



Sioe Frenhinol Cymru Royal Welsh Show

20 - 23 July 2026

Schedule classification will remain for 2026 and 2027 (rules and regulations subject to change)

Patron: His Majesty King Charles III

President: Mr Gethin W T Havard, FRAgS

Horticulture Schedule

Garddle Marquee -
Horticulture Village

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ONLINE**

Entries Close:
24th June 2026

Closing date – Wednesday 24 June 2026

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Dear Exhibitor

The Horticulture Village will continue to celebrate all aspects of horticulture in Wales – from community to commercial growing, competitive showing and displays; alongside promoting the health and social benefits of gardening. The ethos is to ‘inspire, educate and collaborate.’ And it will create an opportunity to collaborate through inclusive social spaces, meeting areas and demonstration stages.

The competitive element will be housed in the same location as last year which can be accessed internally or via the external pathways. The Garddle (general competitions, children's activities, trade stands) area will continue to flow into the Eisteddfodau (Floral Art, workshop and trade stand) area.

Entries will be made via the online entry system which is convenient and easy to use without the additional work and cost with postage and a secure way to pay. We will continue with the option of doing this via the traditional postal entry system for those who do not have suitable connectivity (please get in touch for further information).

Please note the additional information below.

Good luck with your competition entries and thank you for your support and interest.

Additional information:-

- ◆ The Garddle Marquee will be open for the reception of exhibits from 2.00pm on Sunday 19 July until 9.00pm (any later than this will be subject to prior agreement with, and at the Chief Steward's discretion only) and additionally from 6.00am until 7.00am on Monday 20 July for 2026.
- ◆ Exhibitors are allowed to enter **two exhibits** in every class.
- ◆ In order to encourage and improve participation in the general competitive Horticulture Section, (**excluding the Junior Section**), the Society had agreed to provide one admission ticket (any day) per exhibitor for a two year experimental period only. 2026 will be the second year of this trial. The results of this will be keenly recorded and monitored. Admission tickets will only be allocated by the Chief Steward on presentation of the entries on the Sunday or Monday morning.
- ◆ Floral Art Schedule is available separately.
- ◆ Presentation of Awards (which will take place in the relevant section area)
 - Floral Art and Horticulture Amateur Sections - Monday 20 July 1.30pm
 - Junior Section, Children's Wheelbarrow Competition - Thursday 23 July 11.00am
 - and the Feature County School Gardening Competition

Please note that in 2026 and future, the Society would prefer the use of biodegradable/ alternative sustainable mediums rather than foam/oasis in any class within the Amateur Section.

The Horticulture Committee reserves the right to alter or amend any of the classes.

OFFICIALS

Honorary Show Director

Richard Price

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Adam Jones

Head of Administration

Caron W Evans

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Richard Evans

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Lewis Morgan

Stewards

(To be confirmed)

Judges

Rose Championship of Wales

Ivor Clark, Gloucestershire

Pot Plants & Cactus and Succulent & Fuchsia and Pelargonium

Gareth Roberts, Conwy

Dahlia, Carnation, Gladioli, Lily and Top Vase,

Robin Pearce, Worcester

National Sweet Pea Championship of Wales

Mr & Mrs Jim and Mary McDonald, Hampshire

Vegetable and Soft Fruit

Arwyn Edwards, Carmarthenshire

Hanging Basket, Window Box, Patio Container

Andrew Robinson, Monmouthshire

Junior Section

Sioned Edwards, S4C 'Garddio a Mwy'

Please note

- ◆ Judging time – 7.30am Monday 20 July 2026
- ◆ No entries accepted after the closing date. All entry fees are inclusive of VAT.
- ◆ Exhibitors are only allowed to enter the classes they have indicated on their entry form. Only officially produced class cards are allowed.

GARDdle MARQUEE OPEN:

Monday 10.00am – 7.00pm

Tuesday 9.00am – 7.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am – 7.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm

ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP OF WALES

Judging under The Rose Society UK rules

Boxes, Bowls, Vases, Baskets and Picture Frames will be provided by the Society.
When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering.

DEFINITIONS

Blooms of miniflora are larger than miniature Roses but smaller than H.T. Roses
Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-
Mr Gareth Davies

- ***SPECIAL 1:** Championship Rose Bowl presented by Mrs Wynne-Finch (Voelas) to be awarded for the best exhibit in the Rose Section.
- ***SPECIAL 2:** Tom Welch Trophy to be awarded for the best exhibit of Large Flowered Roses.
- ***SPECIAL 3:** The Cefn Parc Perpetual Trophy to be awarded for the best exhibit of Cluster Flowered Roses.
- SPECIAL 4:** The Rose Society UK Bronze Medal to be awarded for the best bloom in the Rose Section.

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes	1	2	3
1. One stem of Cluster Flowered (Floribunda) Rose, any cultivar(s)	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	
2. Bowl of Cluster Flowered Roses not more than nine stems, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00	
3. Vase of five stems of Cluster Flowered (Floribunda) Roses, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	
4. Bowl of Large Flowered (H.T.) Roses not more than nine stems, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00	
5. Vase of five stems of Large Flowered (H.T.) Roses, any cultivar(s)	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	
6. HT Rose exhibited in a picture frame. Additional same cultivar foliage may be added.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	
7. Vase of not more than 5 stems of Miniature Roses (Cluster Flowered type), any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	
8. Bowl of not more than 9 stems of miniature Roses, (H.T. type), one bloom per stem, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00	

9.	Box of six blooms of miniature Roses (H.T.type) any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
10.	Bowl of not more than 9 stems of Miniflora Roses, one bloom per stem, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
11.	Miniflora Rose (HT type) exhibited in a picture frame. Additional same cultivar foliage may be added.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
12.	Beginners Class – any variety of Rose, 3 stems in a vase.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

FUCHSIA SECTION

NOTE: Triphylla accepted only in class 17

DEFINITIONS

Half standard – clear stem not less than 45 cm and not more than 75 cm.
 Quarter standard – clear stem not less than 25 cm and not more than 45 cm.
 Mini Standard – clear stem not less than 15 cm and not more than 25 cm.

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-
Mr Gareth Davies

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes		
		1	2	3
13. One pot of a single or semi-double cultivar, pot not exceeding 15cm.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
14. One mini standard, pot not exceeding 13cm.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
15. 3 pots of single, semi-double or double cultivar, pots not exceeding 15cm.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
16. A hanging pot of a single, semi-double or double cultivar, pot not exceeding 25cm.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
17. One pot of Triphylla Type, pot not exceeding 20cm.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
18. Beginners Class – any variety of Fuchsia, any size pot	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

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DAHLIA SECTION

NOTE: When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering.

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-

Miss Dee Rees

Messrs R & L Evans and William Evans

SPECIAL 5: The National Dahlia Society's Silver Plated Medal will be awarded to the 1st prize winner in Class 24.

SPECIAL 6: The National Dahlia Society's Bronze Medal will be awarded to a winner at the Judge's discretion.

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes 1	2	3
19. THREE DAHLIAS - of the same size Medium, small or miniature. Cactus or semi. Any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
20. THREE DAHLIAS – of the same size Medium, small or miniature decs or ball. Any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
21. POMS DAHLIAS Vase of five 55mm or Vase of three 83mm. Any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
22. THREE DAHLIAS of the same kind WATERLILIES OR FIMBRIATED. Any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
23. DAHLIAS COLLARETTE AND/OR STAR Nine in a basket.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
24. THREE VASE CLASS - Any 3 vases out of Class 19 – 23. (Collarette and/or Star can be included but must be 3 in a vase).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
25. DAHLIAS – A collection of 4 different Dahlia varieties – 1 bloom per vase.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
26. Beginners Class – Vase of any 3 stems Any cultivar of Dahlia	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

Vases/Baskets will be provided.

CARNATION SECTION

NOTE: When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering. Vases will be provided.

Class	Entry Fees	Prizes		
		1	2	3
27. 5 blooms of any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
28. 3 blooms of self, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
29. Single bloom of any cultivar	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

GLADIOLI SECTION

NOTE: When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering. Vases will be provided.

Class	Entry Fees	Prizes		
		1	2	3
30. Vase of one single spike, any cultivar.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
31. Vase of 3 spikes, any cultivar(s).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

LILY SECTION

NOTE: When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering. Vases will be provided.

Class	Entry Fees	Prizes		
		1	2	3
32. Vase of three stems, any cultivar.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

THE ROYAL WELSH TOP VASE CLASS

NOTE: When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering. Vases will be provided.

Class	Entry Fees	Prizes		
		1	2	3
33. "THE ROYAL WELSH TOP VASE" A vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. PLEASE REFER TO FURTHER RULES AT THE BACK OF THE SCHEDULE.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

POT PLANT & PELARGONIUM SECTION

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-
Mr Dilwyn Thomas

Class	Entry Fees	Prizes 1	2	3
34. POT PLANT Flowering, (excl. Fuchsia, Pelargonium and Streptocarpus). Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
35. POT PLANT Foliage, (excl. Fuchsia and Pelargonium). Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
36. ONE CACTUS Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
37. ONE SUCCULENT Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
38. ONE STREPTOCARPUS Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
39. One pelargonium plant zonal. Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
40. One pot of any cultivar Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
41. Miniature Houseplant Display Up to 3 small plants (max pot size 10cm) staged together for effect.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
42. Most Unusual or Rare Houseplant (eg. variegated, trailing, unusual foliage plant). Any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
43. Pelargonium – Scented Leaf Judged for foliage quality, scent and overall effect. Any size pot	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
44. Beginners Class – Any Pot Plant, any size pot.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

NATIONAL SWEET PEA CHAMPIONSHIP OF WALES

Judging under National Sweet Pea Society Rules.

NOTE: All Exhibits should be clean.

Stems of all cut flowers to be in water retaining material.

When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering.

Vases/Bowls will be provided, except in Classes 55 and 56

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-

English Sweet Peas

Jenny and Lewis Morgan

Allan and Eirwen Evans

**SPECIAL 7:* A Perpetual Challenge Cup kindly given by the late Mr A P Hughes will be awarded for the best vase in the Show.

**SPECIAL 8:* The Goodchild Perpetual Challenge Cup to be awarded to the winner in Class 45.

**SPECIAL 9:* A Perpetual Trophy presented by the late Mr Ron Bailey, Hereford, will be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 46.

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes		
		1	2	3
45. SIX VASES DISTINCT No more than 12 stems to be shown in each vase. (1 st prize winner will also receive NSPS Silver Medal Card and Bronze Medal).	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
46. THREE VASES DISTINCT Restricted to growers who grow no more than 250 plants. No more than 9 stems to be shown in each vase. (1 st prize winner will also receive NSPS Bronze Medal Card).	£2.00	£12.00	£10.00	£8.00
47. ONE MIXED VASE No more than 15 stems.	£2.00	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
48. MIXED BOWL A bowl of no more than 24 stems of Sweet Peas with any foliage. To be viewed from the front and judged for quality and decorative effect.	£2.00	£12.00	£10.00	£8.00
49. OPEN SINGLE VASE One vase of up to 9 stems, of any ONE cultivar from any Spencer classification.	£2.00	£5.00	£3.00	£2.00

50.	SINGLE STEM Best single stem in vase of Spencer cultivar, any colour.	£2.00	£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
51.	BEGINNERS CLASS ONE VASE OF MIXED SPENCER CULTIVARS – 12 STEMS. Open only to those who grow less than 100 Sweet Pea Plants and have never won a 1 st prize with Sweet Peas at this Show. (1 st Prize winner will also receive the NSPS Bronze Medal Card).	£2.00	£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
52.	SWEET PEA WELSH SPECIAL CLASS To include: - A bowl of Mixed Spencer Sweet Peas, 18 stems - A vase of Mixed Spencer Sweet Peas, 15 stems - A vase of Mixed Old Fashioned or Grandiflora Sweet Peas, 12 stems	£2.00	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
53.	MIXED BOWL OF OLD FASHIONED SWEET PEAS A bowl of not more than 24 stems of Sweet Peas with any foliage. To be viewed from all around and judged for quality and decorative effect.	£2.00	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
54.	ONE VASE OF SWEET PEAS - Any number of stems and foliage allowed - To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect - No staging material of any kind to be used in this class - a 2-inch vase will be supplied	£2.00	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
55.	AN ARRANGEMENT USING ONLY 7 STEMS OF SWEET PEAS - Any foliage and natural material (eg twigs, grasses) may be used, but no other flowers are allowed - Any container of your choice may be used - Bases and accessories are allowed - Space allowed – 61cm high x 61cm wide (2' x 2') - To be judged from the front only for quality and decorative effect	£2.00	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
56.	PETITE CLASS - An arrangement featuring any Lathyrus - Additional foliage and/or grasses are allowed - No additional flowers (eg gypsophila) are allowed - Maximum size:- 25.5cm in any direction (10") - Must be in own container	£2.00	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00

CUT FLOWER SECTION

When oasis (or alternative) is used in a vase, it should be left 5mm below the top of the vase to facilitate watering. **Vases will be provided.**

Vouchers worth £70 for this section kindly received from:-
Zoars Ark Garden Centre, Neath, 01639 642180

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes		
		1	2	3
57. One vase of annuals – single cultivar.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
58. One vase of mixed annuals.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
59. One vase of herbaceous perennials – single cultivar.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
60. One vase of mixed herbaceous perennials.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
61. Frontal display of cut flowers.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
62. One Vase of Hydrangeas 3 of any variety. To be judged for quality, colour and decorative effect.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

VEGETABLE SECTION

Judging under National Vegetable Society Rules.
Note: Plate Not Exceeding 25cm.

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-
Dr Fred Slater
Mrs Susan Sherwood
Mrs Pat Smith

SPECIAL 10: The NVS Silver Medal and Card awarded to the best in Section.
SPECIAL 11: The NVS Plaque awarded for the best exhibit in Class 64.
SPECIAL 12: The RWAS Rosette for the Reserve Best in Section.

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes		
		1	2	3
63. 6 Pods Peas.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
64. 5 Potatoes, White, any variety (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
65. 5 Potatoes, Coloured, any variety (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

66.	5 Tomatoes with Calyx attached (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
67.	5 Cherry Tomatoes with Calyx attached (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
68.	3 Carrots, other than long	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
69.	6 French Beans.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
70.	6 Broad Beans.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
71.	3 Onions, under 250g each. Any colour or variety	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
72.	9 Shallots, large (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
73.	9 Shallots, pickling (on a plate).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
74.	2 Cucumbers.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
75.	3 Beetroot – any variety.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
76.	3 Garlic Bulbs – any variety.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
77.	Any other Vegetable not listed (2 of each kind)	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
78.	Collection of 3 kinds of Vegetables (2 of each)	£2.00	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
79.	3 Vegetables grown Organically (to be named, certification not required but no artificial fertilisers or sprays to be used).	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
80.	A Basket of Allotment Produce (a mixture of vegetables and/or fruit displayed in a trug or basket, judged for variety, quality and presentation).	£2.00	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
81.	Herbs – 5 varieties to be named. Arranged for effect.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
82.	Salad Crops – A collection of 3 potted salad plants to be named and staged for effect.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
83.	Any Unusual or Novelty Vegetable To be named, 1 specimen (eg coloured carrots, striped tomatoes, cucamelons etc.)	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00
84.	Heaviest Marrow or Squash To be weighed on the day, any variety.	£2.00	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00

HANGING BASKET, WINDOW BOX AND PATIO CONTAINER SECTIONS

Support towards prize money for Class 94 & 95 kindly received from:-
Brian Davies, Red Dragon Mobility Scooters & Country Stores, Gowerton

Class	Entry Fee	Prizes		
		1	2	3
94. A MIXED HANGING BASKET Hanging basket suitably planted for outside display. A hook will be provided on a rail 2.1m above ground level, loop for hanging to be provided by exhibitor.	£2.50	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
95. A PATIO CONTAINER The container to be suitably planted for outside display	£2.50	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
96. WINDOW BOX DISPLAY Box not provided. Maximum measurements 90cm long, 23cm wide, 23cm deep. Exhibitors may plant directly into the box or insert ready planted containers into the box. Exhibit to be staged on shelf provided approx. 90cm above ground level.	£2.50	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
97. RECYCLED OR UNUSUAL CONTAINER A container planting using any recycled or unusual item (eg watering can, bucket, boots, tin bath etc). To be suitably planted for outside display. Judged for imagination as well as quality.	£2.50	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
98. THEMED CONTAINER A container display inspired by a theme (eg seaside, cottage garden, pollinator-friendly or colour scheme etc). To be staged in any container, maximum measurement 50cm wide. Judged for creativity, quality and decorative effect.	£2.50	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00

NOTE: Judge will award points for classes 94 to 98 as follows:

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| 1. | Quality – culture, condition | 30 points |
| 2. | Content – variety, novelty | 30 points |
| 3. | Display – use of colour and space | 20 points |
| 4. | Finish/presentation | 20 points |

Where one kind of plant material predominates “variety” shall refer to the number of cultivars.

COMMERCIAL CLASS

99. A Trade exhibit to cover an area of no more than 3m x 1.8m (10ft x 6ft).
Growers' choice. Staging will NOT be supplied. Judge to be confirmed.

JUNIOR SECTION

No entry fee • Prizes - 1st £5 2nd £3 3rd £2
Each class is open to individuals or school/college groups

Support towards prize money for this section kindly received from:-

Mr & Mrs Allan Evans
Lyn & Carol Williams
Amanda Burton

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (11 years and under)

100. **Create a Mini Garden World**
To be staged in any container (maximum size 45cm x 45cm). Could be a fairy garden, dinosaur land, seaside scene – let your imagination run wild!
101. **Fruit & Veg Animal Creations**
Make an animal using mainly vegetables and/or fruit. Be as funny or realistic as you like!
102. **A Vase of Garden Flowers & Foliage**
Pick your favourite flowers and greenery from the garden and arrange them in a vase. Vase to be provided by exhibitor.
103. **Build a Mini Bug Hotel**
Maximum size 20 x 15 x 10cm. Use recycled and natural materials. Designed to give insects a cosy home.
104. **Grow a Bag of Potatoes**
Plant one seed potato in a bag, tub or pot. Bring the whole container to the Show for emptying and weighing. The heaviest total crop wins!
105. **Heaviest Single Potato**
Bring along your biggest potato (any variety), to be weighed at the Show.

YOUTH CLASSES (11 – 16 years of age)

106. **Grow Your Own Veg in a Pot**
Any vegetable, grown in a pot.

107. **A Vase of Garden Flowers & Foliage**
Choose and arrange any garden flowers and greenery. Vase to be provided by exhibitor.
108. **Build a Mini Bug Hotel**
No larger than 20 x 15 x 10cm. Use your creativity with natural and recycled materials.
109. **Grow a Bag of Potatoes**
Plant one seed potato in a bag, tub or pot. Bring the whole container to the Show for emptying and weighing. The heaviest total crop wins!
110. **Heaviest Single Potato**
Show off your biggest spud (any variety), to be weighed at the Show.
111. **Floral Art Class – more details to follow**

Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition

2026 Theme

‘Countries Around the World’

Open to Primary Schools and Children’s Organisations only
Win vouchers for your school and a visit to the show by participating in the RWAS Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition

For more information contact -

Eve Watkins on 01982 553683 eve@rwas.co.uk



Please contact Eve also for more information regarding the Feature County (Brecknock) School Gardening Competition

RULES AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society is committed to protecting your personal data and processing it only in accordance with legal requirements. For more details you should request a copy of our GDPR Policy. We process your personal data as it is necessary for the performance of our contract with you to facilitate your entry to the event. We will not transfer your data outside of the UK and European Economic Area and will not share your data with third parties except for regulatory authorities or affiliated Societies to whom we may submit entries and results to be checked for validity and eligibility based on their legitimate interests. Your name and county will be published within the Society's catalogue. Results will also be circulated with members of the press and published on our website. We retain your data in accordance with our retention schedule to simplify future applications. You have various rights in the data we hold including rectification and objecting to processing. Please also be aware that photographs and film will be taken throughout the Showground for broadcast, publicity and marketing purposes.
2. Please note that if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age then the online entry has to be completed by a parent/guardian who is over 18 years of age. Please note that whoever completes the entry form takes full responsibility for complying with all rules and regulations.
3. **Challenge Cups and Trophies – PLEASE NOTE:-** The Challenge Cups and Trophies will be permanently housed in a purpose made Trophy Room situated in the Clwyd Glamorgan Hall. The winner of each Challenge Cup and Trophy will be awarded an Official RWAS Memento as a keepsake, their name will also be engraved on the Challenge Cups and Trophies. Specials marked with * indicate Society owned Cups and Trophies.
4. **The Society reserves the sole right to nominate person(s) to conduct interviews with the media. Permission must be sought from the Society if any camera crews wish to accompany an exhibitor during the event.**
5. All prize money will be paid via BACS to successful exhibitors within 8 weeks of the Show, except in cases of protest.
6. In order to encourage and improve participation in the general competitive Horticulture Section, (excluding the Junior Section), the Society has agreed to provide one admission ticket (any day) per exhibitor for a two year experimental period only (2025 & 2026). The results of this will be keenly recorded and monitored. Admission tickets will only be allocated by the Chief Steward on presentation of the entries on the Sunday or Monday morning.

HORTICULTURE

1. The Garddle Marquee will be open for the reception of amateur exhibits from **2.00pm** until **9.00pm** (any later than this will be subject to prior agreement with, and at the Chief Steward's discretion only) on **Sunday 19 July 2026** and additionally from **6.00am** until **7.00am** on **Monday 20 July 2026**. In order to prevent hurry and confusion on the Show Day, you are strongly urged to deliver and stage your exhibits no later than **Sunday 19 July**, but all exhibits must be in the Marquee and staged by **7.00am** on **Monday 20 July 2026**.
2. **No amateur exhibit may be removed before 5pm on Thursday 23 July 2026.** Access arrangements for amateur section exhibitors to remove their exhibits will be included with their admission package.

3. Exhibitors are not allowed to bring their dogs into the Marquee.
4. Pot sizes are only limited where indicated in the schedule. Where no indication is given the size should be in proportion to the plant. The diameter of a pot is the inside measurement made as near to the top as possible.
5. All plants and produce should be grown by the exhibitor.
6. **Closing date of entries for all sections is Wednesday 24 June 2026.**
For confirmation that your entries have been received, please contact us up until the closing date of entries.
7. Judging will commence at 7.30am prompt on **Monday 20 July 2026**. Any exhibit not properly staged at that hour may be disqualified. The Marquee will be cleared during judging and no one but Judges and Officials in attendance will be allowed in the Marquee until the judging is completed. **Garddle Marquee will be open to the public from 10.00am.**
8. All exhibits must be free standing. No exhibit should be fixed to any part of the staging provided. This rule may be overruled by the Chief Steward if there is an issue of safety to the public.
9. ***The judges' decision shall be final. The judge of any class in the amateur schedule, may refuse to judge an exhibit deemed not to be of a quality which might reasonably be expected of an exhibit at a National Show. Entries in future years, by such an exhibitor, will not be accepted in the amateur section.***
All judges reserve the right to advise the stewards to remove exhibits which are markedly poor and reflects badly on the standard of a National Show.
10. Exhibitors are requested to make all necessary renewals of cut blooms before 9.00am on any day after the first day of the Show.
11. A protest must be made in writing and handed to the Chief Steward within half an hour of completion of judging, together with a deposit of £25.00 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
A panel consisting of the Chief Steward, Head of Administration and one other Horticulture Steward has been put in place to act on removing any poor exhibits, dealing with any protest etc.
12. The Society reserves to itself, by its Board of Directors, the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or prize sheets, and to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the Show as it sees fit.
13. No responsibility will be accepted by the Society for loss or damage to exhibits (or any portion thereof) or personal belongings before, during or after the event, nor will the Society be responsible for the loss of any plant, flower or receptacle in transit to or from or on the showground, during or after the event.
14. A Steward will be on duty in the Marquee until 9.00pm on **Sunday 19 July 2026**, after which time emergency contact can be made via the Medical Centre on 01982 551057 or Show Control on 01982 551270. Security staff are contactable at the Machinery Entrance 24 hours a day. A guard will be on patrol during Show evenings and overnight.

15. **During staging times in the Amateur Section, exhibitors and officials only may remain.**
16. **Points awarded on the basis of: 1st – 3, 2nd – 2, 3rd – 1.**
17. **A Rosette will be awarded to each first prize winner in all the amateur sections.**
18. **TWO exhibits from one exhibitor in any one class is allowed.**
19. **The Society reserves the right to cancel any class which are low in entries.**
20. **In order to comply with the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1996 it is essential that no meat or bonemeal products are used in the Horticulture section.**
21. **Any waste created during staging should either preferably be taken home by the exhibitor or placed in the relevant recycling waste bins for collection in Avenue A.**
22. **It would be appreciated if the Society office could be informed of non ability to exhibit in any classes as soon as possible prior to the show.**
23. **Prize cards and rosettes not collected during the Show will only be posted to exhibitors who contact the office within 6 weeks following the event.**

National Sweet Pea Championship of Wales

1. **Two or more persons may not exhibit separately from the same garden, nursery or plant house (except for junior exhibitors).**
2. **All vases of Sweet Peas exhibited must be correctly and legibly named on white card. Cultivars not in commerce must be labelled 'seedling' until all judging has been completed and the name of the cultivar may then be added to the card if desired.**
3. **The use of wire or other support attached to the flowers, or spikes, or the exhibiting of spikes with haulm attached will disqualify. Reeds, grass and other materials used in vases to facilitate staging arrangements must NOT appear above the rim of the vase and all Sweet Peas in the vase classes must be shown in NSPS type vases as supplied by the RWAS. Bowls/baskets also provided.**
4. **Stems of all cut flowers to be in water retaining material.**
5. **The NSPS colour list is available to exhibitors from the office on request.**

The Royal Welsh Top Vase class rules

1. **The Royal Welsh Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems of any flowering plant containing a total of between five and ten 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 plant are NOT two kinds.**
2. **The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for floral quality, and 10 points for the overall presentation. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to normal rules used for other classes.**

3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.

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. For instance, pinks, carnations and Sweet William – which are all dianthus – would not be classed as different kinds.
- The Royal Welsh Top Vase class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judge on the exhibitors' cards.

Vegetable & Soft Fruit

1. All varieties to be named.
2. No exhibit to be removed or changed subsequent to judging.
3. Two entries per exhibitor are allowed in each class.
4. A plate not to exceed 25cm.

ALL EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The Marquee will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7.00pm.

