

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW 2026

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

**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

SPRING 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 between 9.30am and 11.15am 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

SECTION C - 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.

36. Decorated hard-boiled egg
37. Three Easter biscuits
38. Vase of Spring flowers - picked and arranged by the entrant

SECTION D - PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs to be not larger than 7" x 5" (17.75 x 12.7cm), mounted on white card with an approx ½" (1cm) border.

39. A Winter photograph (taken in 2025/26)
40. A Nature photograph on a Spring theme (taken in 2026)

SECTION E - HOME CRAFT - HANDICRAFTS

Exhibits in this section should not have been shown previously at an AHS show.

41. One item of Handicraft - hard material.
42. One item of Handicraft made from recycled materials.
43. One item of Hand Knitting/crochet (garment). Not laundered.
44. One item of Hand Knitting/crochet (non-garment). Not laundered.
45. One item of Hand Embroidery or Cross Stich.
46. Painting - any medium.
47. Easter Greetings Card - any medium.

SECTION B - 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.

29. Marmalade - Seville Orange Home made 2026. One 336 - 454g jar.
30. Marmalade - any other sort Home made 2026. One 336 - 454g jar.
31. Citrus Curd Home made 2026. One 225 - 454g jar.
32. Chutney Home made. One 225 - 454g jar.
33. Hot Cross Buns 3 - any flour (yeast recipe)
34. Easter Cake Any type of cake. To be judged for decoration only.
35. Fruit and Marzipan Loaf Cake (exhibit whole)

Ingredients

125g butter, diced; 250g plain flour; 100g light muscovado sugar; 250g mixed fruit; 1 tsp baking powder; 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda; 150ml milk; 150g marzipan, diced; 1 tbsp marmalade to glaze.

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/350°F/gas mark 4. Grease a 1 kg loaf tin and line with baking parchment. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar and dried fruit. Mix together the baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and milk, and pour into the centre of the dry ingredients. Mix well together to give a dropping consistency, adding a little more milk if needed.

Spread one third of the mixture into the tin, then sprinkle with half the marzipan chunks. Add another third of the cake mixture and sprinkle with the remaining marzipan. Top with the remaining cake mixture. Bake for one hour or until well risen and just firm to the touch. Turn out to cool on a wire rack. Warm the marmalade with a little water in a small pan, and brush over the top of the teabread. Leave to cool completely.

AWARDS

J&M BARBER CUP	Section A (Flowers & pot plants)
SCOTT CHALLENGE CUP	Section B (Homecraft - Preserves & Baking)
CHALENOR CUP	Section E (Homecraft - Handicrafts)
JUNIORS PRIZE	Section C (Junior classes)
MURIEL WELCH MEMORIAL CUP	Most points in four or more <i>different</i> sections from the Spring and Autumn shows. To be presented at the Autumn show.

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 A - FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS

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

Daffodil leaves are allowed in Classes 1-9, and Tulip leaves in Classes 10-11.

1. Vase of Trumpet Daffodils	5 stems - one or more cultivars. Trumpet must be equal to or longer than the outer petals.
2. Vase of Miniature Narcissi	5 stems - one or more cultivars with flowers less than 2" (5cm) across
3. Vase of Intermediate Narcissi	5 stems - one or more cultivars with flowers between 2" (5cm) and 3" (7.5cm) across
4. Vase of Narcissi (one bloom per stem)	5 stems - any one single-colour cultivar with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
5. Vase of Narcissi (one bloom per stem)	5 stems - any one bi-coloured cultivar with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
6. Vase of Narcissi (one bloom per stem)	5 stems - two or more cultivars with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
7. Vase of multi-bloom Narcissi	5 stems - one or more cultivar
8. Trumpet Daffodil	1 stem. Trumpet must be equal to or longer than the outer petals.
9. Narcissus	1 stem - flower more than 3" (7.5cm) across
10. Tulip	1 stem
11. Vase of Tulips	3 stems - one or more cultivars
12. Bowl of Floating Flowers	A bowl of floating flowers, max 8"/20cm dia. - one or more cultivars
13. Vase of Hellebores	3 stems - one or more cultivars
14. Vase of Wallflowers	3 stems - one or more cultivars
15. Auricula, Primula or Primrose	1 plant in flower. Pot not to exceed 5" (12.5cm) dia.

16. Vase of Blossom/Shrub flowers	Up to three stems. Overall width not to exceed 24" (60cm)
17. Vase of Spring flowers	5 stems. One or more cultivars not included elsewhere in Schedule (no shrub flowers)
18. Container of Hyacinths	Up to five bulbs. Container not to exceed 12" (30cm) dia.
19. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)	One bulb in flower (flowers 6-8 weeks after planting)
20. Bowl of planted flowers/bulbs	Container not to exceed 10" (25cm) dia. (Plants may be lifted from own garden)
21. Flowering plant in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
22. Foliage plant in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
23. Cactus or succulent in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
24. Patio pot	Planted for effect. To include at least three different species. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.
25. Patio pot of bulbs	One cultivar. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.
26. Rhubarb	Three sticks. Bases intact. Leaves trimmed to 3"/8cm
27. Spring flower arrangement in a vase	May include purchased flowers or foliage. NO ACCESSORIES. To be staged in a niche 24" (60cm) wide and 30" (76cm) high.
28. Petite Spring flower arrangement	A petite exhibit not to exceed 10" (25cm) overall.

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One exhibitor per entry form please!

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