

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW 2025

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

**To be held at the
Northcourt Centre,
Northcourt Road,
Abingdon
OX14 1NS**

Open to the Public: 2pm

Presentation of Awards: 4pm

Admission

Adults: £2

Accompanied children: Free

Members: Free

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AUTUMN SHOW RULES

1. Entries in all classes (other than junior classes) are restricted to members of the Society who live within 15 miles of the Northcourt Centre, Abingdon-on-Thames.
2. Floral exhibits shall be from plants which have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months immediately preceeding the show, except in floral arrangement classes. For garden classes the garden must be mainly maintained by the exhibitor and be within the Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council boundaries. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden or plot of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibits must be staged either between 8pm and 8.30pm on the evening preceeding the show, or between 9am and 10.45am on the morning of the show. No exhibitors will be allowed in after the end of staging, and the hall must be cleared to allow judging to commence. Awards will be presented, and the raffle drawn, at 4pm. All exhibits must be removed at the end of the show.
4. The Committee cannot accept responsibility for plates, dishes, vases, etc provided by the exhibitor. Exhibits, whether staged or not, remain the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors may make up to two entries in any class, but no exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in a class. All class entries are free of charge.
6. Judges are appointed by the Committee and the Judges' decisions will be final.
7. Judges shall have the right to reduce or withhold awards according to the standard and/or the number of exhibits in any class.
8. Only stewards appointed by the Committee will be permitted to enter the hall while exhibits are being judged.
9. Entries must be received by the Show Secretary no later than 9pm on the Wednesday preceeding the show.
10. Points will be awarded for each class as follows:
 - 1st place: 5 points
 - 2nd place: 3 points
 - 3rd place: 2 points
11. Any exhibitor wishing to raise an objection must do so in writing and hand it to the Secretary within 1 hour of the opening of the show to the public. It must be accompanied by a deposit of £1, which will be returned if the objection is upheld.

AWARDS

The following trophies may be awarded:

BANKSIAN MEDAL	Granted by the RHS for award to the winner of the largest number of points in Sections A and B. <i>The exhibitors who won the medal in 2023 and 2024 are not eligible to win it in 2025.</i>
MACKLOW CENTENARY TROPHY	Section A (Flowers)
SOCIETY DAHLIA CUP	Classes 1-3
LEDGER ROSE BOWL	Classes 12-15
SPOKES CUP	Section B (Fruit and Vegetables)
THE WATT SHIELD	Class 57 (Allotment holders)
NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY MEDAL	The most meritorious exhibit in Section B
MOLLIE FISHER SALVER	Section C (Floral arrangements)
PRESIDENT'S CUP	Section D (Homecraft - Preserves and Baking)
FRANK HAYNES CUP	Section D (Homecraft - Beverages)
MURIEL WELCH MEMORIAL CUP	Class 70
H & M NYE CUP	Section E (Photography)
SUMMER GARDEN CUP	Most points in Class 83
CELIA SMITH CHALLENGE CUP	Section F (Childrens' classes)

NB: if two or more competitors gain the same number of points in any section, the winner will be the one who has most first places. If still tied, then the most second places will count. If still tied, the cup will be shared.

SUMMER ENTRIES

Further details in the Spring newsletter. See Rule 2 for eligibility criteria.

83. Hanging Basket/s and Container/s

SECTION E - PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs in the following classes should not have been previously shown at an AHS show. They must have been taken within the previous 12 months. They must not be larger than 7" x 5" (17.75 x 12.7cm), and be mounted on white card with an approx ½" (1cm) border, or displayed with a white border. Write exhibitor number on reverse.

- 73. Bird or Insect (single or multiple)
- 74. Animal (single or multiple)
- 75. I 'spied and snapped' something beginning with 'H' (please provide a title on the mount)
- 76. Flower Power
- 77. A Weather photograph
- 78. A photograph to include a water reflection

SECTION F - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Open to any children aged under 16 years on the date of the show. Age to be stated on entry form and will be taken into account when judging.

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| 79. A favourite holiday photograph | Taken in 2025 |
| 80. Flowers from my garden | Arranged in a jam jar. |
| 81. Animal or insect | Made from vegetables and/or fruit. Sticks and wire allowed. |
| 82. Cup Cakes | Three, in paper cake cases. |

SECTION A - FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS

NB: Pot diameter refers to the internal diameter of the pot.

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| 1. Dahlia | 1 vase - 3 blooms - one cultivar. Flowers at least 4"/10cm dia. |
| 2. Dahlia | 1 vase - 3 blooms - one cultivar. Flowers less than 4"/10cm dia. |
| 3. Dahlia | 1 vase - 3 blooms - three different cultivars |
| 4. Asters (annual) | 6 blooms, one or more cultivars |
| 5. Michaelmas Daisies (Perennial Asters) | 1 vase - 3 sprays - not to exceed 20"/50cm width. |
| 6. Bowl of Fuchsias | A bowl of floating Fuchsia flowers, max 8"/20cm diameter. One or more cultivars. |
| 7. Grasses | 1 vase, 5 stems, 1 or more varieties |
| 8. Gladiolus | 1 spike |
| 9. Annuals/Biennials | 1 vase, one or more cultivars, not to exceed 20"/50cm width |
| 10. Perennials | 1 vase, one or more cultivars, not to exceed 20"/50cm width |
| 11. Container of cut flowers | 3 or more kinds, not to exceed 20"/50cm width |
| 12. Rose | 1 bloom |
| 13. Rose | 1 bloom, judged for scent |
| 14. Rose, Hybrid Tea | 3 blooms, one or more cultivars |
| 15. Rose - Poly/Floribunda or Rambler/Climber | 1 spray |
| 16. Zonal Pelargonium (Geranium) | 1 plant in flower. Pot not to exceed 9"/22/5cm dia. |

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| 17. Begonia (tuberous rooted) | Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 18. Fuchsia | 1 plant. Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 19. Cactus or Succulent | 1 plant. Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 20. Pot plant - Foliage | Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 21. Pot plant in flower | Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 22. Annual pot plant in flower | Grown from seed in 2025. Pot not to exceed 9"/22.5cm dia. |
| 23. Pot for the patio | Planted for effect. To include at least three different species. Container not to exceed 15"/38cm dia. |

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| 65. | Apple and Blackberry Tart | On a shallow plate/dish over 15cm diameter. Short crust pastry top and bottom. Sprinkle with caster sugar while warm. No decorative leaves. |
| 66. | Flapjack | 5 pieces, any shape. |
| 67. | Savoury Quiche | Any flavour. 18 - 24cm diameter. |
| 68. | Bread Rolls | 5. Any flour. |
| 69. | Coffee and Walnut Sandwich Cake | 3 eggs. Own recipe. |
| 70. | Fruit Cake | A cake made with a named fruit ingredient, and decorated to reflect the fruit. To be judged for decoration & taste. |

BEVERAGES

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| 71. | One bottle of fruit-flavoured spirit (eg sloe gin, blackberry vodka) shown in clear screw top bottle, 200ml approx. |
| 72. | One bottle of Fruit Cordial |

SECTION D - HOMECRAFT

PRESERVES & BAKING

Use plain jars with either wax disks and cellophane tops, or new screw lids without wax disks.

Labels on preservatives to include the day, month and year they were made.

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| 60. | Jam | Home made 2025. One 340 - 454g jar. |
| 61. | Jelly | Home made 2025. One 340 - 454g jar. |
| 62. | Citrus Curd | Home made 2025. One 225 - 454g jar. |
| 63. | Pickled Vegetables | Home made. One 225 - 454g jar. |
| 64. | Manor House Cake (exhibit whole) | |

Ingredients

1 large carrot; 225 g self raising flour; Half a teaspoon mixed spice; 150 g butter; 175 g mixed dried fruit; 100 g soft light brown sugar; 2 eggs, beaten; 3 tablespoons milk; 1 tablespoon Demerara sugar (for the topping}.

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180° C/160° fan/gas 4. Grease a deep, 18 cm round tin and line the base with nonstick baking paper.
2. Peel the carrot and grate it finely. Sift the flour and spice into a mixing bowl, add the butter and cut it into small cubes.
3. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar, dried fruit and grated carrot. Make a hollow in the centre and add the beaten egg and milk. Beat with a wooden spoon until it forms a soft dropping consistency.
4. Spoon into the tin and smooth level. Make a dip in the centre and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a warmed skewer inserted into the centre comes out cleanly.
5. Leave in the tin for five minutes, then turn out to cool on a wire rack. Peel away the lining paper, then sprinkle with the Demerara sugar while cake is warm.

SECTION B - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

NB: each class must consist of one variety/cultivar unless stated otherwise

24.	Apples - dessert	3
25.	Apples - culinary	3
26.	Pears	3
27.	Plums	5
28.	Soft Fruit	10
29.	Other Fruit	One cultivar not already scheduled
30.	Potatoes -White	5
31.	Potatoes - Coloured	5
32.	Carrots	3, with 3"/7.5cm tops
33.	Bunch of Carrots	5, tied with tops (untrimmed)
34.	Beetroot	3, with 3"/7.5cm tops
35.	Runner Beans	5
36.	French Beans	5
37.	Onions	5 specimens from seed or sets - dressed
38.	Onions	3 of one cultivar, not exceeding 3"/7.5cm diameter - dressed
39.	Shallots	6 dressed, on a dish
40.	Garlic	3 bulbs with a 1"/2.5cm stem, on a dish
41.	Squash	1. Any edible type/variety. Max 15"/38cm length/width
42.	Courgette	3, well-matched

43.	Cucumber	1
44.	Sweet Peppers	2
45.	Chillies	5
46.	Sweet Corn	2 cobs (top third opened)
47.	Other vegetable	One cultivar not already scheduled
48.	Jar of herbs for culinary use	5 kinds, one sprig of each
49.	Collection of Tomatoes	2 each of 3 varieties
50.	Tomatoes	Plate of 5
51.	Tomatoes - mini variety	Plate of 5
52.	Tomatoes	1 truss
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54.	Runner Bean (green)	Longest
55.	Potato	Heaviest
56.	Pumpkin	Heaviest
57.	Allotment Holders	Collection of produce grown on allotment. 2 each of 6 kinds (if used, Peas, Beans and Soft Fruit 5 each). 3ft x 2ft (91x60cm) allowed.

SECTION C - FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

THEME: 'Autumn Colours'

Natural plant materials (which may be purchased) with or without accessories may be used in both classes.

58. Flowers and fresh plant material arranged in a jug.
To be staged in a niche 24" (61cm) wide and 30" (76cm) high.
59. A petite exhibit not to exceed 10" (25cm) overall. To be displayed in a jug.

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One exhibitor per entry form please!

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