

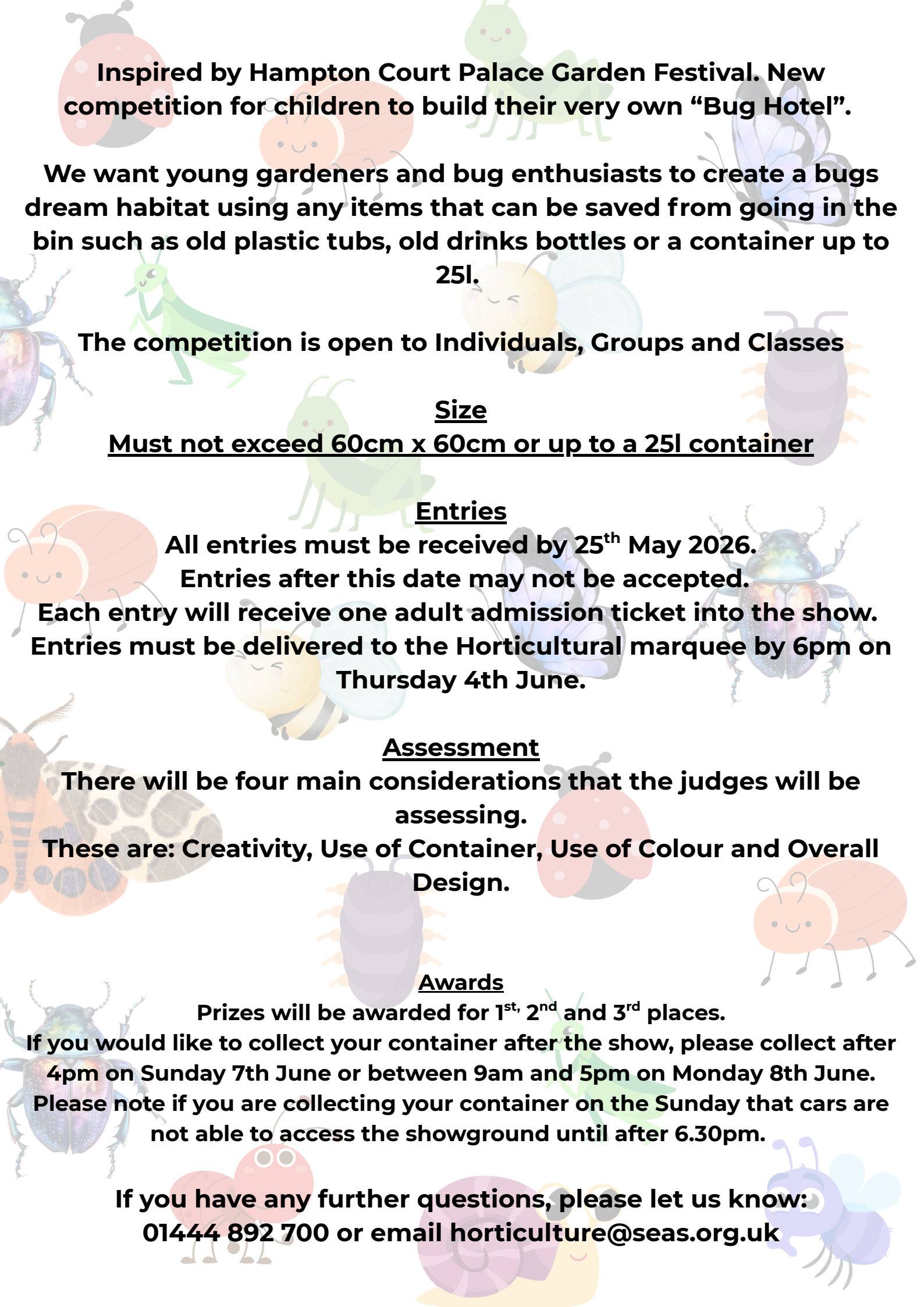


AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND

# South of England Show 2026

## “Bug Hotel”

Friday - Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



**Inspired by Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival. New competition for children to build their very own “Bug Hotel”.**

**We want young gardeners and bug enthusiasts to create a bugs dream habitat using any items that can be saved from going in the bin such as old plastic tubs, old drinks bottles or a container up to 25l.**

**The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes**

**Size**

**Must not exceed 60cm x 60cm or up to a 25l container**

**Entries**

**All entries must be received by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Entries after this date may not be accepted.**

**Each entry will receive one adult admission ticket into the show.  
Entries must be delivered to the Horticultural marquee by 6pm on  
Thursday 4th June.**

**Assessment**

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

**These are: Creativity, Use of Container, Use of Colour and Overall Design.**

**Awards**

**Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.**

**If you would like to collect your container after the show, please collect after 4pm on Sunday 7th June or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 8th June.**

**Please note if you are collecting your container on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm.**

**If you have any further questions, please let us know:  
01444 892 700 or email [horticulture@seas.org.uk](mailto:horticulture@seas.org.uk)**

# Examples



Made using big water bottles



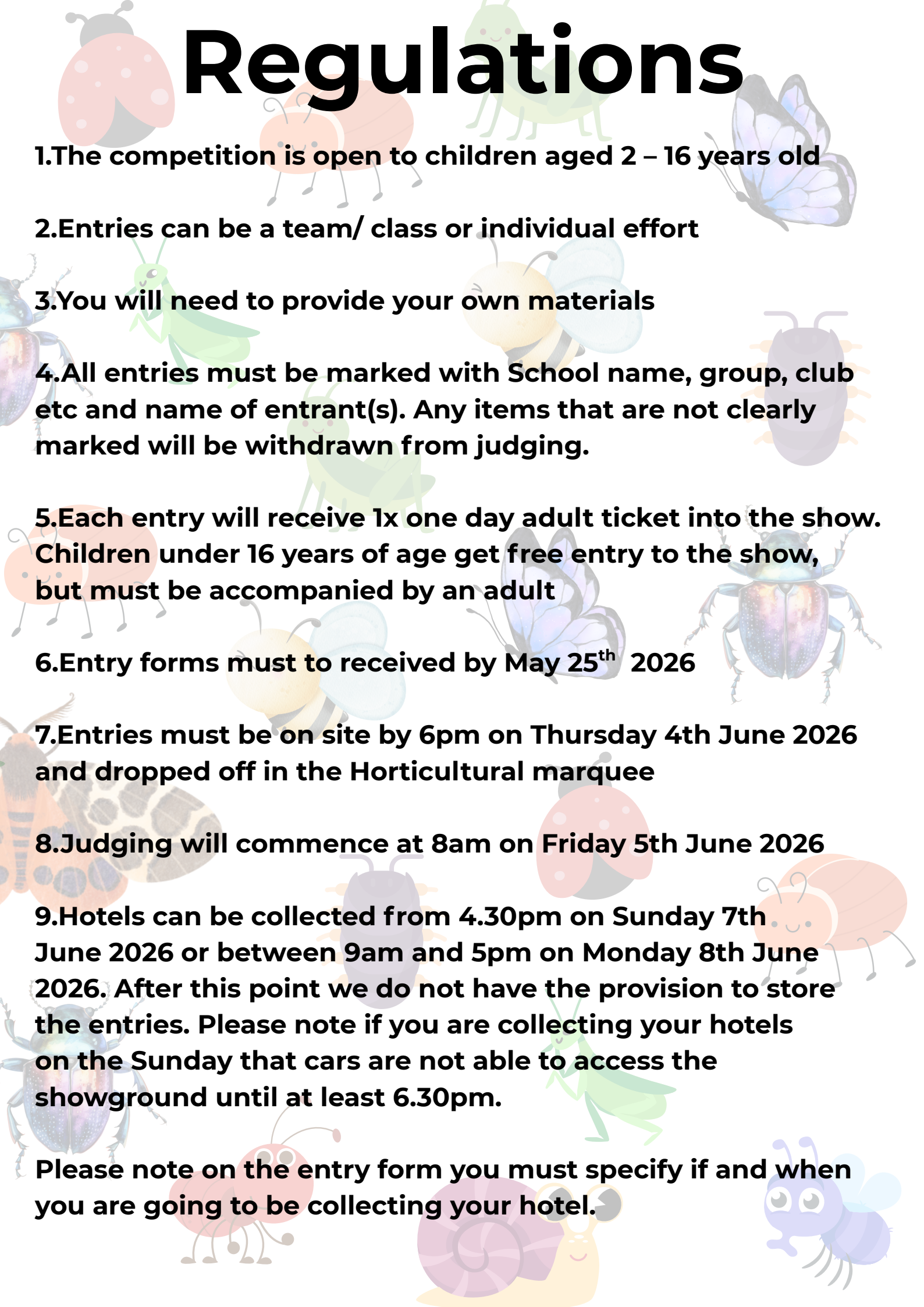
Made using Milk carton



Made using toilet roll tubes

Hampton Court Palace Garden  
Festival inspiration





# Regulations

- 1.The competition is open to children aged 2 – 16 years old**
  - 2.Entries can be a team/ class or individual effort**
  - 3.You will need to provide your own materials**
  - 4.All entries must be marked with School name, group, club etc and name of entrant(s). Any items that are not clearly marked will be withdrawn from judging.**
  - 5.Each entry will receive 1x one day adult ticket into the show. Children under 16 years of age get free entry to the show, but must be accompanied by an adult**
  - 6.Entry forms must to received by May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**
  - 7.Entries must be on site by 6pm on Thursday 4th June 2026 and dropped off in the Horticultural marquee**
  - 8.Judging will commence at 8am on Friday 5th June 2026**
  - 9.Hotels can be collected from 4.30pm on Sunday 7th June 2026 or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 8th June 2026. After this point we do not have the provision to store the entries. Please note if you are collecting your hotels on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until at least 6.30pm.**
- Please note on the entry form you must specify if and when you are going to be collecting your hotel.**

# "Bug Hotel"

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Final item to be judged at South of England Show!**

**Please note that the deadline for entry is the 25th May 2026 and all entries must be delivered to the showground on the 4<sup>th</sup> June by 6pm to be on show at the South of England Show 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Name of Entrant</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Key Contact</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Address</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Post Code</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Email</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Telephone</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Collection/ Donation</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> I will be collecting my entry after the show has closed<br><input type="checkbox"/> I won't be collecting my item after the show has closed and understand the Society will dispose of it. |

**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)**