



AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND

South of England Show 2026 Hanging Basket Competition “Contrast”

Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 2026

**Sponsored by Tates of Sussex Garden Centres
and Woolshred**

This year's theme encourages the use of contrasting materials, be that colour, landscape materials or shape and form.
We are looking for imaginative interpretations of the theme with your designs and planting schemes.

Entries

All entry forms must be received by **25th 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 Plants, Use of Colour and Overall Aesthetic.

Equipment

Hanging baskets and liners can either be purchased by yourself or we can provide the hanging basket and the basket lines these would need to be collected at Spring Live on 18th and 19th April 2026.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

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

Please note: if you are collecting your hanging basket on the Sunday cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm and only with valid vehicle passes

The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes

If you have any further questions, please let us know:
01444 892 700 or email horticulture@seas.org.uk

Regulations

1.The competition is open to all.

2.Entries can be a team/ class or individual effort

3.If you are wanting the Society to provide your items these must be collected during Spring Live on the 18th and 19th April 2026.

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 Any items that are not clearly marked will be withdrawn from judging.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 do not pay to enter the show, but must be accompanied by an adult

6.Entry forms must to received by **25th May 2026**. Any entries after this date may not be accepted & will have to provide their own hanging basket and liners.

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.Baskets can be collected from 4pm 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 basket on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm Please note on the entry form you must specify if and when you are going to be collecting your basket.

Hanging Basket Application Form

Name of Entrant/ Name of School or club	
Entrant Age Range	☐ Under 16 ☐ Over 16
Key Contact	
Address	
Post Code	
Email	
Telephone	
Collection of Basket: Please let us know if and when you would be collecting the Basket after the show.	☐ I will be collecting my entry after the show has closed ☐ I won't be collecting my item after the show has closed and understand the Society will dispose of it.
Equipment: Please mark the box to show if you are providing your own equipment or collecting at Spring Live 2026	☐ I will be providing my own hanging basket and liner ☐ I will be collecting a hanging basket and liner from the Society during Spring Live! 2026

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 by **25th May 2026**