

Entry Details, and Show Rules:

Scarecrow, Home Industries, Horticultural & Children's Classes

Anyone can enter one or more of the 136 classes covering horticulture, baking, preserves, art, photography, handicrafts and classes just for children and young people.

There is a special fun class for a scarecrow, to be entered by individuals or groups.

There is something for everyone, and anyone can enter as many classes as they wish.

Full class details below.

Entry Open 1 July and Closes at 7:00pm Wednesday 16 August

To join in wait until 1 July to enter online or download an entry form from the Society's website. An entry form will also be in the printed schedule available at around the same time. If entering using the form it must be completed, and delivered, with entry fee, to one of the two Hurst addresses given on the form. The deadline for this is 7:00pm on Wednesday 16th August. The first entry is £1.00, subsequent entries are each 50p per class, and you can enter as many classes as you like.

Payment for online entries will be taken as part of the entry process, and the deadline for online entries is also 7:00pm on Wednesday 16th August.

The printed schedule will be delivered to all Hurst households and available for free from the Village's Convenience store, and local pubs.

Staging Your Exhibits

The next step is to bring your exhibits to the Hurst Village Halls on Saturday 19 August between 8:00am and 10:30am and leave them to be judged. Note the halls will be closed promptly at 10:30am, so please do not leave it to the last minute. Judging finishes at 1:30pm when exhibition halls will be open to the public, however please come at 12:30pm when the show grounds open. Also, enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with the EMC Jazz Band, who are returning by popular demand. You can also enjoy cream teas, other items of food & drink, craft stalls, plant sale, and a produce auction.

Key Dates and Times for exhibitors and visitors

Saturday 1 st July	9:00am	Online entry and forms available on the website
Wednesday 16 th August:	7:00pm	Deadline for entries
Saturday 19 th August - Show Day:		
	8:00am	Halls open for staging of entries
	10:30am	Halls closed for judging
	12:30pm	Show grounds open to all
	1:30pm	Exhibition Halls open – jazz starts
	3:30pm	Prize Giving
	4:00pm	Start removal of exhibits
	4:30pm	Deadline for removal of exhibits
	4:45pm	Auction of remaining exhibits

Please note that exhibits should not be removed until 4:00pm

Children & Young People Classes (numbers 120 to 136)

Classes for the following age groups – based on age on 31 August 2023:

- 5 yrs old and under
- 6 to 8 yrs old
- 9 to 11 yrs old
- 12 to 15 yrs old

The above are welcome to enter any adult class in the Show.

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

Show Time and Cost

The show grounds open at 12:30pm on the Saturday and entry is free for those under 18, and £2.00 for everybody else. Exhibits can be seen in the Home Industries and Horticultural halls when judging has finished at 1:30pm.

Winning a Cup 🏆

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 for all classes as follows: 1st place – 5 points; 2nd place - 3 points; and 3rd place - 2 points.

The 🏆 symbol against a class or sub-section indicates a cup is awarded – see the cup list for details.

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.

Rules

Show rules are on page 3 of this document.

Dogs, with the exception of support dogs, are not allowed in the exhibition halls, however, well behaved ones are very welcome outdoors.

www.hursthorticulturalsociety.org

Hurst Horticultural Show - 2023 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.
6. Vases will be supplied for all the horticultural flower classes except for class 6 (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 16 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 70 to 77 are limited to those who have not won a first prize in the corresponding non-novice classes. A first prize in any Novice class will mean a loss of novice status in that class.
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.