



Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society



AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW 2025



Autumn show to be held in the Village Hall, Crowhurst on

Saturday 20th September 2025

Staging of Exhibits - **8:30am - 10:15am**

Show opens to the public at **2pm**

Prize giving and raffle drawn at **4pm**

Free admission!

Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

2024 – 2025

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MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE

Fern Burgess (Honey Rep.)

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome everyone to our Autumn flower show schedule for 2025!

I write this whilst sitting in my sunny garden having just past the summer solstice on the calendar.

Our garden is full of colour from the flowers we have grown and the vegetables are also growing well this year alongside the Tomatoes in our greenhouse. As all of you will have been doing too, we have needed to water every evening or morning to keep them all growing well and feeding is also as required. It has been a heavy task this year but so needed. We have now begun to look around and possibly think of what we could show in the classes offered in this schedule. We hope you may start to also think about what you could show, as we would love to see your entries. The more the merrier! However, if you are not a grower, do not forget this show also has classes which include three themed photographic classes, cookery, preserves, handicrafts and honey and it's byproducts; as beekeepers will have been taking off their honey by then, which the bees have produced for them this summer. There is also a lovely honey recipe that Fern, our honey rep. has offered us, which looks very tasty!

Finally, we have four classes for the children which look fun to produce. Please encourage your children or grandchildren to enter for the fun and competition of it all. There will also be other village groups such as the Brownies, Rainbows and Pre-school and we are hoping maybe other groups may enter to enhance the show for all to enjoy.

Thanks so much for your support as always. We so look forward to receiving your entries and meeting you at the show. Have a great summertime!

AUTUMN SHOW

Autumn show to be held at Crowhurst Village Hall on **Saturday 20th September**.

SHOW PROGRAMME

- Hall open for staging of exhibits : **8:30am – 10:15am**
- Hall closed for judging : **10:15am – 2pm**
- Show open to the public : **2pm – 4:30pm**
- Prize giving and raffle drawn : **around 4pm**

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

Details of how to submit your entries for the show can be found on page 8.

JUDGING

Judges are chosen by the committee. The name of the judge for each section can be found above each list of classes. The hall must be cleared by **10:15am** on the morning of the show to allow judging to commence promptly at 10:30am. During the judging, only judges and stewards will be allowed in the hall.

TROPHIES & AWARDS

Each winner of a trophy or award will be presented with a certificate during the prize giving around 4pm. The society will engrave your name on the trophy (where possible) and record your name in our trophy winner's ledger.

SYD SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY	Most points in show
PETER OLIVER TROPHY	Best produce exhibit (classes 1-45)
The HENTY ROSE BOWL	Best exhibit in rose classes
N.D.S. SILVER MEDAL CARD	Best exhibit in dahlia classes
N.D.S. BRONZE MEDAL CARD	Runner-up exhibit in dahlia classes
MARGARET APPS TROPHY	Most points in cookery & preserves classes
R E DIMENT TROPHY	Best exhibit in handicraft classes
Miss E A SPIKES TROPHY	Most points in honey classes
ROY WILSON CHILDREN'S TROPHY	Most points in year's children's classes
PETER WOOLLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY	Most points in year's photography classes
VISITOR'S CHOICE AWARD	Best entry, chosen by visitors

AUTUMN SHOW CLASSES

Unless otherwise stated, all classes are open everyone!

ROSES

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

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| 1 | 1 ROSE H.T. specimen bloom (<i>any variety</i>) |
| 2 | 3 stems of FLORIBUNDA ROSES (<i>bunch flowered</i>) |

DAHLIAS

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

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| 3 | 1 LARGE or GIANT DAHLIA bloom |
| 4 | 3 MEDIUM DECORATIVE DAHLIA blooms |
| 5 | 3 SMALL DECORATIVE DAHLIA blooms |
| 6 | 3 MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI CACTUS DAHLIA blooms |
| 7 | 3 SMALL CACTUS or SEMI CACTUS DAHLIA blooms |
| 8 | 5 POMPOM DAHLIA blooms (<i>not to exceed 2"</i>) |
| 9 | 3 SMALL OR MINIATURE BALL DAHLIA blooms |
| 10 | 3 WATER LILY DAHLIA blooms |
| 11 | 3 DAHLIA blooms, any other type, one variety |

GENERAL FLOWERS

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

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| 12 | 3 MOP-HEAD HYDRANGEA heads | |
| 13 | 3 COSMOS flowers (<i>any colour or variety</i>) | |
| 14 | 3 GLADIOLI (<i>any variety</i>) | |
| 15 | 3 sprays of MICHAELMAS DAISIES (<i>any colour</i>) | |
| 16 | 4 stems of FLOWERING SHRUBS (<i>4 kinds, one stem of each</i>) | |
| 17 | A vase of mixed WHITE-COLOURED FLOWERS (<i>any varieties</i>) | NEW |
| 18 | A vase of MIXED GARDEN FLOWERS | |
| 19 | A vase of MIXED FOLIAGE | |
| 20 | A vase of ORNAMENTAL GRASSES | NEW |
| 21 | A vase of DRIED SEED HEADS | |

POT PLANTS

Pots not to exceed 8" diameter.

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

22 A FOLIAGE POT PLANT

23 A FLOWERING POT PLANT

24 A planted LAVENDER (any variety)

25 A CACTUS

26 A SUCCULENT

27 A planted COLEUS

NEW

FRUIT

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

28 5 DESSERT APPLES

29 5 COOKING APPLES

30 5 DESSERT PEARS

31 5 RASPBERRIES (any variety)

32 5 BLACKBERRIES (any variety)

VEGETABLES

Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell

33 5 POTATOES (one variety)

34 3 ONIONS

35 3 CARROTS

36 3 PARSNIPS

37 3 BEETROOT

38 3 LEEKS

39 5 CHERRY TOMATOES (with calyx)

40 5 TOMATOES (with calyx)

41 5 RUNNER BEANS

42 2 COURGETTES

43 3 SWEET PEPPERS (any colour)

44 3 CHILLI PEPPERS (any variety)

45 A bunch of mixed PICKED HERBS (three distinct types)

HANDICRAFTS

Judge: Sue Davies

- 46 A CROCHETED item
 - 47 An item of MACRAMÉ
 - 48 'SOMETHING I HAVE CRAFTED', any item not covered by the other classes
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Maximum size 7"(18cm) × 5"(13cm). Photos to be unframed. Exhibit to not have been shown before. Exhibitors to have only one entry per class. *Judge: Debbie Dann*

- 49 'THE COLOURS OF AUTUMN'
 - 50 An HISTORIC BUILDING
 - 51 'OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY'
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COOKERY

Dome covers will be provided. *Judge: Sue Davies*

- 52 A flavoured LOAF CAKE (*labelled, approx. 1lb*)
 - 53 VICTORIA SANDWICH with raspberry jam filling (*approx. 8" diameter*)
A Victoria sandwich is made with fat
 - 54 5 small SAUSAGE ROLLS
 - 55 5 GINGER BISUITS
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PRESERVES

Preserves to be presented in plain, sterilised jars with plain lids/covers, labelled and dated. Jar and lids should not include any trade names or branding. Contents not less than 350g
Judge: Sue Davies

- 56 Jar of SOFT or STONE FRUIT JAM
 - 57 Jar of MARMALADE
 - 58 Jar of CHUTNEY (*not less than 2 months old*)
 - 59 Jar of MIXED PICKLE
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HONEY

All produce must be from the entrant's own bees. No labels to be used.

Judge: Harold Cloutt

- 60 One 1lb jar of LIQUID HONEY, any colour (*in plain, screw top jar*)
 - 61 One 1lb jar of NATURALLY SET HONEY (*in plain, screw top jar*)
 - 62 One 1lb jar of SOFT-SET or CREAMED HONEY (*in plain, screw top jar*)
 - 63 One 7oz-9oz section of CUT HONEY COMB
Exhibit to be in white standard plastic container with transparent snap-on lid
 - 64 Two small identical blocks, plain or patterned, of MOULDED BEESWAX
(*natural, no colours*)
 - 65 Two identical BEESWAX CANDLES up to 35mm in diameter (*natural, no colours and not using sheets of beeswax foundation*)
 - 66 One small bar of HOME-MADE SOAP containing honey
 - 67 HONEY & ORANGE SLAB CAKE (*recipe on page 11*)
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CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Judge: Oliver Boorman-Humphrey

- 68 A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT made from recyclable materials
 - 69 A PLANT grown by you
 - 70 A collage of an AUTUMN TREE, made from any combination of leaves, petals twigs and seeds.
 - 71 3 hand-decorated BISCUITS
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Exhibits from the local community groups to be confirmed.



SHOW ENTRY DETAILS

CLASS ENTRY FEES

Standard classes	20p per class
Children's classes	FREE

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

Entries can be submitted until **7pm** on the preceding **WEDNESDAY** to the show. You do not have to be a member of the society to exhibit!

There are two methods of submitting entries:

- Online via our website
*Visit us at **www.crowhursthorticultural.org.uk** and follow the links. Entry fees are payable to the treasurer on the morning of the show.*
- Using the enclosed entry form
Complete the relevant form given and post to any of the following people, enclosing your entry fees:
 - **RITA GOWER** 22 FOREWOOD RISE, CROWHURST, TN33 9AH 01424 830560
 - **MARY BOORMAN** GRAY'S COTTAGES, BATTLE HILL, BATTLE, TN33 OBS 01424 774102

For children's entries, please ensure the child's name and age is added to the entry form, along with a responsible adult's details

Photographic entries can now be submitted in JPEG format as part of the online entry form. These will be printed by the society on 6"x4" photo paper and exhibited for you. Alternately, you are welcome to bring prints along yourself on the morning of the show.

Please ensure you are familiar with the rules of exhibiting given on page 10 before submitting any entries.

PRIZE MONEY

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
All classes	60p	40p	20p

Prize money can be collected from the treasurer between 2pm and 4:30pm on the afternoon of the show. Prize money not collected before the close of the show will be treated as a donation to the Society.

ENTRY FORM - AUTUMN SHOW - Sat 20th SEPTEMBER

Please **circle** the classes you wish to enter.

STANDARD CLASSES - 20p per class

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67			

CHILDREN'S CLASSES - FREE

68	69	70	71
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CHILD'S NAME _____ **AGE** _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

No. of Entries _____ **Amount Enclosed** _____

☐ If you wish to donate your winnings to the society, please tick here.

I hereby agree to abide by the rules of the society. SIGNED.

Entry details can be found on page 8

SHOW RULES

1. All persons intending to exhibit must give notice to the Show Secretary not later than the Wednesday preceding the Show in which they wish to exhibit, by handing in their completed entry form and paying the necessary fees. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Show Secretary. If accepted, double the normal entry fee will be payable.
2. All exhibits must be staged before 10.15 am on the morning of the show, at which time the hall/marquee will be cleared for judging.

THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

3. Produce must have been grown by the Exhibitor in his or her own garden or allotment for not less than two months preceding the Show unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
4. Exhibitors must supply their own trays, dishes, vases, or other receptacles for their exhibits (unless otherwise stated). A vase must have a greater height than the diameter of its mouth.
5. Collections of vegetables must contain the distinct kinds specified. (Distinct kinds mean for instance, Peas, Beans, Carrots, Cabbage etc.). Antirrhinums, Petunias, Verbena, Phlox drummondii, are classified as annuals for the purpose of the show schedule.
6. No exhibits may be removed before 4.30pm at any of the shows. The Committee will be pleased to accept any exhibits to sell for the Benefit of the Society.
7. The Committee will appoint the Judges, whose decision will be FINAL. Judges are empowered to withhold prizes where there is not sufficient competition, or when the exhibits are of insufficient merit. They can award extra prizes with the consent of the Committee, who will set the amount.
8. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any class.
9. The points awarded for the trophies will be: 3 for a first prize, 2 for a second and 1 for a third. Winners will be presented with a certificate of merit, in lieu of the actual trophy which will remain with the society.
10. All vegetables will be judged by their fitness for use, and must be divested of all superfluous leaves.
11. The Committee reserve the right to inspect any garden or allotment of any exhibitor, and to decide any questions not provided for in these rules.
12. Any objection must be lodged in writing before 4pm on the day of the Show together with a 50p deposit, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. Judging for all the shows will be guided by Royal Horticultural Society rules, amplified where necessary by the regulations of specialist Societies such as the National Dahlia Society and National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.
14. The Society will take all possible care of the exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may arise.
15. Prize money not collected before the close of the show will be donated to the Society.

CLASS 69 RECIPE - HONEY & ORANGE SLAB CAKE

- 4 tbsp Sussex honey
- 225g self-raising flour
- 110g softened butter
- 50g light brown sugar
- 2 medium eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 tbsp fresh orange juice
- 2 tsp orange peel
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- Pinch of salt

Method

- 1) Pre-heat oven to 180°C (160°C fan), Gas 4. Grease and line a 1lb loaf tin.
- 2) Cream the butter and sugar together in a large bowl.
- 3) Mix in the honey in small amounts, then the eggs one at a time.
- 4) Combine milk, orange juice and orange peel and blend into the mixture.
- 5) Sift the dry ingredients together and add to the mixture, beating well
- 6) Pour the mixture into the loaf tin and bake for 25-30 mins.
- 7) Remove from the oven. Cool before turning out of the tin.

Join us with an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION – only **£5** per member

Anyone interested in joining our society can contact Alan, our Membership Secretary, at the show (or 07870525441) for more details.

**MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIETY BY
ATTENDING OUR A.G.M. IN AUGUST**

*We would be pleased to hear from anyone who might like to sponsor
prize money for a particular class or classes.*

Raffle Prizes and Cake donations are always welcomed.

Contact any committee member for more information about either of the above.

TABLE HIRE *from C&DHS*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIVE BUTTERFLY TALK AND MEADOW VISIT

Tue 19th AUGUST – 1:30pm
Battle Cemetery, Marley Lane, Battle
Talk by naturalist Michael Blencowe
Free for members, £5 non-members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fri 29th AUGUST – 7:30pm **NEW DATE!**
Crowhurst Village Hall
All members encouraged to attend

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 25th OCTOBER – 9:30am
Crowhurst Village Hall
50p admission, lots of bargains to find!

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