# Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

# AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW 2026

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

**Saturday 19th September 2026**

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

# 2025 – 2026

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| **PRESIDENT** | *vacant* |
| **LIFE MEMBERS** | Mr & Mrs D Gower, Mr B Cripps, Mrs N Hudson |

## OFFICERS of the SOCIETY

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| **CHAIR** | Mary Boorman | mary@crowhursthorticultural.com |
| **HON. TREASURER** | Alan Humphrey | 07870525441 |
| **MEMBERSHIP SEC.** | Alan Humphrey | 07870525441 |
| **SHOW SECRETARY** | Oliver Boorman-Humphrey | |

## MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE

Fern Burgess (Honey Rep.)

## CHAIR'S WELCOME

As we prepare the schedule for our 2026 Autumn flower show, we are in the middle of our third heatwave this summer! It has been very hot for a long period of time now and gardening has been very challenging as the ground is so dry. At least weeds are not growing so quickly! There has been a need for plenty of watering though and we're stuck with watering cans with the hosepipe ban.

We realise how hard it might be to achieve your usual results for the classes this year. We are all 'in the same boat' as it were, so please consider this when trying to find something to enter. The conditions will certainly be taken into account by our judges.

For those of you who do not garden, there are classes such as cookery, crafts, photography and honey, for the beekeepers amongst you.

Please peruse the classes and find something you would like to enter. As always it is **YOUR** entries that make our show so we very much look forward to seeing them.

We continue to refine the classes on offer and this year we are pleased to introduce new classes for fuchsias, gooseberries, figs, grapes, rhubarb and aubergines which we hope you might be able to enter. Let's have a lovely bright and colourful Autumn show.

Thank you very much and we hope to see many of you on the day!



Mary B

# AUTUMN SHOW

Autumn show to be held at Crowhurst Village Hall on **Saturday 19th 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.

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| SYD SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY | Most points in show |
| PETER OLIVER TROPHY | Best produce exhibit (classes 1-49) |
| 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 to everyone!

## ROSES

*Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell*

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

## 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 *(not to exceed 2")* | |
| 9 | 3 SMALL OR MINIATURE BALL DAHLIA blooms | |
| 10 | 3 DAHLIA blooms, any other type, one variety | |

## GENERAL FLOWERS

*Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell*

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|---|---|---|
| 11 | 3 MOP-HEAD HYDRANGEA heads | |
| 12 | 6 FUCHSIA heads *(displayed in boxes provided)* | ***NEW*** |
| 13 | 3 COSMOS flowers *(any colour or variety)* | |
| 14 | 3 GLADIOLI *(any variety)* | |
| 15 | 3 sprays of MICHAELMAS DAISIES *(any colour)* | |
| 16 | 4 stems of FLOWERING SHRUBS *(4 kinds, one stem of each)* | |
| 17 | My FAVOURITE FLOWER from my garden (single stem) | ***NEW*** |
| 18 | A vase of mixed GARDEN FLOWERS | |
| 19 | A vase of mixed FOLIAGE | |
| 20 | A vase of ORNAMENTAL GRASSES | |
| 21 | A vase of DRIED SEED HEADS | |

# POT PLANTS

Pots not to exceed 8" diameter. *Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell*

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| 22 | A FOLIAGE POT PLANT *(any variety)* | |
| 23 | A FLOWERING POT PLANT *(any variety)* | |
| 24 | A CACTUS *(any variety)* | |
| 25 | A SUCCULENT *(any variety)* | |
| 26 | A planted COLEUS *(any variety)* | |

# FRUIT

*Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell*

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| 27 | 5 DESSERT APPLES | |
| 28 | 5 COOKING APPLES | |
| 29 | 5 DESSERT PEARS | |
| 30 | 5 RASPBERRIES *(any variety)* | |
| 31 | 5 BLACKBERRIES *(any variety)* | |
| 32 | 5 GOOSEBERRIES *(any variety)* | ***NEW*** |
| 33 | 3 FIGS (*with stalk)* | ***NEW*** |
| 34 | A bunch of GRAPES *(any variety)* | ***NEW*** |

# VEGETABLES

*Judges: Pete and Jean Sudell*

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| 35 | 5 POTATOES *(one variety)* | |
| 36 | 3 ONIONS | |
| 37 | 3 CARROTS | |
| 38 | 3 PARSNIPS | |
| 39 | 3 BEETROOT | |
| 40 | 3 LEEKS | |
| 41 | 5 CHERRY TOMATOES *(with calyx)* | |
| 42 | 5 TOMATOES *(with calyx)* | |
| 43 | 2 AUBERGINES | ***NEW*** |

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| 44 | 5 RUNNER BEANS | |
| 45 | 2 COURGETTES | |
| 46 | 3 SWEET PEPPERS *(any colour)* | |
| 47 | 3 CHILLI PEPPERS *(any variety)* | |
| 48 | 3 sticks of RHUBARB *(leaves removed)* | ***NEW*** |
| 49 | A bunch of mixed PICKED HERBS *(three distinct types)* | |

## HANDICRAFTS

*Judge: Sue Davies*

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| 50 | A CROCHETED item |
| 51 | A KNITTED item |
| 52 | 'SOMETHING I HAVE MADE', any handmade item not covered by the other classes |

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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

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| 53 | BIRD LIFE |
| 54 | 'MY FAVOURITE LANDSCAPE' |
| 55 | COBWEBS |

## COOKERY

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

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| 56 | A QUICHE *(any flavours, labelled, approx. 8" diameter)* |
| 57 | VICTORIA SANDWICH with raspberry jam filling *(approx. 8" diameter)*<br>*A Victoria sandwich is made with fat* |
| 58 | 5 ROCK CAKES |

## 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*

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| 59 | Jar of SOFT or STONE FRUIT JAM |
| 60 | Jar of MARMALADE |
| 61 | Jar of CHUTNEY *(not less than 2 months old)* |
| 62 | Jar of MIXED PICKLE |

## HONEY

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

*Judge: Harold Cloutt*

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| 63 | One 1lb jar of LIQUID HONEY, any colour *(in plain, screw top jar)* |
| 64 | One 1lb jar of NATURALLY SET HONEY *(in plain, screw top jar)* |
| 65 | One 1lb jar of SOFT-SET or CREAMED HONEY *(in plain, screw top jar)* |
| 66 | One 7oz-9oz section of CUT HONEY COMB<br>*Exhibit to be in white standard plastic container with transparent snap-on lid* |
| 67 | Two small identical blocks, plain or patterned, of MOULDED BEESWAX *(natural, no colours)* |
| 68 | Two identical BEESWAX CANDLES up to 35mm in diameter *(natural, no colours and not using sheets of beeswax foundation)* |
| 69 | One small bar of HOME-MADE SOAP containing honey |
| 70 | HONEY SULTANA CAKE *(recipe on page 11)* |

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*Judge: Oliver Boorman-Humphrey*

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| 71 | A WINDMILL made from recyclable materials |
| 72 | A FLOWER EXHIBIT in a painted jar |

*Exhibits from the local community groups to be confirmed.*

# SHOW ENTRY DETAILS

## CLASS ENTRY FEES

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| 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 0BS 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"×4" 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** |
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| 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 19th SEPTEMBER

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

## STANDARD CLASSES - 20p per class

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| 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 | 68 | 69 | 70 |

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES - FREE

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| 71 | 72 |

**CHILD'S NAME** _____ **AGE** _____

**NAME** _____

**ADDRESS** _____

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**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.

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**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 10:15am 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 drummondi, 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 SULTANA CAKE

- 6 oz Sussex honey
- 8 oz self-raising flour
- 4 oz softened butter
- 6 oz sultanas
- 2 medium eggs

**Method**

1) Pre-heat oven to 170° C, Gas 4. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin.
2) Cream the butter and honey together in a large bowl.
3) Beat the eggs and stir into the mixture.
4) Sift the flour into the mixture, beating well.
5) Add sultanas and blend together.
6) Pour the mixture into the loaf tin and bake for 90 mins.
7) Remove from the oven. Cool before turning out of the tin.

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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 eligible for free or discounted tickets for society events and can obtain the discounts from the following local nurseries, on presentation of a valid C&DHS membership card:

- 10% discount on all plants at Rotherview Nursery, Ivy House Lane, Hastings, TN35 4NP
- 10% discount on all plants at The Old Rose Nursery, Northiam, TN31 6QY
- 10% discount on all plants at Ed's Sunflower Nursery, Staplecross, TN32 5QA
- 15% discount on all plants at the Ed's Nursery stall at Battle Market (Saturdays only)

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

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***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.

# Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Fri 28th AUGUST – 7:30pm
*Crowhurst Village Hall*
*All members encouraged to attend*

**HIDDEN MAGIC of FUNGI TALK by Doug Edworthy**
Sat 17th OCTOBER – 2pm for 2:30pm
*Crowhurst Village Hall*
*Free for members, £4 for non-members*

**JUMBLE SALE**
Sat 24th OCTOBER – 9:30am
*Crowhurst Village Hall*
*50p admission, lots of bargains to find!*

**WREATH MAKING for CHRISTMAS with Marilyn**
Sat 14th NOVEMBER – 2:15pm
*Crowhurst Village Hall*
*£2 for members, £5 for non-members*

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