

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW 2026

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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

Open to the Public: 2pm

Presentation of Awards: 3.30pm

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 preceding the show, except in floral arrangement classes. 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 preceding 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 3.30pm. 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 preceding the show.
10. Points will be awarded for each class as follows:
1st place: 5 points
2nd place: 3 points
3rd place: 2 points

AWARDS

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 2024 and 2025 are not eligible to win it in 2026.</i>
MACKLOW CENTENARY TROPHY	Section A (Flowers & pot plants)
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)
HARRY & MAY NYE CUP	Section E (Photography)
CELIA SMITH CHALLENGE CUP	Section F (Junior classes)
MURIEL WELCH MEMORIAL CUP	Most points from 4 or more <i>different</i> sections in the Spring and Autumn shows.

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.



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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 'I' (please provide a title on the mount)
76. Flower Garden
77. A Landscape photograph
78. Round and about Abingdon (suitable for a picture postcard).

SECTION F - JUNIOR CLASSES

Open to young people 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.

79. A favourite photograph (taken by exhibitor) Taken in 2026
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. Gingerbread Three shapes.

SECTION A - FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS

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

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 Floating Flowers A bowl of floating 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.

17. Begonia	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(s) in flower	Grown from seed in 2026. 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.

65. Apple 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. Sweet Muffins 5. Fruit or chocolate.

67. Savoury Quiche Any flavour. 18 - 24cm diameter.

68. Bread Loaf 450g of any type of flour.

69. Decorated Chocolate Sandwich 3 eggs. Own recipe.
Cake

70. Ginger Nut biscuits 5

BEVERAGES

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.*

60. Jam	Home made 2026. One 340 - 454g jar.
61. Jelly	Home made 2026. One 340 - 454g jar.
62. Citrus Curd	Home made 2026. One 225 - 454g jar.
63. Pickled Vegetables	Home made. One 225 - 454g jar.
64. Lemon Drizzle Cake (exhibit whole)	

Ingredients

3 eggs; 175g self raising flour; 175g caster sugar; 175g softened butter; 3/4 teaspoon baking powder; grated zest of 1 large lemon.

For the topping: 100g granulated sugar; juice of the lemon.

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 180°C/160°C Fan/Gas Mark 4.
2. Beat together eggs, flour, caster sugar, butter, baking powder and lemon zest in a large mixing bowl. Turn into a greased and lined 900g loaf tin.
3. Bake for approx 45 minutes or until golden brown, springy to the touch and starting to shrink away from sides of the tin. While cake is still hot, mix together the sugar and lemon juice and pour over the cake. Leave to cool while all the drizzle soaks in. Lift the cake out of the tin and put on a wire rack to become cold.

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
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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. **To include berries and/or fruits.**

58. Flowers and fresh plant material arranged in a container.
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 container.

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Class	No of Entries	Class	No of Entries

One exhibitor per entry form please!

Name of exhibitor:

Address:

Telephone:

Entries must be made by post, email or telephone by 9pm WED 2nd September.

Donations of plants, produce, and cakes for sale at the show would be appreciated.

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