

# How to enter the Hurst Horticultural Show

## Open to All

Anyone can enter one or more of the 133 classes, which are organised in the following sections:

- One - Scarecrow - a fun class for individuals or groups
- Two - Horticultural
- Three - Home Industries
- Four - Children and Young People

All classes are listed in a separate document on the website, where you will also find an entry form, and a list of cups. A printed show schedule will be delivered to all Hurst households at the end of June, and then available in the Hurst convenience store, and local pubs.

## Entry forms online on 29 June

From the 29 June, entry and payment will be available on the website. Alternatively you can download the entry form, or use the one in the printed schedule. These paper entry forms must be completed, and delivered, with the appropriate entry fee, in cash or cheque, to one of the two addresses given on the form.

The deadline for all entries is 7:00pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The first entry costs £1.00 but subsequent entries are 50p for each class, and you can enter as many classes as you like.

## Children & Young Adults Classes


Classes for the following age groups are based on age on 31 August 2024:

- 5 yrs old and under (classes 117 to 120)
- 6 to 8 yrs old (classes 121 to 124)
- 9 to 11 yrs old (classes 125 to 128)
- 12 to 15 yrs old (classes 129 to 133)

Medals are given for first, second and third places in each age group. There are also cups for those with the most points in each group, as well as most points overall. All children that attend St Nicholas School should encourage their family to also enter for the chance to win the St Nicholas Family Cup.

Children and young adults are welcome to enter all adult classes in the Show.

## Winning a Cup

The  symbol against a class or sub-section indicates a cup is awarded.

Cups are awarded three ways.: 1) to the winner of certain individual classes; 2) for the most points won over a group of classes; and 3) by the judge's choice. Points are awarded as follows: 1st place – 5 points; 2nd place - 3 points; and 3rd place - 2 points.

The St Nicholas Family Cup is won by the family whose parents and children have the most combined points with at least one child attending the St Nicholas School.

## Guidance notes

Exhibitors should refer to the helpful guidance notes on the website. These explain how exhibits should be presented.

## Rules

Show rules are on the next page.

Please note that dogs, with the exception of support dogs, are not allowed in the exhibition halls. However, well behaved ones are very welcome outdoors.

## Show Time and Cost

The show grounds are open to all from 12:30pm on the Saturday. Please come, entry is free for those under 18, and £2.00 for everybody else.

As well as seeing all the exhibits, you will enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with the EMC Jazz Band, food and drink, including cream teas and burgers, and craft stalls, a plant sale, and a produce auction.

[www.hursthorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.hursthorticulturalsociety.org)

# 2024 Show Rules

1. Classes in the Show schedule are open to all except where specified. All entries to be exhibitor's own work and craft entries must not have been previously exhibited in this show. Joint entries are not permitted except for the Scarecrow Section (class 1) where groups are allowed.
2. Hurst Horticultural & Cottage Garden Society (HH&CGS) is the organiser of the Show and is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. All horticultural exhibits will be judged under RHS rules unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
3. Exhibits must be staged between 8.00am and 10.30am on the day of the show, and all competitors must vacate the show areas by 10.30am when judging will commence. Exhibits must be left until 4.00pm when they should be collected. Any horticultural items not collected before 4.30pm will be auctioned unless clearly marked "NOT FOR SALE". Food and preserve items will not be auctioned.
4. Committee members will supervise the removal of exhibits prior to the auction, after which the show halls may be unattended.
5. No exhibit may carry any name or mark that could identify the exhibitor, except in the Scarecrow class.
6. Vases will be supplied for all the horticultural flower classes except for class 5 (Roses - 1 bowl) where exhibitors must provide their own bowl.
7. Each exhibitor must pay a fee of £1.00 for their first entry and 50p for each subsequent class entered. Cheques should be payable to HH&CGS. Online entries can be paid for online.
8. Any person exhibiting produce not of their own growing, or which has not been in their possession two months before the show, will forfeit all prizes and shall not be allowed to compete in future shows.
9. A judge may not enter a class that he or she is judging.
10. Only one entry per class per exhibitor is allowed.
11. The deadline for entries is 7:00pm on Wednesday 14 August. If insufficient entries are received by the closing date, classes may be cancelled.
12. All competitors aged 18 and over will be charged for admission to the show.
13. All awards will be handed out between 3.30pm and 4.00pm on the day of the show.
14. Points for cups are awarded as follows: 1st place - 5 points; 2nd place - 3 points; and 3rd place - 2 points. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with the most First prizes will be the cup winner.
15. Entries in Novice classes 67 to 74 are limited to those who have not won a first prize in the corresponding non-novice classes in previous years. A first prize in any Novice class will mean a loss of novice status in that class in the future.
16. Any complaint should be raised before 3.00pm on the day of the show to a committee member.
17. HH&CGS accepts no responsibility for the theft or other loss or damage to attendees' and exhibitors' property. Nor shall it be liable for any indirect or consequential loss, damage, costs, or expenses whether foreseeable or not except for death or personal injury caused by its negligence or fraudulent act.
18. Cups are not engraved with each year's winner. However, if the design of the cup is suitable, winners may, at their cost, engrave cups but only after seeking written permission from the Secretary. If authorised, engraving needs to be done professionally and to a size and font consistent with other engraving on the cup. Also, the winner is responsible for any damage to the cup that may be caused by such engraving.