



NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY

North West Region Show

31 July to 2 August 2026

HELD AT

Chorley Flower Show
Astley Park, Chorley

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Exhibitor

Welcome to the National Sweet Pea Society's ninth North West Region Show held at Chorley Flower Show. At our last show we had 21 exhibitors showing 118 entries which created a wonderful spectacle. The decorative classes proved very popular and were well received by the public. We also received a GOLD Award for our stand and information bureau which attracted a lot of visitors.

I was pleased to see a high proportion of Novice exhibitors who have now graduated and we would like to welcome a new batch this year. We have continued with the range of graded sections to encourage exhibits from members with different growing capacities. Juniors may enter if they have a relative who is a paid up member of the society. With your support we are hoping to increase the number of entries in 2026.

Chorley Flower Show is an exhibitor friendly show with good parking, lighting and staging facilities. Refreshment facilities are provided during staging and throughout the show for exhibitors and helpers.

The show has a true horticultural focus with a very high standard of trade and amateur exhibits. It is one of the top North West attractions and a must visit show.

Please join us and help to make it a fantastic spectacle. If you have any queries or feel that I can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope to see you all at the show.

Carole Tate

ENTRY DEADLINE AND STAGING TIMES

Entries will need to be with the Show Manager by **5pm Tuesday 28th July 2026**.

Late entries can be accepted at the Show Managers discretion. Staging will take place from 4pm to 10.30pm on Thursday and 5.30am to 9am on Friday. Exhibitors wishing to stage during the night please contact the show manager. Judging will take place Friday morning between 9am and 10am.

DIVISION I

Open to all members - Not more than 15 stems in each vase (see regulation 4)

CLASS 1 - SIX VASES DISTINCT

1st £60 and Silver Card	2nd £40 and Bronze Card	3rd £20
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CLASS 2 - THREE VASES DISTINCT

1st £30 and Bronze Card	2nd £20	3rd £10
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CLASS 3 - TWO VASES

Two distinct cultivars in each vase. Four cultivars in total. To be judged for quality and effect.

1st £20	2nd £12	3rd £8
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SINGLE VASE CLASSES

CLASS 4

One vase, any one cultivar from any classification. Exhibitors may make more than one entry(of a different cultivar) in this class.

1st £10	2nd £6	3rd £4
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CLASS 5

One vase, mixed cultivars (not less than three distinct cultivars).

1st £10	2nd £6	3rd £4
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CLASS 6 - MIXED BOWL

A bowl of not more than 24 stems of sweet peas, and not less than two cultivars, with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20	2nd £12	3rd £8
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DIVISION II

Open only to members who grow not more than 400 cordon plants (see regulation 4) Not more than 12 stems in each vase.

CLASS 21 - SIX VASES DISTINCT

1st £50 and Silver Card	2nd £30 and Bronze Card	3rd £15
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CLASS 22 - THREE VASES DISTINCT

1st £24 and Bronze Card 2nd £16 3rd £8

CLASS 23 - TWO VASES

Two distinct cultivars in each vase. Four cultivars in total. To be judged for quality and effect.

1st £16 2nd £10 3rd £6

SINGLE VASE CLASSES

CLASS 24

One vase, any one cultivar from any classification. Exhibitors may make more than one entry (of a different cultivar) in this classification.

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 25

One vase, mixed cultivars (not less than three distinct cultivars)

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 26 - MIXED BOWL

A bowl of not more than 24 stems of sweet peas, and not less than two cultivars, with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

DIVISION III

Open only to members who grow not more than 200 cordon plants (see regulation 4)
Not more than 9 stems in each vase.

CLASS 31 - THREE VASES DISTINCT

1st £20 and Bronze Card 2nd £12 3rd £8

SINGLE VASE CLASSES

CLASS 32

One vase, any one cultivar from any classification. Exhibitors may make more than one entry (of a different cultivar) in this class.

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 33

One vase, mixed cultivars (not less than three distinct cultivars)

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 34 - MIXED BOWL

A bowl of not more than 24 stems of sweet peas, and not less than two cultivars, with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

DIVISION IV

Open only to members who grow not more than 100 cordon plants (see regulation 4)
Not more than 7 stems in each.

CLASS 41 - THREE VASES DISTINCT

1st £20 and Bronze card 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS 42

One vase, any one cultivar from any classification Exhibitors may make more than one entry (of a different cultivar) in this class.

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 43 - ONE VASE MIXED CULTIVAR

Not less than 3 distinctive cultivars

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

NB Division VI & V competitors can also enter the single vase classes in Division II & III

CLASS 44 - MIXED BOWL

A bowl of not more than 20 stems of sweet peas, and not less than two cultivars, with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £16 2nd £10 3rd £6

DIVISION V

Open only to members who grow not more than 50 cordon plants (see regulation 4)
Not more than 5 stems in each.

CLASS 51 - TWO VASES DISTINCT

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4



CLASS 52 - ONE VASE OF ANY ONE CULTIVAR

1st £6 2nd £4 3rd £2

CLASS 53 - ONE VASE MIXED CULTIVAR

Not less than 2 distinctive cultivars

1st £6 2nd £4 3rd £2

DIVISION VI

Non cordon grown plants only.

CLASS 61 - MIXED BOWL

A bowl of Old Fashioned/grandiflora/semi-grandiflora sweet peas with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl/saucer will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS 62 - ONE VASE OF 9 STEMS of one cultivar old fashioned

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 63 - ONE VASE OF 9 STEMS of one cultivar modern grandiflora/semi-grandiflora

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS 64 - A BOWL OF SHIFTERS with any foliage

To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS 65 - A BOWL OF LATHYRUS SPECIES (annual other than odoratus) with own foliage

To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS 66 - A BOWL OF LATHYRUS SPECIES (perennial) with own foliage

To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect (see regulations 12 - 17). A bowl will be provided. Space allowed 2' x 2'.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS 67 - ANY LATHYRUS, INCLUDING ODORATUS GROWN IN A POT

Maximum internal diameter 10 inches.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

DECORATIVE CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

CLASS A

Tea for two, an exhibit in any container/s of your choice. Any number of stems and any flowers or foliage permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect. A base and accessories may be used. Space allowed 2'6" x 2'6" and not to exceed 2'6" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS B

A table arrangement in any container, suitable for a birthday, any flowers and foliage permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. To be viewed from the front and judged for quality and decorative effect. Base and accessories allowed. Space allowed 2'6" x 2'6" and not to exceed 2'6" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS C

A dinner table arrangement in any container of your choice, candles may be included. Any number of stems and any flowers or foliage permitted but sweet peas to predominate. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect. Space allowed 2'6" x 2'6" and not to exceed 2'6" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS D

An arrangement to incorporate a piece of drift or fallen wood. Any flowers or foliage permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. To be viewed from the front only and judged for quality and decorative effect. A base may be used but no accessories are allowed. Space allowed 2'6" x 2'6" and not to exceed 2'6" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS E

An arrangement using only 7 stems of sweet peas in any container of your choice. Any foliage and natural material eg twigs/ grasses may be used but no other flowers are allowed. No base or accessories allowed. To be viewed from the front and judged for quality and decorative effect. Space allowed 2'6" x 2'6" and not to exceed 2'6" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS F

A Petite exhibit, in any container of your choice. Any number of stems and any flowers, foliage and grasses permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect. A base and accessories may be used. Space allowed 9" x 9" and not to exceed 9" high.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8



CLASS G

A Gentleman's buttonhole, any flowers, foliage and grasses permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. Judged for quality and decorative effect.

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

CLASS H

A Lady's corsage, any flowers, foliage and grasses permitted but Lathyrus to predominate. Accessories permitted. Judged for quality and decorative effect.

1st £10 2nd £6 3rd £4

SPECIAL CLASS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

CLASS J

One vase of sweet peas. Any number of stems and any foliage. A NSPS 2 inch vase must be used and no staging material. To be judged by the public on the first day of show only.

1st £20 2nd £12 3rd £8

CLASS K

One single bloom. Spencers only (sponsored)

1st £25 2nd £20 3rd £15 4th £10 5th £5

JUNIOR AND NOVICE COMPETITION

Juniors and novices may enter any of the classes. A special prize will be awarded to the best exhibit by a junior and by a novice even if it has not won a prize. Please ensure entry form is annotated.

TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

There will be a special gift prize awarded to:-

the best vase in each Division I – V

best exhibit Division VI

best decorative exhibit-Classes A to H plus classes 6,26,34, & 44

best junior exhibit

best novice exhibit

It is also anticipated there will be a number of sponsored gifts to selected class winners.

REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Entries will only be accepted from members who have paid their subscriptions prior to judging. Juniors may enter if they have a relative who is a paid up member. A novice is an exhibitor who has never entered a National Sweet Pea Society show

ELIGIBILITY

2. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in any class
3. Two or more persons using the same garden may not enter separately in the same class (except class 67 grown in a pot) Two or more persons growing in separate gardens may not combine for a single entry in any class

4. All sweet peas exhibited should be Spencer cultivars unless otherwise specified (i.e. classes for Lathyrus, Species(non odoratus) or Old Fashioned) and must be grown by the exhibitor. Lathyrus incorporates any one, or any combination of odoratus, spencer, old fashioned, modern grandiflora, semi grandiflora, perennials and other lathyrus species. Perennials are classed as species
5. Entries for competition must be received by 5pm on Tuesday before the show. Late entries can be accepted at the Show Managers discretion

FEES

6. There will be no entry fees
7. All withdrawals to be notified to the Show Secretary/Manager
8. The perpetual trophies must be returned as directed by the Secretary before the following years show. All perpetual trophies remain the property of the Society
9. Class cards corresponding to the entries will be given to the exhibitors at the show before judging commences on application to the Show Manager
10. Exhibitors will be responsible for the proper placing of cards on their exhibits and completion of audit cards
11. All of the sweet peas should be legibly named on white cards, which will be supplied by the Show Manager

FOLIAGE, WIRING & WATER RETAINING MATERIAL

12. The use of wire or other support attached to the flower or spikes will disqualify. Exhibiting spikes with haulm attached (other than Lathyrus species) will also disqualify. Staging material used to facilitate arrangements in the bowl/saucer classes may appear above the rim of the bowl /saucer unless otherwise stated
13. Sweet pea foliage only is allowed unless otherwise specified
14. Flowers and foliage must not be dyed
15. Foliage, sweet pea or otherwise, must not include flowers, flower buds or seed heads unless otherwise specified. Where grass is allowed, grass seed heads are permitted
16. In all classes stems must be in water or water retaining material. This includes all decorative classes except class G and class H
17. The use of oasis is not recommended. Eco friendly materials are preferred. The medium used must allow water to penetrate easily to the stems

VASES & STAGING

18. All sweet peas in the vase classes must be shown in the vases provided by the society
19. All competitive entries must be staged ready for the judges by the times shown
20. No exhibits to be removed until after the close of the show. The Show Manager will collect prize cards
21. In the multi-vase classes, judges will give due consideration to colour range. Two or more vases included in such an exhibit that are closely similar will be down pointed. "Distinct" means recognisably different colours
22. Liability for loss: all exhibits, personal property etc shall be at the risk of the exhibitor and the society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any other cause whatsoever. Should the show, for any cause, not be held, no exhibitor shall have any claim on the society
23. The judges are empowered to withhold prizes where the exhibits are considered to be of insufficient merit. The decision of the judges will be final, except in cases when, after an award is made, the exhibit is found not to be in accordance with the requirements of the schedule. All matters of protest, disqualifications etc must be judged with the Secretary or Show Manager not later than 1.30pm on the first day of the show
24. All matters not provided for in these regulations will be referred to the Show Manager whose judgement, after consultation, will be final

Prize money will be sent to winning exhibitors after the show together with prize cards
Members of the Society will be available throughout staging time to give any help needed.

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