART THE ‘MAUD HAUGH’ TROPHY

Awarded for the best exhibit in Class Nos 99-101. A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to the cup winner. Cash prizes of £3, £2, and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

99

Painting or drawing of any botanical subject.

100 Landscape (any medium).

101 Portrait of an animal.

CRAFTS

Open to amateurs only. Entries must not have been exhibited in this show previously. Max display area for any item 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft), unless otherwise stated.

THE 'WALTON' CUP Awarded to the Best Craft exhibit in Class Nos 102-114. A cash prize of £5 will be awarded to the cup winner. Cash prizes of £3, £2 and £1 will be awarded in all other classes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

Class No

102 Giant paper flower. Made predominantly with paper (for example tissue or crepe paper), tape, wire and glue. Please consider how you will display/support the flower for best visual effect. (Stem and flower no taller than 90cm (3ft) and staged in a weighted container)

103 Quilted item. This can be hand or machine made.

104 Animal or insect made of felt.

105 Hand-knitted item of clothing.

106 Child's toy, soft toy or game in any medium.

107 Crocheted or knitted item with a botanical theme.

108 The Titchmarsh Topper. A crocheted and/or knitted post box topper.

109 Traditional sampler, hand stitched. To be displayed in a frame no larger than 40cm (15.5 inch) x 50cm (19.5 inch).

110 Item of patchwork. This can be hand or machine made.

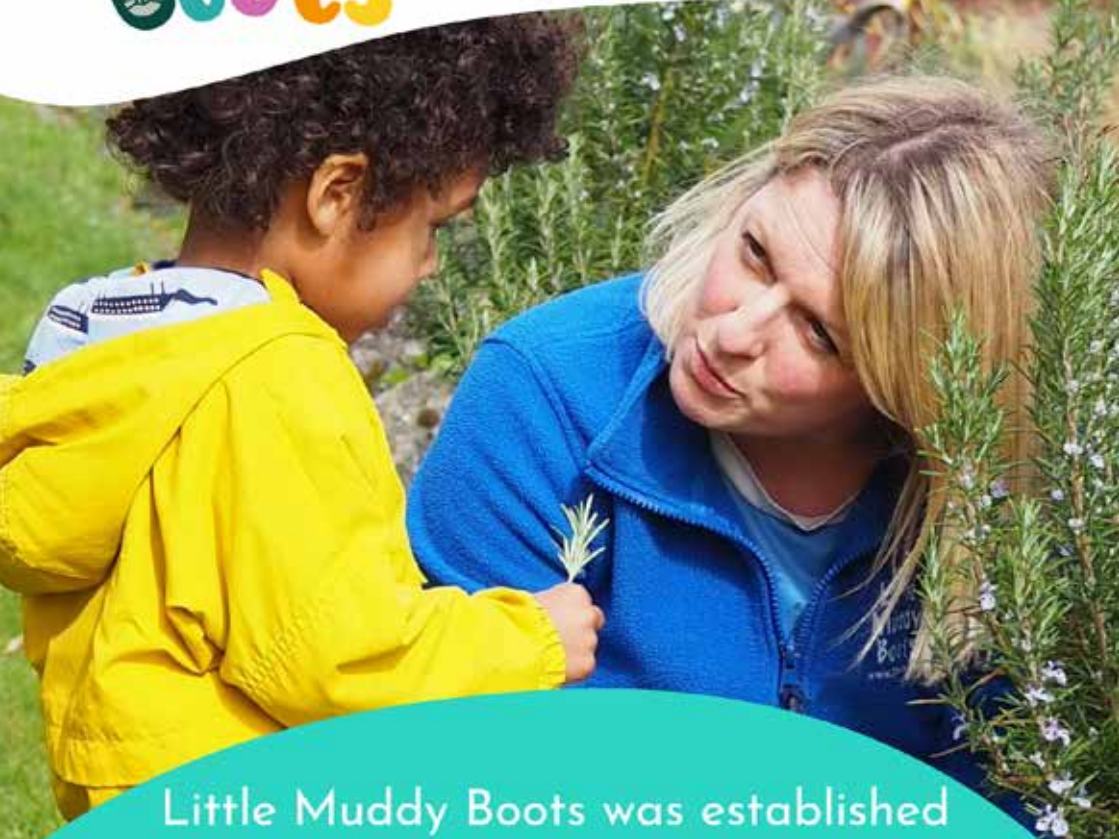
111 Artistic display of pressed flowers and foliage.

112 Any other soft craft item.

113 Any other hard craft item.

114 Origami item with botanical theme.

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CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

Busy Buttons CORE Charity, lead by Louella and Lautaro, will again creatively transform the Children's Marquee with the theme 'Mycelium: The Hidden Threads of Magic', inviting children and families into the unseen world beneath our feet, where nature's silent networks actively nurture life above ground.

Children are encouraged to showcase their talents by entering different competition classes. On the day they can participate in hands-on craft workshops, discover fascinating facts about the living threads that connect plants, soil and ecosystems in remarkable harmony. Join us to celebrate the world of fungi! Cash prizes £2, £1.50 & £1 will be awarded in all classes. Prize money donated in memory of the late Dennis Lightfoot by his family.

Points system

1st = 4, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, VHC = 1

Class No

Prizes are as follows:

THE 'JILL LIGHTFOOT' CUP

Awarded to children 5 yrs old and under with most points in Class Nos 115-123.

THE 'PORRI CHALLENGE' CUP

Awarded to children 6-10 yrs old with most points in Class Nos 124-136.

THE 'JUBILEE' GOBLET

Awarded to those aged 11-15, gaining the most points in Class Nos 137-147.

'ST GEORGE'S' COURAGE CUP

Awarded to the Best in Show from any Children's Class. £5 prize money kindly donated by St George's School, Windsor.

THE 'JOAN WATERFIELD' CUP

£5 prize money, kindly donated by The Royal Albert Institute Fund, will be awarded to Best in Show from any Children's Art & Craft Class (Class Nos 121-123; 133-136; 144-147).

GARDENING *for children aged 5 years and under*

115

Grow a cress head.

116

Bowl of floating flower heads.

117

Vegetable animal (fruit may also be used). No plastic.

COOKERY *for children aged 5 years and under*

118

Three thumb print cookies (jam drops).

119

Three fairy cakes.

120

Three squares of flapjack.

Class No

ART & CRAFT for children aged 5 years and under

- 121 Make a three piece bunting inspired by three different mushrooms.
- 122 Make a 3D mushroom house. Think about who would live in it? Any medium. (size 10-30cms tall)
- 123 Draw or paint a mushroom. Take inspiration from the wondrous shapes and colours in the Fungal Kingdom! (A4 size)

GARDENING for children aged 6-10 years

- 124 Grow a cress head.
- 125 An arrangement of garden flowers in a jam jar.
- 126 A miniature garden. Use a seed tray or shoebox.
- 127 One dish of three radishes.
- 128 A vegetable animal (fruit may also be used). No plastic.

COOKERY for children aged 6-10 years

- 129 Four decorated cupcakes.
- 130 Four homemade jam tarts.
- 131 A homemade pizza, decorated to your own theme.
- 132 A Victoria Sponge cake 20cm tin, four eggs. Raspberry jam filling and caster sugar dusting on top. No cream.

ART & CRAFT for children aged 6-10 years

- 133 Create a mushroom diorama on a tray or plate in any medium. (Max size 50 cms x 30 cms)
- 134 Make a five piece bunting inspired by the Fungal Kingdom.
- 135 Paint or draw a fantasy mushroom character on paper using any colouring medium. (A3 size)
- 136 Any sewn item. Hand/machine sewing allowed. Should demonstrate your imagination and creativity. Adult supervision may be needed but it should be all your own work.

GARDENING for children aged 11-15 years

- 137 An arrangement of garden flowers in a vase.
- 138 A vegetable animal (fruit may also be used).
- 139 A dish of six spring onions.

Class No

140 A container of flowering plants.**COOKERY for children aged 11-15 years****141** Coworth Park Challenge. Create three identical miniature cakes, suitable for an English style afternoon tea. Coworth Park Head Chef, Adam Smith, will choose the winner, who will be invited along with three guests to enjoy a Meadow Afternoon Tea at Coworth Park.**142** Six chocolate brownies.**143** A homemade pizza, decorated to your own theme.**ART & CRAFT for children aged 11-15 years****144** Make a mushroom diorama on a wooden log in any medium.
(Size 30 cms to 50 cms long)**145** Make a wearable mushroom inspired hat.**146** Paint or draw a landscape titled 'The Secret World of Fungi' on paper using any colouring medium. (A3 size)**147** Any sewn item. Hand/machine sewing allowed. Should demonstrate your imagination and creativity. Adult supervision may be needed but it should be all your own work.

SCHOOLS' COMPETITIONS

Class No

SCHOOLS' CRAFT COMPETITION**148** THE ASCOT RACECOURSE SUPPORTS' CUP.

Prizes of craft gift vouchers will be awarded as follows:

1st prize £50; 2nd prize £30; 3rd prize £20.

Ten local schools have the opportunity to create their own art installation celebrating the theme 'Mycelium: The Hidden Threads of Magic' in school enrichment workshops delivered at Busy Buttons CORE Charity's design studio. Students will learn about mycelium, plant roots, soil health and the vital connections that support ecosystems and communities. Through creative making, pupils will discover how unseen networks nurture biodiversity, balance and regeneration. These vibrant and imaginative creations will be showcased in the Children's Marquee.

Class No

GARDENING**THE 'KEN MACKINTOSH' SHIELD**

The late Ken Mackintosh established the Schools' Competition to inspire and educate children in all aspects of gardening. He was a long-serving Chairman of the Society and his family continue his legacy by supporting the Society and all schools entering these Classes. The Ken Mackintosh Shield will be awarded to the school gaining the highest number of points in Class Nos 149-150. ***These classes must be staged by 4pm on Friday 5 June 2026.***

Local schools will be asked to complete two gardening challenges in 2026. Fact sheets for each challenge are available on entry.

We are delighted that Little Muddy Boots will provide a gardening mentor in each of our participating schools.

149

'PETER SEABROOK GREAT POTATO CHALLENGE'

Prizes of gardening gift vouchers will be awarded as follows:

1st prize £50; 2nd prize £30; 3rd prize £20

Plant potatoes during your Little Muddy Boots class. Seed potatoes and a large pot will be provided; no other containers or potato varieties are allowed. The school with the heaviest crop wins.

150

ROOTED IN NATURE**'WHEELBARROW CHALLENGE'**

Prizes of gardening gift vouchers will be awarded as follows:

1st prize £50; 2nd prize £30; 3rd prize £20. £15 gardening gift vouchers will be awarded to all other participating schools.

Judging is based on the planting contained in the wheelbarrow alone. No additional pots or extensions are permitted.

Using the title 'Rooted in Nature' as inspiration, plant and grow on a wheelbarrow to celebrate how we are connected to nature, through both flora and fauna. The Society will provide compost and some starter seeds to all schools but you are encouraged to add your own plants and decorations. Each entrant must design and make a name plaque for their wheelbarrow (to be placed after judging) and are encouraged to decorate their wheelbarrows to support the theme. We hope you can re-use your wheelbarrow from 2025 but do get in touch if this is not possible and the Society will try to supply a replacement.



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RULES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Entries

- Entries must be made using the official **Competition Application Form** via www.rwrhs.com or the paper form (page 47).
- Paper entries to: **RWRHS, c/o ComXo, 18 Horton Road, Datchet, SL3 9ER.**
- **Closing date: Monday 1 June 2026.** Late entries will not be accepted.
- There is no charge for competition entries.

2. Exhibits

- One exhibit per person per class only.
- All plants, flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables must be grown by the competitor in their own garden or allotment. Floral arrangement classes are exempt.
- The Society may inspect gardens or allotments before or after the Show.
- Competitors who have entered 12 or more classes may be given a complimentary admission pass. This must be requested in advance by emailing entries@rwrhs.co.uk
- All entries must comply with the instructions outlined in the schedule to be eligible for competition selection

3. Staging Times

Exhibits may be staged at the Show Ground only at the following times:

- **Friday 5 June 2026:** 3.00pm – 10.00pm
- **Saturday 6 June 2026:** 6.00am – 8.30am

Last admission to the marquee and issue of exhibit cards: **8.00am Saturday.** All competitors must clear the show ground by **8.30am Saturday** to allow for judging to commence. Competitors are encouraged to arrive on Friday evening or early Saturday morning to ensure there is ample time to stage their exhibits.

4. Exhibit Cards

- Final collection of exhibit cards from the **Competition Marquee desk** by **8.00am.**
- Cards must be placed **name face down** in front of the correct exhibit.

5. Judging

- All exhibitors must leave the marquees by **8.30am.**
- Judging starts at **9.00am on Saturday 6 June.**
- Judges will have no conflicting interests.
- Judges' decisions are final, subject to Rule 12.

6. Banksian Medal

The RHS Banksian Medal is awarded to the competitor gaining the most points in Horticultural Classes 2–55.

7. Prizes

- Prize Giving: **4.00pm on the Terrace.**
- Only one prize per class may be awarded to any competitor.
- Prizes may be withheld if exhibits are not of sufficient quality.
- Prize money must be collected from the Treasurer **3.00pm–5.00pm, Saturday 6 June,** or it will be forfeited.

8. Challenge Cups and Trophies

- Cups and trophies are held by the competitors for one year.
- They must be returned by **Monday 27 April to Friday 1st May, between 9.00am and 5.00pm to RWRHS, ComXo, 18 Horton Road, Datchet** (Tel: 01753 449 449).
- Winners are encouraged to have trophies engraved.

9. Removal of Exhibits

- After judging, exhibits must not be altered or removed before 5.00pm on Saturday 6 June.
- Exhibits may be removed between 5.00pm - 7.00pm on Show day, or between 8.00am - 12.00 noon on Sunday 7th June.
- All remaining exhibits will be disposed of.

10. Roses (Special Rules)

- Only registered or commercially available cultivars may be shown.
- No artificial aid is permitted, except discreet supports to keep blooms upright.
- Only natural foliage on the exhibited stems may be shown unless stated otherwise.
- Overdressed blooms will be penalised.
- Blooms left tied or pelleted may lose up to 3 points per bloom.

11. Vases and Bowls

- Vases for Rose, Sweet Pea and Cut Flower classes are available on loan and must be left in the marquee.
- A limited number of bowls are available; competitors are advised to bring their own.

12. Protests

- Any three Committee members may disqualify an exhibit in exceptional circumstances.
- Protests must be submitted in writing to the Treasurer by 2.00pm on Show Day, with a £5 fee.
- The fee is refunded if the protest is upheld.
- The Committee's decision is final.

13. Liability

All exhibits and personal property are entered at the competitor's own risk. The Society accepts no liability for loss or damage.

14. Vehicles

All vehicles to follow traffic marshal instructions.

15. Definitions

- **Novice:** A person who has not won first prize at this show.
- **Amateur:** A person growing for pleasure, not commercial gain.
- **Bowl:** Mouth diameter equal to or greater than its height.
- **Vase:** Height greater than mouth diameter.
- **Container:** Includes the water-holding vessel, any covering and base.

Contact: entries@rwrhs.co.uk | 01753 449 449



LOCATION OF SHOW GROUND

The York Club, Windsor Great Park SL4 2BS

COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM 2026

In the first instance, kindly complete the online Competition Application Form
which you can find here: **rwrhs.com**

Alternatively, complete this Application Form and post to
RWRHS 18 Horton Road Datchet SL3 9ER

Entry registrations to arrive no later than midday Monday 1 June, 2026

Only **one** exhibit per person per Class is permitted.

Please complete a separate entry form per person.

Competition entry fee: FREE

Write the Class No(s) you would like to enter:

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..... Total number of entries

If entering Windsor Pubs in Bloom (Class No 62), please provide the name
of the Pub:

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I wish to enter the classes listed above. I confirm I have read, understood and
undertake to comply with the show rules seen on pages 44-45 of this Schedule.

Name

Address

.....

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Signed Date



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