Horticulture

STAGING OF EXHIBITS
Horticulture and Floral Art - all exhibits must be staged between 2.30pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026. No entries will be allowed to stage on show day.

All other exhibits can be staged between 2.30pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 26th August or between 7.00am and 8.30am on show day, Thursday 27th August. Any exhibits left overnight are at the exhibitor's risk.

All exhibitors need to enter via the Yellow entrance along the West Bay Road and will have 20 minutes to stage their exhibit before being asked to park in the Public car park.

EXHIBITOR NUMBERS
On arrival at your marquee please report to a steward to collect your exhibitor numbers. You will be issued with two sets of numbers. One must accompany your exhibit and the other should be retained as proof of ownership. Exhibits in the Home Produce and Handicrafts section must have the class label securely fastened to the exhibit. All Art and Photography exhibits must have the label attached at the front with Sellotape.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS
Exhibits must not be removed until 5pm and after the prize-giving presentations have taken place. From 6pm onwards admission to the Homecraft, Floral Art and Horticulture tents will be confined to exhibitors or their authorised representatives on production of the Exhibitors half of class labels affixed to exhibits, and will be allowed only for the purpose of collecting exhibits.

PRIZE MONEY
Winners will be presented with a prize money and this can be collected from the relevant marquee, you must present your winning class label in order to receive your card. Prize money is available to collect on the day or from our show office in Bridport up until 30th September 2026.
27/08/2026 09:00

Flowers

** New Rule introduced in 2025 ** Floral foam and bio foam may not be used as a staging material due to concerns about its non-biodegradability and disposal. Alternative staging materials include staging rings, sustainably sourced moss, newspaper and chicken wire.
Ring: Horticulture Marquee

Judges

Mr Bryan Madders (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
250	Cactus or Succulent, one in a pot.	Cactus or Succulent, one in a pot.
251	Cactus or Succulent, two in separate pots	Cactus or Succulent, two in separate pots
252	A bowl not larger than 304mm in diameter, planted with three or more Cactus or succulent	A bowl or container not larger than 304mm in diameter, planted with three or more Cactus or succulent.
253	Bonsai, evergreen or deciduous in a bonsai bowl.	Bonsai, evergreen or deciduous in a bonsai bowl. Please state evergreen or deciduous on entry form.
254	An orchid growing in a pot.	An orchid growing in a pot.
255	Begonia, one flowering corm	Begonia, one flowering corm
256	One flowering Geranium or Pelargonium	One flowering Geranium or Pelargonium
257	A Collection of Pot Plants, in separate pots	A Collection of Pot Plants, in separate pots
258	Flowering Pot Plant, any type	Flowering Pot Plant, any type
259	Foliage Pot Plant or Ornamental Grass	Foliage Pot Plant or Ornamental Grass
260	A Carnivorous Pot Plant, any variety, e.g. Venus Fly Trap, Pitcher Plant.	A Carnivorous Pot Plant, any variety, e.g. Venus Fly Trap, Pitcher Plant. Please state size on entry form.
261	Fuchsia, one in a pot, any size.	Fuchsia, one in a pot, any size.
262	Six Fuchsia Heads, any variety,	Six Fuchsia Heads, any variety, displayed in water container provided.

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263	Dahlias, Three Stems of Dahlia, non-exhibition variety / varieties. **New class for 2026**	Dahlias, Three Stems of Dahlia, non-exhibition variety / varieties.
264	Dahlias, medium, decorative, not exceeding 220mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.	Dahlias, medium, decorative, not exceeding 220mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.
265	Dahlias, small, decorative, not exceeding 170mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.	Dahlias, small, decorative, not exceeding 170mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.
266	Dahlias, medium, cactus or semi cactus, not exceeding 200mm vase of three blooms any varieties.	Dahlias, medium, cactus or semi cactus, not exceeding 200mm vase of three blooms any varieties.
267	Dahlias, small cactus or semi cactus, not exceeding 170mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.	Dahlias, small cactus or semi cactus, not exceeding 170mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.
268	Dahlias, ball, small or miniature, not exceeding 115mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.	Dahlias, ball, small or miniature, not exceeding 115mm vase of three blooms of any varieties.
269	Dahlias, giant or large,over 220mm, single bloom.	Dahlias, giant or large,over 220mm, single bloom.
270	Dahlias, pompoms, not exceeding 55mm diameter, vase of five blooms of any varieties	Dahlias, pompoms, not exceeding 55mm diameter, vase of five blooms of any varieties
271	Dahlias, vase of three blooms, any other variety, e.g. Waterlily, Collarette	Dahlias, vase of three blooms, any other variety, e.g. Waterlily, Collarette
272	Dahlias, an exhibit of mixed Dahlias any cultivars, number of blooms optional.	Dahlias, an exhibit of mixed Dahlias any cultivars, number of blooms optional.
273	Cut Flowers - Annuals, a collection of 2 kinds in separate containers	Cut Flowers - Annuals, a collection of 2 kinds in separate containers, not more than 5 stems in each container.
274	Cut Flowers - Annuals, a mixed collection not more than 5 kinds.	Cut Flowers - Annuals, a mixed collection not more than 5 kinds.
275	Cut Flowers - Herbaceous Perennials, a mixed vase, not more than 5 kinds	Cut Flowers - Herbaceous Perennials, a mixed vase, not more than 5 kinds
276	A Display of Cut Flowers - A vase of up to 16 stems in shades of pink and white.	A Display of Cut Flowers - A vase of up to 16 stems in shades of pink and white.
277	Roses, 3 specimen blooms, one or more varieties.	Roses, 3 specimen blooms, one or more varieties.
278	Roses, 1 specimen bloom in container.	Roses, 1 specimen bloom in container.
279	Roses, cluster, 3 sprays, Floribunda or Polyanthus.	Roses, cluster, 3 sprays, Floribunda or Polyanthus.
280	Roses, any size bowl of roses, of any kind	Roses, any size bowl of roses, of any kind

281	Roses, 1 stem. To be judged on fragrance. (Variety to be named). To be judged by the public.	Roses, 1 stem. To be judged on fragrance. (Variety to be named). To be judged by the public.
282	Gladioli, large flowering, 3 spikes in vase.	Gladioli, large flowering, 3 spikes in vase.
283	Gladioli, single spike in vase, any type or variety.	Gladioli, single spike in vase, any type or variety.
284	3 Antirrhinums or 3 African Marigolds or 3 Rudbeckia	3 Antirrhinums or 3 African Marigolds or 3 Rudbeckia
285	Sunflower Head, displayed in a vase or flat on table.	Sunflower Head, displayed in a vase or flat on table.
286	Marigolds, French, 5 blooms in vase.	Marigolds, French, 5 blooms in vase.
287	Asters, 5 blooms in vase.	Asters, 5 blooms in vase.
288	Zinnias, 4 blooms in vase.	Zinnias, 4 blooms in vase.
289	Sweet Peas, 'Annual' container of 7 stems of one or more varieties.	Sweet Peas, 'Annual' container of 7 stems of one or more varieties.
290	Sweet Peas, 3 stems. To be judged on fragrance. To be judged by the public.	Sweet Peas, 3 stems. To be judged on fragrance. To be judged by the public.
291	Lavender - 5 stems	Lavender - 5 stems
292	Penstemons - 3 stems	Penstemons - 3 stems
293	Clematis, any variety: 1 bloom.	Clematis, any variety: 1 bloom.
294	My favourite flower in my garden, a single stem or spray.	My favourite flower in my garden, a single stem or spray.
295	Chrysanthemums, 1 single specimen or spray.	Chrysanthemums, 1 single specimen or spray.
296	Floating flower head/heads displayed in shallow container not exceeding 30cms.	Floating flower head/heads displayed in shallow container not exceeding 30cms.
297	1 'Mop Head' of Hydrangea.	1 'Mop Head' of Hydrangea.
298	1 'Lace Cap' of Hydrangea.	1 'Lace Cap' of Hydrangea.
299	Hydrangea, 3 stems of 1 variety or more	Hydrangea, 3 stems of 1 variety or more
300	A Vase of Ornamental Grasses	A Vase of Ornamental Grasses
301	1 Stem Tree/Shrub, foliage.	1 Stem Tree/Shrub, foliage.
302	1 Stem Tree/Shrub, flowering.	1 Stem Tree/Shrub, flowering.
303	1 Stem Tree/Shrub berried	1 Stem Tree/Shrub berried
304	Vase of Flowers, not more than 5 blooms/stems and 2 Vegetables of same type.	Vase of Flowers, not more than 5 blooms/stems and 2 Vegetables of same type. No garnish to be used.
305	A container of growing, flowering or foliage plants.	A container of growing, flowering or foliage plants.
306	Jug containing dried flowers, minimum 2 varieties. Can include corn.	Jug containing dried flowers, minimum 2 varieties. Can include corn.
307	Perfect for Pollinators, minimum of 3 different varieties	Perfect for Pollinators, minimum of 3 different varieties of flowers.

	of flowers.	
308	Top Vase Competition	Top Vase Class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants; two varieties of the same plants are NOT two kinds. Only one entry per exhibitor please. · Only fresh, HOME-GROWN flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed. · The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 marks for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes. · Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only. No seed heads or berries will be allowed. · The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself. · No accessories whatsoever - such as bows and additional foliage - will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. · The Winner of the Top Vase class will receive £10, 2nd £7.50 and 3rd £5 in vouchers from Washingpool Farm Shop. NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES · Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant. · The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. Eg. Pinks, carnations and sweet William, which are all dianthus - would not be classed as different kinds. · Only fresh, home-grown flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed. · A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point. · The Washingpool Top Vase class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows. · Judges should note that the display has to be viewed all round. · The Points awarded should be clearly marked by judges on exhibitors' cards. · Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by, the Show officials. · Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.
HT1	The Palmer Perpetural Challenge Bowl	THE PALMER SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL presented by Messrs. J C & R H Palmer, Bridport to be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Floral Classes.

Fruit

Ring: Horticulture Marquee

Judges

Ms Lesley Tuthill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
309	Dessert Apples, dish of 5, with stalks, of one kind to be named.	Dessert Apples, dish of 5, with stalks, of one kind to be named.
310	Culinary Apples, dish of 4, with stalks, of one kind to be named.	Culinary Apples, dish of 4, with stalks, of one kind to be named.
311	Dessert Pears, dish of 5, with stalks, of one kind to be named.	Dessert Pears, dish of 5, with stalks, of one kind to be named.
312	Dish of any other Fruit.	Dish of any other Fruit.
313	Two distinct kinds of Fruit exhibited in a single dish. e.g. gooseberries and currants.	Two distinct kinds of Fruit exhibited in a single dish. e.g. gooseberries and currants.
314	Rhubarb, 3 sticks.	Rhubarb, 3 sticks.

Vegetables

Ring: Horticulture Marquee

Judges

Mr Cyril Whitlock (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
315	A growing Capsicum, Pepper or Chilli	A growing Capsicum, Pepper or Chilli
316	Chillis, 5 or Peppers, 2 (to be displayed on a plate)	Chillis, 5 or Peppers, 2 (to be displayed on a plate)
317	Potatoes, collection of 2 named varieties, 4 of each.	Potatoes, collection of 2 named varieties, 4 of each.
318	Potatoes, 4 white.	Potatoes, 4 white.
319	Potatoes, 4 coloured.	Potatoes, 4 coloured.
320	Cabbage, 1 head with 75mm of stalk.	Cabbage, 1 head with 75mm of stalk.
321	Spinach or Chard, 5 stems (displayed in a vase)	Spinach or Chard, 5 stems (displayed in a vase)
322	Carrots, 3 long pointed, foliage trimmed to 75mm.	Carrots, 3 long pointed, foliage trimmed to 75mm.
323	Carrots, 3 stump rooted, foliage trimmed to 75mm.	Carrots, 3 stump rooted, foliage trimmed to 75mm.
324	Parsnips, 2.	Parsnips, 2.
325	Pair of Lettuces, displayed with root in water.	Pair of Lettuces, displayed with root in water.
326	Onions, 3 exhibition.	Onions, 3 exhibition.
327	Onions, 3 over 250g, excluding exhibition.	Onions, 3 over 250g, excluding exhibition.
328	Onions, 5 250g or less.	Onions, 5 250g or less.
329	Onion, 1 the heaviest.	Onion, 1 the heaviest.
330	Collections of Onions	Collection of Onions, 1 over 250g, 1 249g and under and 1 shallot.
331	Beans, 6 runners.	Beans, 6 runners.
332	Beans, 1 the longest runner.	Beans, 1 the longest runner.
333	Beans, 6 French, dwarf or climbing.	Beans, 6 French, dwarf or climbing.
334	Peas, 6 pods, (to be displayed flat on table),	Peas, 6 pods, (to be displayed flat on table),
335	Marrows, pair on table not exceeding 380mm in length or 500mm circumference for round cultivars.	Marrows, pair on table not exceeding 380mm in length or 500mm circumference for round cultivars.
336	Marrow, any kind, to be grown outside. To be judged on weight.	Marrow, any kind, to be grown outside. To be judged on weight.

337	Courgettes, 2 not less than 100mm or greater than 200mm.	Courgettes, 2 not less than 100mm or greater than 200mm. Round cultivars should be approx. 75mm in diameter
338	Cucumbers, pair of, staging board allowed.	Cucumbers, pair of, staging board allowed.
339	Tomatoes, medium, 5 fruits shown with calyx.	Tomatoes, medium, 5 fruits shown with calyx.
340	Tomatoes, yellow, plum or other, 5 fruits shown with calyx, to be displayed on a dish of sand.	Tomatoes, yellow, plum or other, 5 fruits shown with calyx, to be displayed on a dish of sand. Sand can be provided by Society when staging.
341	Tomatoes, cherry type, 9 fruits to be displayed on a dish of sand, under 35mm.	Tomatoes, cherry type, 9 fruits to be displayed on a dish of sand, under 35mm. Sand can be provided by Society when staging.
342	One Beefsteak Tomato displayed with one Cherry or Plum Tomato. To be judged on quality and taste.	One Beefsteak Tomato displayed with one Cherry or Plum Tomato. To be judged on quality and taste.
343	Shallots, 8 large.	Shallots, 8 large.
344	Shallots, 8 pickling, to pass through 30mm ring.	Shallots, 8 pickling, to pass through 30mm ring.
345	Shallots, cluster as grown, fully exposed, no container	Shallots, cluster as grown, fully exposed, no container
346	Beetroot, 2, long.	Beetroot, 2, long.
347	Beetroot, 3 globe, any colours e.g. white, yellow, red.	Beetroot, 3 globe, any colours e.g. white, yellow, red.
348	Pumpkin, 1, to be grown outside. To be judged on weight.	Pumpkin, 1, to be grown outside. To be judged on weight.
349	Garlic, 3 Bulbs	Garlic, 3 Bulbs
350	Leeks, 2 (tops tied, not trimmed).	Leeks, 2 (tops tied, not trimmed).
351	Radish, 6 any variety, foliage trimmed to 25mm	Radish, 6 any variety, foliage trimmed to 25mm
352	Two pairs of different coloured vegetables.	Two pairs of different coloured vegetables. (e.g. an orange and a purple carrot displayed with a red and a yellow pepper).
353	Most wonky or mis-shaped fruit or vegetable	Most wonky or mis-shaped fruit or vegetable
354	One unusual vegetable variety, excluding marrows to be judged for size and quality.	One unusual vegetable variety, excluding marrows to be judged for size and quality. Please state size on entry form. To be named.
355	Family Choice, a trug / basket containing vegetables, salad and/or fruits for a family of 4.	Family Choice, a trug / basket containing vegetables, salad and/or fruits for a family of 4, staged for effect and judged for culinary quality.
356	2 of any other vegetable or variety of vegetable not mentioned in Schedule.	2 of any other vegetable or variety of vegetable not mentioned in Schedule, (eg. sweetcorn cobs, cauliflower, celery, custard marrows, spaghetti marrows etc.)

357	Collection of salad vegetables, 3 kinds, 3 of each.	Collection of salad vegetables, 3 kinds, 3 of each. Only two entries per exhibitor please.
358	Collection of any of the following: cut flowers, fruits, herbs, pot plants, vegetables.	Collection of any of the following: cut flowers, fruits, herbs, pot plants, vegetables. To be displayed within a space of 600 x 750 mm. Containers optional (trug, basket etc.). To be judged on quality and presentation. Only two entries per exhibitor please. This Class is open to all - Individuals, Horticultural Societies and Clubs.
359	Collection of vegetables, 5 distinct kinds of the same number as in individual classes	Collection of vegetables, 5 distinct kinds of the same number as in individual classes, any other vegetables not mentioned in individual classes, 3 of a kind. Exhibit to be shown in a space 912mm x 608mm. Only two entries per exhibitor please. Points will be awarded in addition for presentation. Double points will be awarded in this class.
360	Top Tray Competition	The Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables from the following list of ten. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets and each type must consist of the same variety: CARROTS (3), CAULIFLOWERS (2), ONIONS (3), PARSNIPS (2), PEAS (6 PODS), POTATOES (3) RUNNER BEANS (6 PODS), TOMATOES (6), FRENCH BEANS (6), COURGETTES (3). Only one entry per exhibitor please. Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections as follows: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark therefore will be out of a total of 60. · All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45cm x 60cm (18 x 24) without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit should exceed the size of the tray. · A tray or board measuring 45cm x 60cm (18 x 24) can be used to display the vegetables or the area can simply marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 45cm x 60cm (18 x 24). NO BACKBOARD TO BE USED. · A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage, or accessories such as plates, sand or rings will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string. · The Winner of the Top Tray class will receive £10, 2nd £7.50, 3rd £5 in vouchers from Washingpool Farm Shop. NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES · Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3). · Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached. · Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case). · Judges may handle exhibits, open pods and so on to check for quality. · The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way - such as cutting holes for standing onions in. · Judges should use their discretion when judging Top Tray class, remembering that entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors. · The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards. · Queries that arise, regarding anything other than these rules, should be referred to, and decided by the Show Officials. · Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.

Herbs

Ring: Horticulture Marquee

Judges

Mr Mark Read (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
361	Parsley, 6 stems in water.	Parsley, 6 stems in water.
362	4 kinds of culinary herbs, two stems of each in water, (excluding parsley) herbs to be named.	4 kinds of culinary herbs, two stems of each in water, (excluding parsley) herbs to be named.
363	A collection of not more than 4 culinary herbs growing in separate pots, herbs to be named.	A collection of not more than 4 culinary herbs growing in separate pots, herbs to be named.
364	A Dish of Edible Flowers, e.g. Nasturtium, Borage, Pot Marigold etc.	A Dish of Edible Flowers, e.g. Nasturtium, Borage, Pot Marigold etc. To be judged on presentation, colour and freshness.
365	Vase of mixed herbs, maximum 6 stems.	Vase of mixed herbs, maximum 6 stems.

Novice Horticulture classes

Open to newcomers and exhibitors who have not won two firsts at the Melplash Show (Horticultural Section) excluding Children's Classes.

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Judges

Number	Name	Description
366	Pot Plant, 1 foliage or flowering. (Novice Class)	Pot Plant, 1 foliage or flowering. (Novice Class)
367	My favourite flower in my garden, single stem or spray. (Novice Class)	My favourite flower in my garden, single stem or spray. (Novice Class)
368	Cut flowers, a mixed vase of 3 stems or sprays. (Novice Class)	Cut flowers, a mixed vase of 3 stems or sprays. (Novice Class)
369	Vase of 3 blooms, of the same type (eg. Dahlias, Roses, Gladioli, Chrysanthemums). (Novice Class)	Vase of 3 blooms, of the same type (eg. Dahlias, Roses, Gladioli, Chrysanthemums). (Novice Class)
370	Courgettes, 2 not less than 100mm or greater than 200mm. (Novice Class)	Courgettes, 2 not less than 100mm or greater than 200mm. (Novice Class)
371	Runner Beans, 3 or Peas, 6. Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached. Novice Class	Runner Beans, 3 or Peas, 6. Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached. (Novice Class)
372	Beetroot 3 or Carrots 3, foliage trimmed to 75mm. (Novice Class)	Beetroot 3 or Carrots 3, foliage trimmed to 75mm. (Novice Class)
373	Tomatoes, 3 medium or 6 'cherry type'. To be displayed on a plate of sand and shown with calyx	Tomatoes, 3 medium or 6 'cherry type'. To be displayed on a plate of sand and shown with calyx(Novice Class)
374	Biggest and Smallest, opposite pair of the same vegetable. (Novice Class)	Biggest and Smallest, opposite pair of the same vegetable. e.g. pair of ripe tomatoes, pair of runner beans (Novice Class)
375	Dish of Fruit (Novice Class)	Dish of Fruit (Novice Class)

Fruit and Vegetables

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Judges

Number	Name	Description
HT2	The Bailey Silver Perpetual Challenge Bowl	THE BAILEY SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL presented by E Bailey & Son (Beaminster) Ltd. To be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Fruit and Vegetable classes.

Herbs

Herbs
Ring: Horticulture Marquee

Judges

Number	Name	Description
HT20	The Bob Ayers Trophy for most points in the Herb classes.	The Bob Ayers Trophy presented by Mrs Jean Ayers for the exhibitor with most points in the Herb classes.