

ILMINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Partners with the
ILMINGTON SHOW



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & PRIZES for the ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, COOKERY AND CRAFTS

To be held on

**ILMINGTON PLAYING FIELD
on
Monday, 31st August 2026**

Opens at 2.00pm

Horticultural Society President: Miss Irene Sabin
Horticultural Society Chair: Nick Murray-White

TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED AT 4.00PM

Schedule and form available <https://ilmington-pc.gov.uk/ilmington-horticultural-society/>

ILMINGTON SHOW PROGRAMME 2026

12.00 Gates open

Activities through the afternoon include:

- *Classic Car Show*
- *Fun Dog Show, entry on the day*
- *Medieval Combat Society display*
- *Shipston Archers*
- *Children's assault course*
- *Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast (conditions permitting. Time TBA)*
- *Bakery and cooking demonstrations in the Pavilion*
- *Traditional games, e.g. Aunty Sally*
- *Morris dancing*

Entrance: Adults: £7
Under 16s: £3
Under 3s: FREE

1.00 Main ring shows commence

2.00 Opening of the Horticultural Show marquee by the Shipston Town Crier - FREE ENTRY to the marquee

Major Mustard's puppets will perform at various times throughout the afternoon. The AD Concert Band, a Ukelele band and other musical entertainments through the afternoon. A magician will roam the Showground.

4.00 Presentation of Horticultural trophies - marquee

4.30 Horticultural Show closes

Please put litter in bins provided and clean up after your dog.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW SCHEDULE

The Ilmington Horticultural Society's objective is to encourage community gardening, and its shows offer an opportunity for friendly competition. These are not shows focussed on professional horticulturalists. Entries will be judged on their merit on the day and prizes awarded accordingly. Entries are limited to 2 per person in each Class in all Sections.

The show is open to all, residents and non-residents of Ilmington.

All exhibits to be staged between **8.15am** and **10.00am** on the morning of the Show and removed between **4.30pm** and **5.00pm**.

Note: Names of varieties of flowers, fruit and vegetables would be welcome, if known. All exhibits in Section A, B and J must be grown in the exhibitor's own garden or allotment.

SECTION A: VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

(No garnish for vegetables)

1. Six shallots.
2. Four onions, *maximum 3"/ 7.6cm diameter*, lightly trimmed.
3. Four onions, *over 3"/ 7.6cm diameter*, lightly trimmed.
4. Four bulbs of garlic, any variety.
5. Four potatoes, white.
6. Four potatoes, coloured.
7. Four potatoes salad.
8. Six French beans.
9. Six runner beans.
10. Longest runner bean.
11. Three carrots washed but not scrubbed or trimmed.
12. Four apples of one variety, cooking.
13. Four apples of one variety, dessert.
14. Heaviest apple, any variety.
15. Four pears.
16. Four plums.
17. A saucer of soft fruit, with calyces attached if appropriate, any variety.
18. Five tomatoes, with calyces attached, *to be judged on appearance and taste in that order*.
19. Five tomatoes, small fruited and cherry cultivars, with calyces attached, *to be judged on appearance and taste in that order*.
20. A pair of peppers (any colour or shape)
21. Four chillies (any type).
22. A pair of exotic vegetables, to be judged on individual quality. *An exotic vegetable is one not already named in the Schedule*.
23. Three beetroots washed but not scrubbed or trimmed.

24. One cucumber, any variety.
25. Container of fresh culinary herbs (up to five named varieties) in water.
26. Heaviest marrow, any variety.
27. Three courgettes, any variety, *8"/203mm or less in length not including flower*.
28. Most unusually shaped vegetable (any type).

SECTION B: FLOWERS

29. Pot plant, flowering, including fuchsias, in a pot, *not more than 12"/30.5cm diameter*.
30. Cactus or succulent, in a pot, *not more than 12"/30.5cm in diameter*.
31. Container of hydrangeas, three flowering stems with foliage, any variety.
32. Container of mixed perennial flowers, six stems, at least three varieties.
33. Container of mixed annual flowers, six stems, at least three varieties.
34. Most sweetly scented bloom in a container.
35. Pelargonium, in a pot, *not more than 12"/30.5cm diameter*, any variety
36. One specimen rose, any variety, *in a container*, with or without foliage
37. Container of four roses of more than one type.
38. One spray of a shrub rose *in a container (to include floribundas)*.
39. Container of sweet peas, six stems.
40. Container of dahlias: three cactus.
41. Container of dahlias: three stems of the same type (other than cactus) e.g. single, ball, pompom, etc.
42. One dahlia bloom, any variety.
43. Container of mixed foliage, *maximum width of display 12"/30.5cm*.
44. Collection of Hosta leaves, minimum of two different varieties.
45. Container of three gladioli, any variety.

SECTION C: FLOWER ARRANGING

Any exhibit which is not according to the Schedule will be disqualified. No artificial plant material to be included. Please avoid using floral foam in flower arrangements. Height is unlimited except in class 48.

46. Exhibit depicting a country that played in the 2026 World Cup (may include accessories). *Space allowed 2'/61cm*.
47. Arrangement of flowers and foliage in a piece of footwear. *Space allowed 2'/61cm*.
48. Hand-tied posy. *Space allowed 12"/30.5cm*. Recommended presentation: in a jam jar with water.
49. Arrangement in an eggcup. *Maximum height 10cm/4" overall*.
50. Mixed garden flowers and foliage in a standard mug. *Maximum mug diameter 3.5"/9cm and height 4"/10cm*.

51. Arrangement of dried flowers and seedheads, *minimum of three different varieties. Any size.*

SECTION D: COOKERY: PRESERVES

Note: All entries should be made by the exhibitor. **Jam jars** should be shiny and clean. *Each jar should be labelled with contents and date of making and have a sticker with the exhibitor's number.*

- 52. Jar of marmalade.
- 53. Jar of jam made from fresh or dried fruit.
- 54. Jar of fruit curd, any type.
- 55. Jar of jelly, savoury or sweet.
- 56. Jar of chutney, any type.
- 57. Honey, presented in a screw-top 1lb jar.

SECTION E: COOKERY: BAKING

Note: All entries should be made by the exhibitor. **All food** should be protected with cling film and, as appropriate, presented on a plain paper plate with the exhibitor's number on.

- 58. Shrewsbury biscuits (four pieces).
- 59. Cheese straws (six pieces).
- 60. One soda bread loaf, any shape/size.
- 61. Four savoury muffins.
- 62. Fruit loaf baked in a 2lb (900g) tin.
- 63. **2026 Show Challenge:** Swiss Roll with jam, no cream.
- 64. Vegan cookies (with ingredients listed separately)
- 65. Tarte Tatin.
- 66. Three savoury samosas.

SECTION F: DRINKS (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic)

Note: All entries should be made by the exhibitor. **Bottles** should be clear. Each bottle should be labelled with contents and date of making and have a sticker with the exhibitor's number. **Entrants** must be aged 18 or over.

- 67. Bottle of a homemade alcoholic drink.
- 68. Bottle of home-made liqueur.
- 69. Bottle of a homemade non-alcoholic drink.
- 70. Bottle of homemade cordial.

SECTION G: HANDICRAFTS

Note: All entries should have been made by the exhibitor within the last year and not submitted to the Show before.

- 71. Any item of needlework.
- 72. Any item of hand-knitting or crochet.
- 73. Something you have upcycled with a 'before' photograph of the original.
- 74. Any other item you have made

SECTION H: ART

Note: Entrants must be **13 or over**. All entries should be the work of the exhibitor, created within the last year, and not submitted to the Show before.

- 75. Portrait: painting or drawing, any medium. *Maximum size 24"x24"/ 61cmx61cm including frame.*
- 76. A three-dimensional piece of artwork, any material, any size.
- 77. **2026 Show Challenge:** Abstract: painting or drawing, any medium. Maximum size 24"x24"/ 61cmx61cm including frame.

SECTION I: PHOTOGRAPHS

Note: Entrants must be **13 or over**. All photographs to be taken by exhibitor and *not exceed 5"x7"/ 127mmx178 cm, each one mounted on an A5 piece of plain white card or paper.* Each photo should have the exhibitor's name and number on the back of the mount.

- 78. An Ilmington view (*state the location on the mount*).
- 79. Smoke or fire.
- 80. Water.
- 81. Black and white.

SECTION J: YOUNG GROWERS All ages up to 12.

Note: The age of the entrant should be stated on the entry form and on the front of the entry itself. Parents are asked to ensure that maximum sizes stated below are not exceeded.

- 82. Plate of fruit or vegetables grown by you in your garden: any varieties with a minimum of two pieces.
- 83. A mug of flowers grown by you in your garden. The mug can be any size.

SECTION K: CHILDREN'S CLASSES (age 5 or under)

Note: In Section K, the age of the entrant should be stated on the entry form and on the front of the entry itself. Parents are asked to ensure that maximum sizes stated below are not exceeded.

- 84. A funny face on an 8"/203mm plate
- 85. A model of a hedgehog made in Lego or Duplo (not from a kit): *maximum size 9x9x9" / 230x230x230mm.*
- 86. **2026 Show Challenge:** create something interesting with elastic bands.
- 87. Make a usable treasure chest out of anything you like, maximum size *12"x12"x12"/30cmx30cmx30cm.*
- 88. Decorate six biscuits, and serve on a paper plate with the recipe. *Judged by appearance.*

SECTION L: CHILDREN'S CLASSES (age 6 - 8)

Note: In Section L, the age of the entrant should be stated on the entry form and on the front of the entry itself. Parents are asked to ensure that maximum sizes stated below are not exceeded.

- 89. A funny face on an 8"/203mm plate.
- 90. A model of a hedgehog made in Lego or Duplo (not from a kit): *maximum size 9x9x9" / 230x230x230mm.*
- 91. **2026 Show Challenge:** create something interesting with elastic bands.
- 92. Make a usable treasure chest out of anything you like, maximum size *12"x12"x12"/30cmx30cmx30cm.*
- 93. Make six biscuits, and serve on a paper plate with the recipe. *Judged by taste.*

SECTION M: CHILDREN'S CLASSES (age 9 - 12)

Note: In Section L, the age of the exhibitor should be stated on the entry form and on the front of the entry itself. Parents are asked to ensure that maximum sizes stated below are not exceeded.

- 94. A funny face on an 8"/203mm plate.
- 95. A model of a hedgehog made in Lego or Duplo (not from a kit): *maximum size 9x9x9" / 230x230x230mm*
- 96. **2026 Show Challenge:** create something interesting with elastic bands.
- 97. Make a usable treasure chest out of anything you like, maximum size *12"x12"x12"/30cmx30cmx30cm.*
- 98. Make six biscuits, and serve on a paper plate with the recipe. *Judged by taste.*

TROPHIES

The judges will have discretion not to award a trophy or certificate should there be no entries in a particular category or class regarded as being of sufficient quality.

Certificates (but no cash prizes except in the case of Children's Sections J to M) will be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in each class, although the judges will have the discretion to amalgamate classes within a section if the number of entries is low.

1. The Royal Horticultural Society's **Banksian Medal** will be awarded to the competitor who obtains the most points in the horticultural classes (Sections A and B). Competitors who won the Banksian Medal in the previous two Annual Shows, i.e. 2024 and 2025 are not eligible to win this medal.
2. The **"Spenser Flower" Challenge Cup** for most points overall in all classes.
3. The **Ilmington Village Challenge Cup** for the most points in the horticultural classes (Sections A and B) obtained by a resident of Ilmington parish. The winner of the Banksian Medal and/or the Spenser Flower Challenge Cup will be ineligible.
4. The **1965 Challenge Cup** for the most points in the horticultural classes (Sections A and B) obtained by a non-resident of Ilmington parish. The winner of the Banksian Medal and/or the Spenser Flower Challenge Cup will be ineligible.
5. The **Jubilee Cup** for the best exhibit in the vegetable & fruit classes (Section A).
6. The **"Bertie Wyton" Trophy** for the best exhibit by a resident of Ilmington parish in vegetable and fruit classes (Section A). The winner of the Jubilee Cup will be ineligible.
7. The **Woodland Pottery Trophy** for the best exhibit by a resident of Ilmington parish in the flower classes (Section B). The winner of the Challenge Cup will be ineligible.
8. A **Challenge Cup** for the best exhibit of flowers in the Show (Section B).
9. The **"Christine Marland" Cup** for the best exhibit in the Rose classes.
10. The **"Hersey Flower" Trophy** for the most points in the flower arranging class (Section C).
11. The **Challenge Rose Bowl** for most points in the cookery and drinks classes (Sections D, E and F).

12. The **Handicrafts Cup** for the best exhibit in the handicraft classes (Section G).
13. The **Goodenough Cup** for the most points in the Art classes (Section H).
14. The **J.J.W. Trophy** for the best photograph in Section I.
15. **The Howard Arms Trophy** for the best cookery exhibit by a child (aged 5 to 12) in Sections K-M.
16. **Grace's Cups** for the most points in the Children's Classes (Sections K *age 5* or under and L *age 6 – 8*).
17. The **"Winifred Holman" Cup** for the most points in the Children's Classes (Section M *age 9 – 12*).

POINTS & PRIZES AWARDED

All adult classes

(1st = 3 points)

(2nd = 2 points)

(3rd = 1 point)

Children's Sections J , K, L and M ONLY (Gold = 3 points): £3

(Silver= 2 points): £2

(Bronze = 1 point): £1

RULES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Administration fee:

1-5 entries: £2.00 total

6-10 entries: £3.00 total

10 – 20 entries: £5.00 total

Over 20 entries: £10

No charge for entry to Children's classes (Sections J, K, L and M).

2. There is a limit of 2 entries per person per Class in all Sections.
3. There will be no pre-registration. **Registration of entries will be on the morning of the Show only between 8.15 and 10.00am.**
4. **All exhibits to be staged between 8.15am and 10.00am on the morning of the Show.** Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm but must be removed by 5.00pm. The Committee cannot take responsibility for any exhibits not collected from the tent.
5. The exhibitor will be responsible for attaching labels, marked with their exhibitor number, visibly on each entry and for correctly placing their entries in appropriate Section and Class.
6. All exhibits in Sections A, B and J must be grown in the exhibitor's garden or allotment.
7. **The tent must be cleared by 10.00am on the morning of the Show** when judging will commence.
8. Any objection must be made in writing to the Secretary before prize-giving. Prizes may then be withheld pending enquiries.
9. Exhibitors may enter no more than two exhibits in a class, but may not receive more than one prize in a class.
10. The decision of the judges shall be final.
11. While every care will be taken, the Committee cannot accept responsibility for any damage or loss which may occur.
12. **Children may enter any of the classes in the schedule except Classes F, H and I but will be judged as adult competitors **except in Children's Sections J, K, L and M.****
13. Cup winners should ensure that cups are covered by their home insurance.
14. Entries "not for judging" will not be accepted.

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ENTRY FORM

PLEASE READ THIS:

There is no pre-registration.

Each exhibitor should complete Parts A and B of the form: **Part B with the appropriate fee** should be handed in on arrival on the day of the Show **between 8.15 and 10.00am.**

Part A should be retained by the exhibitor as a record of their entries. Exhibitors will be given a strip of labels with their personal number on. The exhibitor will be responsible for attaching these labels visibly on each entry and for correctly placing their entries in appropriate Section and Class. The figures in the spaces below refer to the classes in the Schedule.

Please circle the classes in which you wish to compete in both part A and part B of the form.

Please use a separate form for each exhibitor including for different family members.

Administration fees:

1-5 entries: £2 total.

6-10 entries: £3 total

10 – 20 entries: £5 total.

Over 20 entries: £10

There is no charge to enter the children's classes in Sections J, K, L and M.

IHS Entry Form Annual Show 2026

PART A to be kept by the exhibitor.

Section A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
Section B	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	39	40	41	42	43	44	45			
Section C	46	47	48	49	50	51				
Section D	52	53	54	55	56	57				
Section E	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
Section F	67	68	69	70						
Section G	71	72	73	74						
Section H	75	76	77							
Section I	78	79	80	81						
Section J	82	83								
Section K	84	85	86	87	88					
Section L	89	90	91	92	93					
Section M	94	95	96	97	98					

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PART B to be handed in.

Section A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
Section B	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	39	40	41	42	43	44	45			
Section C	46	47	48	49	50	51				
Section D	52	53	54	55	56	57				
Section E	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
Section F	67	68	69	70						
Section G	71	72	73	74						
Section H	75	76	77							
Section I	78	79	80	81						
Section J	82	83								
Section K	84	85	86	87	88					
Section L	89	90	91	92	93					
Section M	94	95	96	97	98					

Name of exhibitor

Address.....

Tel. No

Email.....

Total number of entries..... Administration fee.....

Age if entering classes in Sections J, K, L and M.