

Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society
Annual General Meeting – Show Secretary's Report

Friday 29th August 2025 – Crowhurst Village Hall

This year's Spring show back in March was well supported with an above average number of entries (130) compared to a typical Spring show which has around 100 entries. Thank you to everyone who made that show a more interesting and exciting contest for all involved.

We are gearing up for our Autumn Show next month, but we are well aware that the hot and dry summer has made growing conditions very difficult this year. Hopefully our other classes such as cookery or handicrafts can make up for some of the more difficult to grow plants.

At our Spring show this year, we trialled the option to submit photographic entries digitally via our website, which the society then printed free of charge for display. While this makes the administration of show a little more involved and costs the society a few extra pounds, we did this in the hope that it would allow more people to submit photographic entries, particularly those who do not a printer at home or who are less tech savvy. At the Spring show, only a small number of people used this option, but the feedback was positive from those entrants so we will offer it again in the Autumn Show and review whether to make it permanent for 2026.

We have now resolved the various problems arising from the discontinuation of RHS show stationery. In previous years, we replaced the previously RHS provided entry cards with our own supply and, in the past year, we have now found a new supplier for the prize stickers which are affixed to winning entry cards. This means we are now back to being fully supplied for our shows.

We are always keen to hear of ideas for future show classes. We aim to publish the Spring show schedule at the beginning of February and the Autumn schedule in the beginning of July. Please let any member of the committee know if you have any ideas, requests or suggestions.