



SOUTH  
OF  
England  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



# Autumn Show 2025

## Building a Bench for the Wildflower Garden

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th Sept 2025



We are pleased to be adding a new competition to our Autumn Show. This year the competition will require you to build a bench for our Wildflower Garden which is a permanent feature on the showground.

The winning bench will be placed in the garden as a new feature.

This offers everyone a chance to be adventurous and get creative in producing the bench and let their imagination run wild.

We are looking for imaginative interpretations with your designs and construction.

### **Size**

Benches must be a backed bench and no wider than 1.2m, no deeper than 65cm and no taller than 1 meter.

### **Entries**

Deadline for entry is the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Items to be delivered to the showground on the 26<sup>th</sup> September by 4pm. Each entry will receive one adult ticket to The Autumn Show.

### **Assessment**

There will be four main considerations that the judges will be assessing.

These are: Creativity, craftsmanship, attention to detail and overall impression.

# Regulations

- 1.This competition is open to any groups or individuals with an interest in woodworking, gardening and garden design. this includes but is not limited to: individual students or a group of students in secondary school or attending a college course in Garden Design, Landscaping or Horticulture, gardening clubs/groups or individuals within the landscaping or gardening profession, carpenters, community groups like Scouts, Guides, Young Farmers, Men in Sheds & local businesses.
- 2.The bench must be a backed bench and no wider than 1.2m, no deeper than 65cm and no taller than 1 meter.
- 3.All entry forms must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Any after this date may not be accepted.
- 4.The bench must be delivered and ready to be judged on the Friday 26th Sept 2025 by 4pm.
- 5.The winning bench will be remaining on site and become a permanent addition to the wildflower garden.
- 6.All other entrants have the option to take their bench back with them after the show or they can donate it to the Society for us to use at future events and shows. This must be indicated on the entry form.
- 7.You may obtain sponsorship and discreetly acknowledge this in your display after judging has taken place.
- 8.THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY ARTICLE, MACHINERY OR OBJECT OF ANY KIND EXHIBITED ON THE SHOWGROUND. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibition, handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct on the garden generally. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, damage or expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor or their exhibits on the Showground. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry. Exhibitors are encouraged to hold public liability insurance and are advised to insure against damage not only as regards to their own property, but also against third party claims.
- 9.The Society reserves to itself, by its Council and Committee, the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and Regulations, and arbitrarily to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show. Also, to refuse or to cancel any entries; to postpone or abandon the exhibit; and relax conditions as the Society may deem expedient.

# Building a Bench for the Wildflower Garden Entry Form

**September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Final item to be judged at The Autumn Show!**

Please note that the deadline for entry is the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and all entries must be delivered to the showground on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by 4pm to be included in The Autumn Show 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025. The winning bench will then be moved to its permanent location in the Wildflower Garden!

Name of Entrant	
Key Contact	
Address	
Post Code	
Email	
Telephone	
Collection/ Donation	<input type="checkbox"/> I will be collecting my bench on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept <input type="checkbox"/> I am happy for the Society to keep my bench for future use

In submitting this application, I/we confirm that I/we comply with the rules and regulations of the competition.

Signed..... Print Name..... Date.....

Please return completed forms to: Horticultural Competitions, South of England Agricultural Society, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, RH17 6TL or by email to [horticulture@seas.org.uk](mailto:horticulture@seas.org.uk)