



Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society



SPRING FLOWER SHOW



**Spring show to be held in Crowhurst Village Hall on
Saturday 21st March 2026**

**Staging of Exhibits - 8:30am - 10:15am
Show opens to the public at 2pm
Prize giving and raffle drawn at 4pm**

Entries accepted until Wednesday 18th March

Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society

2025 – 2026

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Hello to you all. You are all very welcome to our bright March Spring Flower show Schedule for this fresh Horticultural year. It is so nice to be preparing for the March show as we start to think ahead to Springtime and all that brings in nature, which I adore. My most favourite of all to see in Spring are the new born Lambs frolicking in the fields with their "mums", displaying all the delights of just being alive. To me this is Spring and offers a beautiful fresh start to a new growing year ahead.

As you will see in this schedule our Spring shows are always full of brightness and yellow hues and the scent of the spring from the stunning displays of flowers exhibited which always look amazing! Please read through this schedule and see what you could plan to grow and enter amongst the many classes. Do not forget we love seeing all the Photos and Craft entries you have taken/made and the tasty cookery items too. There are many classes to look at even if you do not grow anything. Please just have a go and join in the fun!

We WELCOME entries from everybody and so look forward to receiving your entries and of you bringing them along to enter on the show morning. Remember to return later to visit the show in the afternoon where you can enjoy the displays, some stalls, a Raffle and delicious refreshments with homemade cakes!

SPRING SHOW

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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

We welcome exhibits from everyone! You do not have to be a member of the society to exhibit. 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 to keep 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.

REG FORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Most points in flower classes

BOB CLAYTON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best exhibit in flower classes

WALTER GASSON TROPHY

Winner of picked flowers class 20

SOCIETY TANKARD

Best exhibit in handicrafts classes

L & J CABS TROPHY

Best entry in cookery classes

GEORGE PUTLAND TROPHY

Most points in photography classes

BRIAN CROUCH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Most points in children's classes

VISITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

Best exhibit, chosen by visitors

SPRING SHOW CLASSES

CUT FLOWERS

See page 7 for definitions.

Judge: *Pete and Jean Sudell*

- 1 3 cut TRUMPET DAFFODIL stems (*one variety*)
- 2 1 cut TRUMPET DAFFODIL stem
- 3 3 cut LARGE CUPPED DAFFODIL stems (*one variety*)
- 4 1 cut LARGE CUPPED DAFFODIL stem
- 5 3 cut SMALL CUPPED DAFFODIL stems (*one variety*)
- 6 1 cut SMALL CUPPED DAFFODIL stem
- 7 3 cut DOUBLE DAFFODIL stems (*one variety*)
- 8 1 cut DOUBLE DAFFODIL stem
- 9 3 cut MULTI-HEADED DAFFODIL stems (*one or more varieties*)
- 10 1 cut MULTI-HEADED DAFFODIL stem
- 11 3 cut MINIATURE DAFFODIL stems (*one variety*)
- 12 3 cut DAFFODIL stems (*any one variety not listed above*)
- 13 3 vases of 3 DAFFODIL stems (*3 different varieties*)
- 14 My favourite DAFFODIL (*any variety*)
- 15 3 stems of picked POLYANTHUS in a vase
- 16 Bowl of picked GARDEN PRIMROSES (*bowl 4" or less*)
- 17 3 stems of picked HELLEBORE flowers in a vase
- 18 6 HELLEBORE heads (*display boxes will be provided*)
- 19 1 CAMELLIA stem with 1 bloom (*any variety*)
- 20 Vase of picked MIXED SPRING FLOWERS
- 21 Vase of MIXED FOLIAGE

PLANTED FLOWERS

Judge: Pete and Jean Sudell

- 22 Pot of planted DAFFODILS (*any variety, pot 8" diameter or less*)
- 23 Pot of planted MINIATURE DAFFODILS (*pot 8" diameter or less*)
- 24 Pot of planted TULIPS (*any variety, pot 8" diameter or less*)
- 25 Single planted HYACINTH in a pot (*pot 6" or less*)
- 26 Single planted GARDEN PRIMROSE in a pot (*pot 6" or less*) **NEW**
- 27 Bowl of 3 planted HYACINTHS (*one or more colours, bowl 8" or less*)
- 28 Bowl of planted POLYANTHUS (*bowl 8" or less*)
- 29 A FLOWERING POT PLANT (*pot 8" or less*)
- 30 A FOLIAGE POT PLANT (*pot 8" or less*)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Maximum size 7"×5" (18cm×13cm). Exhibits should be printed, unframed and have not have been shown before. Exhibitors to have only one entry per class.

Judge: Debbie Dann

- 31 'SIGNS OF SPRING'
- 32 BUTTERFLIES
- 33 WATER

HANDICRAFTS

Judge: Sue Davies

- 34 A CROCHETED item
- 35 A KNITTED item
- 36 'SOMETHING I HAVE MADE', any item not covered by the other classes
- 37 A handmade EASTER GIFT

COOKERY

Domes will be provided. Judge: Sue Davies

38 5 EASTER DECORATED BISCUITS (*recipe on page 10*)

39 VICTORIA SANDWICH with raspberry jam filling (approx. 8" diam)
A Victoria sandwich is made with fat

40 5 CHEESE STRAWS

41 BANANA BREAD (approx 2lb)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Judge: Oliver Boorman-Humphrey

42 A CRESS HEAD, decorated for Easter

43 A vase of SPRING FLOWERS picked from my garden, displayed in a recycled container

Exhibits and displays from the local community groups to be confirmed.



Why not join the society and support our future events!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION - £5 per member

Anyone interested in joining the society can contact Alan, our Membership Secretary, on 07870525441 for more details.



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

Donations of raffle prizes, plants and cakes are always welcomed for our events.

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

SOCIETY DEFINITIONS

NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL CLASSES

Note that the names Narcissus and Daffodil are one and the same.

TRUMPET NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL

The trumpet should be as long or longer than the petals (Parianth).

LONG CUPPED NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL

The cup should be more than one third of, but less than the length of the petals.

SMALL CUPPED NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL

The cup should be no more than one third of the length of the petals.

SHOW ENTRY DETAILS

CLASS ENTRY FEES

Children's classes	FREE
All other classes	20p per class

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

Entries can be submitted until **7pm** on the preceding **WEDNESDAY** to the show. Anyone can enter exhibits - you do not have to be a member of the society to exhibit! Exhibitors may only have one entry per class.

There are two methods of submitting entries:

- Online via our website at www.crowhursthorticultural.org.uk and follow the links. Entry fees are payable to the treasurer on the morning of the show.
- Complete the enclosed entry form and post or hand into 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 07870525441

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.

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.

Please ensure you are familiar with the rules of exhibiting given on page 11 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 - SPRING SHOW - Sat 21st March 2026

Please **circle** the classes below that 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
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CHILDREN'S CLASSES - Free

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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.

CLASS 36 RECIPE – DECORATED EASTER BISCUITS

For the dough:

- 200g/7 oz softened butter, plus extra for greasing
- 150g/5½ oz caster sugar
- 2 large free-range egg yolks
- 400g/14 oz plain flour*, plus extra for dusting
- 1 level tsp ground mixed spice
- 1 level tsp ground cinnamon
- 2–4 tbsp milk

For the icing:

- 1–2 tsp lemon juice
- 250g/9 oz icing sugar
- Selection of food colourings

Method

- 1) Pre-heat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4.
- 2) Measure the butter and sugar into a bowl and beat together until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolk. Sieve in the flour and spices and add enough milk to make a fairly soft dough. Bring together, using your hands, to make a soft dough. Halve the mixture and set half to one side.
- 3) Knead the remaining half of the biscuit dough lightly on a lightly floured work surface. Roll out to a thickness of 5mm/¼in. Cut out Easter biscuits using an assortment of shaped cutters.
- 4) Lightly grease two baking trays lined with baking paper. Place the biscuit shapes on the prepared trays and bake in the preheated oven for 10–15 minutes. Remove from the oven and lift onto a wire rack to cool.
- 5) To make the icing, pass one teaspoon of lemon juice through a fine sieve, to remove any pips or bits. Mix the icing sugar with the lemon juice and then add about two tablespoons of cold water, adding it little by little until you have a relatively stiff but smooth icing. Add a splash more sieved lemon juice if necessary. Divide the icing into separate bowls and mix in food colourings of your choice into the separate bowls of icing, until you achieve the desired shade.
- 6) Use piping bags to pipe your decorations onto the biscuits.

* Replace with gluten-free flour if desired, but please label as gluten-free.

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RULES

1. The Society shall be known as THE CROWHURST & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
2. 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.
3. All exhibits must be staged before 10.15 am on the morning of the Show, at which time the hall will be cleared for judging.

THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any class.
10. 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.
11. All vegetables will be judged by their fitness for use, and must be divested of all superfluous leaves. Lettuce to be shown with the roots on.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Judging for all the shows will be guided by R.H.S. rules, amplified where necessary by the regulations of specialist societies such as the N.D.S., R.N.R.S. and N.A.F.A.S.
15. The Society will take all possible care of the exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may arise.
16. Prize money not collected before the close of the Show will be donated to the Society.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

'NATURE UNDER YOUR NOSE' with Jay Ashworth

Fri 10th APRIL – 7pm for 7:15pm start
Free for members, £4 non-members
Crowhurst Village Hall

PLANT SALE at the Village Market

Sat 2nd MAY – 10am (TBC)
Crowhurst Village Hall
Donations wanted on the morning!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fri 28th AUGUST – 7:30pm
Crowhurst Village Hall

AUTUMN SHOW

Sat 19th SEPTEMBER
Staging 8:30am-10:15am
Open to the public from 2pm
Crowhurst Village Hall

The following visits are being arranged with dates to be confirmed:

- Visit to Merriments Garden, Hurst Green
- Visit to Rotherview Nursery, Three Oaks including demonstration
- Visit to Hermonceux Castle Gardens and talk



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