



2026 Horticultural SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORMS

Entries close 21st September 2026



Registered Charity No. 227033.



Our annual horticultural competition for our Autumn Show and Horse Trials offers the chance for budding gardeners and florists to show off their fruits, vegetables and flowers.

If you have never entered before or have any questions, please do get in touch with us at
horticulture@seas.org.uk
01444 892 700 ext 209

Horticulture Committee

Mr N Ellis- Chair

Mr T Harvey- Vice Chair

Mr A Smith- Society Chair

Mr N Dickinson

Mr P Dalby

Mr D Crane

Ms A Waterman

Ms M Neden

All kindly volunteer their support and expertise

Trophies

Will be awarded at 4pm on Sunday 27th September

Ingwerson Cup- Awarded to entrant with the highest number of points in classes 1-30

Best Exhibit- Bowl- Awarded for best in show

Sponsorship

If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring any of the classes please contact sponsorship@seas.org.uk

Prizes in all classes 1-30: 1st place £3.00,
2nd place £2.00 3rd place £1.00

Prize giving will be at approximately 4pm
on Sunday 27th September

Entry fee for each class is £1.00

Late entries will be accepted after the
closing date at an entry of £2.50 per class

Entries close on Monday 21st
September 2026

**Free Showground entry ticket for all
competitors who stage their exhibits**

Happy Gardening and Good Luck!

Schedule of Classes

VEGETABLES

- Class 1 Three Onions, Over 250g
- Class 2 Three Onions, 250g or under
- Class 3 Six Shallots, large exhibition
- Class 4 Six Shallots, pickling. To pass through a 30mm ring
- Class 5 Two Leeks, blanch
- Class 6 Four Potatoes, white
- Class 7 Four Potatoes, coloured
- Class 8 Three Carrots
- Class 9 A Pair of Marrows, maximum 400mm
- Class 10 Three Beetroot
- Class 11 Two Cucumbers
- Class 12 Any Other Vegetable not included above- up to five specimens of a single kind
- Class 12a **Novice Class**- Any vegetable- up to five specimens of a single kind
- Class 13 Five Tomatoes, small fruited. To pass through a 30mm ring
- Class 14 Three Tomatoes, medium. To pass through a 60mm ring
- Class 15 A Trug of Vegetables.
A collection of Vegetables displayed in a trug. No more than five kinds. The exhibit should be arranged effectively and herbs may be used for decoration.
Trug to not exceed 75cm x 50cm
- Class 16 A Vase of Culinary herbs. Three named varieties.

Novice Class- Exhibitor who has not won a place card at any Horticultural show.

Schedule of Classes

FRUIT

Class 17 Three Apples, dessert

Class 18 Three Apples, culinary

Class 19 Any Other Fruit not included above-maximum five of a single kind

FLOWERS

Please check regulations for classes 21-23

Class 20 A vase of mixed flowers containing between five and ten stems taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants.

Class 21 A Vase of Chrysanthemum, three stems.

Class 22 A Vase of Dahlias, three stems.

Class 23 A Cactus in a pot *Any size pot may be used.*

Class 24 A Pot Plant grown for foliage effect *Any size pot may be used.*

Class 25 A Pot Plant grown for flowering *Any size pot may be used.*

PLOT TO PLATE

Judge will taste baked goods.

Class 26 Vegetable Plot to Plate. Entries should comprise of 3 elements: a dish of the raw vegetable, a chutney, pickle or relish made from the vegetable and a baked item that includes the vegetable

Class 27 Fruit Plot to Plate. Entries should comprise of 3 elements: a dish of the raw fruit, a preserve or a curd made from the fruit and a baked item that includes the fruit

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Class 28 Wonkiest Vegetable

Class 29 Brightest Flower

Class 30 Vegetable the judge would most like to eat

REGULATIONS

1. All exhibits to be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
2. Only one exhibit per class per exhibitor permitted except for Classes 12 and 20 where two exhibits per exhibitor will be permitted.
3. Class 30. There are no restrictions as to what exhibitors may enter.
4. Judging: Saturday 26th September 2026 at 8.00am. Exhibitors and the public will not be admitted to this section until judging has been completed. Judge's decision will be final.
5. Exhibits to remain on view and intact until after prize giving on Sunday 28th September, when they are to be removed. Any items still on the premises on the following day will be disposed of by the Society.
6. Classes 21- 23 Only foliage growing naturally from the flowering stem and still attached shall be allowed
7. Entries close on Monday 21st September 2026.
8. Staging: Friday 25th September between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.
9. Covered Trestle table(s) will be provided.
10. No sale of produce permitted until close of Show on Sunday 28th September.
11. Each person entering will receive one free admission ticket at staging on Friday 26th i.e., Admission tickets will be given only on receipt of exhibit. Further tickets may be purchased at the gate or online at seas.org.uk. To take advantage of the 10% discount until 18/09/2025 please purchase tickets online at seas.org.uk/autumn-show
12. Exhibitors must comply with the instructions of the Stewards.
13. The entire risk and responsibility as regard to all exhibits and in reference to all consequential or other injury or loss arising therefrom or thereto, must be borne by the Exhibitor. The Society will not be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit, in whole or in part, from any cause.
14. 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 arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show. Also to refuse or to cancel any entries and to postpone or abandon the Exhibition without explanation.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN STAGING MATERIALS, PLATES AND VASES FOR ALL CLASSES

EXHIBITS MUST ALWAYS BE CONFINED WITHIN THE STAGING SPACE PROVIDED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Entry Form

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Full Name..... Tel No.....

Postal Address.....

Email.....

Total Entry Fee: £..... (to be paid when staging)

Please send this form to reach us by **Monday 21st September 2026**

To: Horticultural Secretary, SEAS, South of England Showground,

Selsfield Road, Ardingly, RH17 6TL

By email: Horticulture@seas.org.uk