

theWI

at the Autumn Show

27th - 28th September 2025

Ardingly Showground



ALICE in WONDERLAND



East & West Sussex Federations of WIs

The WI Autumn Showcase

Alice in Wonderland 2025

Welcome to the 2025 WI Autumn Showcase to be held at

The South of England Showground, Ardingly.

Autumn Show & Horse Trials

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September 2025 9am – 5pm
South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex.

“Down the Rabbit Hole We Go!”

Join us for the 2025 WI Autumn Showcase, a whimsical wonderland of creativity! This year, we are stepping through the looking glass and inviting you to experience the magic of ‘Alice in Wonderland’ brought to life by the talented hands of our WI members.

Following the resounding success of last year’s showcase, we are thrilled to once again open our “SHOP WINDOW” to the public, showcasing the incredible skills and talents that make our WI so special. This enchanting event is not only the highlight of the WI calendar but also a fantastic opportunity to inspire and connect with the community.

We cordially invite you to take part in the 2025 WI Autumn Showcase, a truly unforgettable experience! Don’t miss this extraordinary journey into the heart of WI creativity!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the South of England Agricultural Society at Ardingly for their continued support of the WI and our annual shows.

We thank also the Board of Trustees, the Show Committee, the Stewards, the Judges and everyone else who works so hard to make this show so worthwhile and enjoyable, and of course, all of you who come along to enter and support us and make the day so special.

GOOD LUCK! 🍀

The Show Committee, Ros, Pauline, Deb.

Classes

Alice in Wonderland Classes

Class 1 - £10

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Cooperative Cookery

A minimum of 3 members to take part & only 1 entry per WI.

To be displayed / staged on a tray no larger than 18" x 14" (46cm x 36cm) or 18" diameter

(Display & staging will be judged).

Roughly 18in (46cm)

6 Cheese Straws

Recipe of own choice

4 Jam Tarts

Homemade Shortcrust Pastry, own choice of jam.

Battenburg Cake

Recipe of own choice with homemade almond paste.

'Drink Me Cordial'

Recipe own choice.

5 'Eat Me Iced Biscuits'

Recipe own choice.

Class 2 - £5

Alice's Garden

Fresh flower arrangement in a teacup & saucer.

Standard size teacup, to be brought to the showground ready for judging.

Class 3 - £5

An Invitation to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party -

Maximum size A5

Style own choice.

Class 4 - £5

The Queen of Hearts Fabric Heart Cushion

Any size.

Class 5 - £5

Decorated Mad Hatter's Top Hat

Standard bought felt top hat allowed.

Crafted made hats will be judged separately.

Class 6 - £5

Alice in Wonderland Themed Fancy Dress Costume

Size to fit 5 -7 aged child.

Class 7 - £5

Crafted White Rabbit with Jacket & watch

Any material allowed.

Class 8 - £5

Alice in Wonderland Themed Decorated Cup Cakes

5 x decorated, plus 1 x plain for tasting.

To be displayed on a plate.

Information & Rules

We are located in an undercover location at the Showground in the Young Farmers Building, near to the North Gate.

Closing date for entries with payment by Friday 1st August 2025.

Bank Transfer: The West Sussex County Federation of Womens Institutes
Account number: 60944912 Sort Code: 20-20-62 (please use reference AIW followed by your WI name).

Cheques to be made payable WSWFI (please write your WI name on the rear of the Cheque).

Please send a stamped addressed envelope to Denman House, 60 Queen Street, Horsham, RH13 5AD, so we can send your jewellery tags to identify your entries which can be securely attached by safety pin, sticking or sewing.

We will provide you with a number which relates to your WI.

Your WI name or entrant should not be attached to entries please.

The Judge's Decision is Final.

We cannot refund fees in the case of cancellation of any entries.

Classes 1, The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, 2, Alice's Garden & 8, Alice in Wonderland Themed Decorated Cupcakes to be brought to the Showground on Friday 20th September between 9am -10am. Entry will be via the Blue Gate. Ask for directions to the Young Farmers Building.

All other entries to be delivered to the following locations for prejudging Monday 1st to Friday 5th September 2025.

Ros Williams 'Warblers', North Lane, West Hoathly, West Sussex RH19 4QF.

Jacky Baraugh, 18 Pryor's Lane Aldwick, West Sussex PO214LQ.

WSFWI HQ, 60 Queen Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH135AD.

(Tues, Weds, Thurs or Friday).

ESFWI HQ, Falcon Way, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN271HY.

Removal of entries will be from 1600hrs on Sunday 28th September 2025.

We cannot hold on to entries or deliver them back to you. Please arrange collection. Any entries not claimed by Sun 5th October 2025 will be donated to charity.

Any queries please contact the following for help and advice.

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