



Westfield Horticultural Society

affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society



2026
Show Schedule
& Handbook

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January 2026

Show Schedule delivered by hand

February 2026

Valentine Quiz: Saturday, 14th 7-10pm

Westfield Community Hall, Workhouse Lane, TN35 4QJ

Workshop: Introduction to Macrame: Saturday, 21st, 9.30-1pm
Westfield Bowls Club

March 2026

AGM: Saturday, 7th March 2026, at 11am

Westfield Bowls Club

Talk: by Sophie Leathart on 'Setting up a Cutting Garden'
with slides and a demonstration on flower arranging.
Wed, 18th, 2-4pm Westfield Bowls Club

April 2026

Spring Show: Saturday, 11th, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Westfield Community Hall, Workhouse Lane, TN35 4QJ

Open Garden: date to be advised

Malcolm & Elaine Shirley, Brede 1-4pm.

RHS Wisley; Wednesday, 29th including coach & entry

May 2026

Talk: date and subject tba

June

Open Garden: Tuesday, 16th June, Dave & Dawn's garden 1-4pm

July 2026

Cream Tea: date to be advised - free to members, £3.50 to guests

August 2026

Open Garden: date to be arranged
thanks to member Susan Fletcher, Westfield, 1-4pm

September 2026

Autumn Show: Saturday, 5th, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Westfield Community Hall, Workhouse Lane, TN35 4QJ

October 2026

Talk: by Graham Blunt from Plant Base UK
Tuesday, 27th October, 2-4pm
Westfield Bowls Club

November 2026

Beetle Drive: Saturday, 14th, Community Hall, 7-10pm
Westfield Community Hall, Workhouse Lane, TN35 4QJ

December 2026

Seasonal Lunch: The New Inn, Thursday, 3rd

Further dates to be announced via our monthly newsletter.

Welcome to the 2026 Show Schedule and Handbook

Dear Members,

Every year we tend to have one subject to talk about in common throughout the year, the weather, and 2025 was no different. We experienced the wet, the cold and very dry spells but you, our members, managed to produce an excellent selection of flowers and vegetables for both our Spring and Autumn shows. Well done.

At the Spring show we had our plant sale again that was very successful, and at both shows we had our Seed Swap which now seems very popular. Please keep saving your seeds so that we can continue to offer a good selection.

Our membership has been steady during the year with 121 memberships. We hope we can continue to have your support during this year and if you have friends, neighbours or relations please spread the word as they may want to join us. We are looking to have a full program of events etc during the year, see page 2 for the list so far. Other events will be advertised in our monthly newsletter.

We have managed to keep membership at the same rate as last year, being £5 for a single membership and £7 for a couple, being excellent value for all that is on offer.

Local nurseries advertised in our newsletter still offer 10% discounts to members producing a membership card, being on plants only. They have a good range of plants and roses at reasonable cost which I hope you will take advantage off.

January 1st is when membership is due for renewal, please see the Membership/Renewal form at the back of the schedule.

Again we thank you for your support in the last year and it's thanks to my committee and those that have helped during the year in providing support at our shows and events, not forgetting the ladies that bake the magnificent cakes etc.

Dave Miles (Chair)

Westfield Horticultural Society

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President:	Vacant
Chairman & Membership Secretary	David Miles
Show Sub Committee:	Dave Miles, Linda Baker, Juni Parkhurst, Maria Wells
Secretary & Treasurer:	Linda Baker
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Email:	westfieldhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

Postbox: Archers of Westfield, Main Road, Westfield, TN35 4QE. Please use this for messages, membership applications / renewals, news, suggestions for activities or any other WHS correspondence. The box is locked and checked weekly.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank the following for their support in 2025:

**Archers of Westfield
Oak Cottage Plants
Rotherview Nursery
Rowena Walsh (auditor)**

**The New Inn
The Old Rose Nursery, Northiam
Ed's Nursery, Cripps Corner**

and all members who kindly contributed raffle prizes, plants, seeds etc

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2026 MEMBERSHIP TO WHS

What does it mean to be a WHS member?

- Show Schedule delivered to your door.
- Updated news via email or letter several times a year, with early information about WHS activities and events
- Priority booking and reduced cost for activities, trips and events
- Free entry to the Shows
- RHS discount voucher of 50% for two adults.
(we have only one card that has to be requested from the secretary)

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The annual cost of membership remains at just £5 for individuals and £7 for couples / families and is due on 1st January 2026. Prompt payment will be very much appreciated. Cash or cheque, in an envelope posted in Postbox at Archers or to Dave Miles, 102 Westfield Lane, East Sussex, TN37 7NQ

Payments by BACS can be made to our account:

Metro Bank

Bank Name: Westfield Horticultural Society

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account No: 55312362

Members paying by BACS should complete a Membership/Renewal Form

DATA PROTECTION:

The WHS uses the information you give us to inform you about the activities and events of the society. All general information is delivered to you by post or email. We will only contact you directly by email or phone with specific information about an event or activity that you are involved with. The data we store is kept on a secure server with access limited to named elected members of the committee only. We do not share your data with any third party. If you leave the society or choose not to renew your membership your details will be deleted from our records after 12 months. You will need to sign that you have read this statement and consent to your information being held and used by the WHS for the stated purpose. This includes life members.

Westfield Horticultural Society Seed Swap and Plant Sale 2026

After the record take up of free seeds at the seed swaps in 2025, we have decided to continue this wonderful scheme in 2026. The Plant Sale will also be available at our Spring Show, Saturday, 11th April 2026. There will be lots of lovely flower and vegetable plants to bring colour to your gardens.

We hope to be able to collect from WHS members and supporters, seeds and cuttings which we will grow on to sell at our Spring and Autumn Shows in 2026.

If you would like to donate either seeds or cuttings for this purpose, please contact Juni Parkhurst on 07958607271 or just bring along young plants ready for sale on the show days. All contributions very gratefully received, and all profits go to the Westfield Horticultural Society.

We are hoping to be able to offer a good variety of flowers, herbs and vegetables to raise funds for the society.

Seed Swap – Free Seeds

Come along to the shows and choose from a large variety of free seeds:

- If you have seeds you no longer want, bring them along to donate or swap. If you don't have any seeds to bring, you are welcome to just take seeds - we just want to encourage you to get growing!
- With home grown seeds, if possible, label with the common name, colour, growth habit and any other helpful detail.
- Opened seed packets are fine, as long as the seeds are in or near date and the packet is safely resealed.
- All seeds are welcome - except home grown seeds from the curcubit family as the produce can be bitter and toxic.
- We also accept unwanted garden tools, books and other garden related paraphernalia, that is swappable !
- A voluntary donation box will be available

Spring Show Awards Trophies & Certificates

President's Award	best exhibit in Show
Rose Bowl	most points in Flower, Foliage and Plant classes
Easter Cup	most points in Vegetable and Cuttings classes
Alice Button Cup	most points in Home Produce Classes
Lilian Skinner Trophy	best exhibit in Home Produce
The Berry Goblet	best exhibit in Handicrafts
Spring Goblet	outstanding Floral Art arrangement
Miniature Cup	best Miniature arrangement
Junior Cup	best Junior exhibit in Show
Spring Achievement Cup	most points in Show by a new exhibitor
Spring Cup	most points in Show
The Spring Vase	best vase of mixed Spring flowers
Squirrel Cup	most points for Art in both Spring & Autumn Shows
The Margaret Crouch Cup	in recognition of outstanding support to WHS

This is the first year of presenting The Margaret Crouch Cup, which has been kindly donated to WHS by her family, in loving memory.

Each entry from under 16s will be awarded a small edible prize. Please ensure that the age of any entrant under 16 years old is stated on the entry form.

Autumn Show Awards, Trophies and Certificates

RHS Banksian Medal

As an affiliated society of the RHS, we are able to award the prestigious Banksian Medal to the winner of most points in Vegetable, Fruit and Flower sections.

See page 29 for more information and rules about winning the Banksian Medal.

Current holder of the Banksian Medal: **Eileen Hurton**.

Sydney Smith Cup	best collection of vegetables
The G Button Cup	most points in classes 1-10
Draper Cup	best Vegetable
Bill Stevens Cup	best Cactus or Succulent
Challenge Cup	most points in Vegetable classes
Garden News Shield	most points in Flower classes
Marianne Davis Cup	most points in Home Produce classes
Sylvia Adams Trophy	best exhibit in Home Produce
Dicker Cup	most points in Handicraft classes
Quercus Goblet	best exhibit in Handicraft classes
September Cup	most points in Fruit classes
The Junior Cup	best Junior exhibit in Show
Gwen Smith Cup	outstanding Floral Art arrangement
Autumn Goblet	most points in Floral Art
Autumn Challenge Cup	most points in Show
Autumn Achievement Cup	most points in Show by a new exhibitor
The Honey Trophy	best vase of flowers suitable for attracting bees
Squirrel Cup:	most points for Art in both Spring & Autumn Shows
The John Paige Cup	awarded for the best Dahlia in Show

Each entry from under 16s will be awarded a small edible prize. Please ensure that the age of any entrant under 16 years old is stated on the entry form.

Conduct of Shows

1. Except where they do not apply under this schedule, shows will be in accordance with the rules and standards giving in the RHS Show Handbook (a copy of the Handbook is held by the Show Committee).

Entries and Eligibility

2. **Entries must be sent in by the dates given on entry forms or by email**
3. Late entries: No entries for Floral Art will be accepted on the Show Day. Entries may be accepted for other classes until 9.30 am on the Show Day, at the discretion of the Show Committee.
4. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries without disclosing the reason.
5. Classes are open to members and non-members alike unless stated otherwise in the Schedule.
6. A novice is defined as someone new to entering. Once 2 shows have been entered, the entrant is no longer considered a novice.
7. **Only single entrants will be accepted in all classes except Fun classes.**

Exhibits and Staging

8. **Exhibits are to be staged on Show days between 8.00 am and 10.30 am.**
9. No exhibit may be cleared before 4.30 pm; however, they must be removed from the hall by 5.15 pm.
10. Flowers may be bought for the use in Floral Art classes.
11. In Horticultural classes, exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitors. Pot plants must have been in their personal possession for at least 3 months.
12. In classes for Home Produce, Handicrafts and the fun / classes, exhibits must have been made by the exhibitors within the last year.
13. Please state in the Handicrafts if the exhibit is made from a kit.
14. Exhibitors may only enter one exhibit per class, including the fun / classes.
15. Exhibitors should use their own vases and plates for their displays.
16. Stems of cut flowers/shrubs must reach the water in the vases.
17. The names of blooms, plants, vegetables and fruits, should be given where possible.

Judging and Awards

16. Judges are invited to attend our shows and assess exhibits based on their impartiality and knowledge. The following manuals are used as reference:

RHS Horticultural Show handbook
NAFAS Competitions Manual 2015 (third edition) NFWI 'On with the Show' 2012

17. The Judge's decision on the relative merits of exhibits is final
18. The Society reserves the right to withdraw or modify awards if the exhibits are not up to standard.
19. Protests must be submitted to the Show Committee from 3.00pm, accompanied by £1 which will be returned if the claim is upheld.
20. After judging, no exhibits may be altered or removed until the end of the Show.

Prizegiving and Prizes

21. The points value of prizes, other than for collections, which will count as double points are 1st: 4 points; 2nd: 3 points; 3rd: 2 points; 4th/HC: 1 point
22. Floral exhibits will be judged under the NAFAS Competitions Manual 3rd Edition 2015 and on the titles alone.

Loss or Breakage

23. The Society cannot be held responsible for losses, breakages or damage.

Presentation

These notes are only a guide so please do not be put off by the supposed formality of showing. In our village show there are few rules, and these are contained in the schedule. However, as these entries are judged, some suggestions of presentation might give you the edge over another exhibit.

Overall, our judges look for general condition, form, uniformity, size and cleanliness. These qualities mean different things for different produce. But good staging and preparation can make all the difference. Some examples....

Carrots, Parsnips and Beetroot

Free from dirt, ideally uniform in shape and size. Foliage cut to about 4" and tied with string or raffia. Do not trim roots, except those small wispy ones that grow on the sides.

Potatoes

Clean and uniform in size and shape. Do not peel!

Runner Beans and French Beans

Can be picked in advance wrapped in a damp cloth and kept in a cool dark place. Can be straightened (carefully) whilst damp. Leave a short length of stalk.

Onions

Towards the end of July take off any unsightly skin BUT be careful not to damage the sound skin which will need final ripening. Ease from the ground about 1 week beforehand allowing them to harden off and finally ripen. Place them in the sun for a day or two once lifted.

Onions and Shallots should have their roots removed and their tops should be trimmed and tied neatly with plain string or raffia.

Tomatoes

Uniformity is important. Leave on the calyces (stalks) and do not polish.

Leeks

Leave the roots on but cleaned. Tip from our judge, comb the roots! Leave the flags (foliage) intact but tied neatly.

Courgettes

Courgette flowers can be left on or removed. If they are really fresh they are very attractive and might catch the judge's eye.

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Presentation cont...

Herbs

Herbs should be displayed in a clean, clear container with a narrow neck to support the stems. All foliage below the water level must be removed, and the entry must be clearly labeled with the (common) name

Collection of Vegetables

This class can include vegetables which are in the schedule or others which are not.

Any other vegetable

Anything from a single pumpkin to a set of 12 pea pods. The more interesting and unusual the better!

Fruit

All fruits (except apricots, nectarines, peaches) should be shown with stalks intact.

Apricots, nectarines and peaches are shown without stalks. The same general notes apply for condition, uniformity, etc. Do not polish fruit.

Flowers

Desirable merits and defects vary considerably between varieties and types however some general common hints are - Freshness, cleanliness and condition, form and uniformity, trueness of colour, size of blooms in balance with stems, stems clean and free from defect.

Art

Please consider these definitions from the Tate Gallery before you choose your class:

Abstract art is art that does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead uses shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect.

Mixed media is a term used to describe artworks composed from a combination of different media or materials.

Collage describes both the technique and the resulting work of art in which pieces of paper, photographs, fabric and other ephemera are arranged and stuck down onto a supporting surface.

Please note: the judge may move your work from the category entered to a more appropriate class, if it is deemed to be entered incorrectly. The judge also has the option to disqualify an item they consider does not meet the rules stated in this schedule.

Spring Show 11th April 2026

2:30 - 4:30pm

For help with presentation, see pages 12-13 for most items

Flowers & Foliage

Class	Number or measurement	Additional information
1. Pot or bowl of Spring Flowering bulbs		any colour, any variety
2. Mixed bulb flowers in a vase		any colour, any variety
3. Trumpet daffodils / narcissi	3 cut blooms	any colour, 1 variety
4. Large/small cupped daffodils/narcissi	3 cut blooms	any colour, 1 variety
5. Double daffodils / narcissi	3 cut blooms	any colour, any variety
6. Polyanthus daffodils / narcissi (multi-flowered)	3 stems	any colour, 1 variety
7. Miniature daffodils	5 stems	any colour, 1 variety
8. Cyclamineus daffodils	5 stems	any colour, 1 variety
9. Daffodils / narcissi	3 stems	any colour
10. Tulips (single)	3 cut blooms	any colour, 1 variety
11. Tulips (double)	3 cut blooms	any colour, 1 variety
12. Tulips (mixed varieties)	3 cut blooms	any colour
13. Succulent / cactus	1 plant	
14. Wallflowers	3 cut stems	
15. Any primula type	3 cut stems	any colour
16. Any other variety of outdoor grown flowers	3 stems	
17. Vase of mixed Spring flowers		
18. Flowering shrub	3 sprays	
19. Single cut specimen bulbous flower	bulb, corm or tuber	
20. Pansies or violas	3 cut stems	any colour
F1 Miniature garden		No larger than a seed tray

House Plants **Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15" x 15" / 40x40cms**

- 21. Foliage house plant
- 22. Flowering house plant
- 23. An orchid

Vegetables / Cuttings

24. Rhubarb	3 sticks	
<i>(leave approx 75mm of foliage in a fan shape)</i>		
25. Leeks	2	<i>(avoid excessive stripping of outer leaves)</i>
26. Bunch of named herbs in a glass jar	Not more than 8 varieties	
27. Sweet pea seedlings - ready for planting on	6	
28. Tomato plants - ready for planting on	3	
29. Any other vegetable - ready for planting on	4	1 variety
F2 An animal made from vegetables / fruit		
<i>(Vegetables/fruit can be grown or bought for this class. No size limit)</i>		

Home Produce

30. Focaccia bread	Presented in a basket
31. Cupcakes	3
32. Ginger Bread Loaf	Set recipe on page 16
33. Vegetarian sausage rolls	3 small
34. Cheese Straws	3
35. Marmalade	any flavour
36. Fruit curd	
F3. A biscuit fit for a Teacher	Judged on decoration only
37. Fruit Liqueur	Any size bottle

Crafts

Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15" x 15" / 40x40cms

Textile Crafts **please state if you are using a kit**

38. An item of knitting	38a. A group of knitted items
39. An item of crochet	39a. A group of crocheted items
40. An item of lace	
41. An item of embroidery or cross stitch	
42. An Hand sewn item	
43. An Machine sewn item	

Crafts using hard medium

Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15" x 15" / 40x40cms

44. An item of ceramic or pottery	From a Kit:
45. An item of wood	45a. An item of wood
46. An item of metal	46. An item of metal
47. An item made of mixed media**	47a. An item made of mixed media**

**** a minimum of 2 different materials ****

Papercraft **Cards should be handmade, not from a kit**

48. Handmade card – Adult only on any subject	
49. Handmade card – Under 16s only on any subject (please give age on entry form)	
50. An item of calligraphy	

Other

51. An item of jewellery - any medium	Not from a kit
52. Decorate a plant pot	(1)

Please refer to page 13 for rules and definitions on entering the following classes

Art Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15"x15" / 40x40cms

Exhibits must have been finished within the last year

- 53. A drawing using pen/pencil/ink charcoal/pastel
- 54. A painting using oils / acrylics / watercolour
- 55. An abstract painting in any medium
- 56. A collage or mixed media picture
- 57. An article of printmaking
- 58. Painting/collage for under 16's (please state age on entry form)

Photography Max size 8"x10" / 20x25 cms

Photos must have been taken in the last year.

- 59. Moonlight
- 60. Vegetables or Fruit
- 61. Smoke

Floral Art

Please refer to page 34 for help on presentation and accessories etc

Please note: There are no height restrictions, just width and depth as shown

- 62. Bold and Beautiful 24"x18" / 60 x 45 cms An exhibit
- 63. Summer Fun 24"x18" / 60 x 45 cms An exhibit
- 64. Green with Envy 24"x18" / 60 x 45 cms An exhibit

An exhibit for novices or those with limited experience:-

- 65. Oranges and Lemons 24"x18" / 60 x 45 cms
- 66. Spring has Sprung 10"/25 cms in any direction A petite exhibit

The following is not for judging but just to display in the hall

Any arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a vase or bowl.

Fun classes for under 16s: please state your age on entry form

- F1. Miniature garden

- F2. An animal made from vegetables/fruit

(Vegetables/fruit can be grown or bought for this class. No size limit)

- F3. A decorated biscuit (Judged on decoration only)

Grow Cress in half a potato: **Grow Tomatoes from a seedling:**

- F4. Beavers F5. Cubs
- F6. Brownies
- F7. Guides

SETRECIPE-SPRING

Ginger Loaf



Ingredients

225 g Plain Flour
50 g Golden caster Sugar
1/2 Teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda
2 Teaspoons Ground Ginger
1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
250 g Golden Syrup
125 g Butter

1 egg
75 ml milk

Icing:
4-5 teaspoons Lemon juice
Grated zest of 1 lemon
75g Icing Sugar

METHOD

Preheat your oven to 150C fan /300F / Gas 2

1. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin or use a loaf liner
2. Mix your dry ingredients together in a bowl: flour, sugar, Bicarb of Soda, ginger and cinnamon
3. Melt your butter with your golden syrup in a bowl over a pan of hot water. Once your butter has melted in the syrup, add half of this mix to your flour and mix well. Then add the beaten egg, followed by the remainder of the butter syrup mix. Stir it really well. Finally add your milk and mix.
4. Pour your mix into your lined or greased loaf tin and bake in the centre of your oven for approx 60 minutes. Once golden brown and firm to touch remove from the oven and tin and cool on a cooling rack.
5. When your loaf is cold, simply mix your icing sugar with lemon juice using a spoon stir until smooth. Pour the icing over the cake, use a teaspoon to spread a little. Finally sprinkle with your grated lemon zest

Entry Form - SPRING SHOW

Saturday, 11th April 2026

Write the number of each class you want to enter in the boxes.

Total number of entries:			

Name: Age if under 16:

Address:

Phone number: Member Yes/No:

Please submit your entries as early as possible and no later than
Thursday, 9th April 2026

Return form to:

Archers of Westfield, Main Road, Westfield, TN35 4QE
or via our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/westfieldhorticulturalsociety
or email us: westfieldhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

Autumn Show 5th September 2026

2:30 - 4:30pm

For help with presentation, see pages 12-13 for most items

Vegetables

	Class	Number or measurement	Additional information
1.	Coloured potatoes	4	
2.	White potatoes	4	
3.	Onions	3	see pages 12-13
4.	Garlic	2 bulbs	
5.	Leeks	3	see pages 12-13
6.	Carrots	3	see pages 12-13
7.	Brassicas - any variety	2	
8.	Beetroot (any)	3	see pages 12-13
9.	Cucumber	1	Outdoor or indoor
10.	Courgettes	3	Length not to exceed 6" / 15cms
11.	Largest marrow		
12.	French beans	6	
13.	Shallots - neck tied with rafia	6	
14.	Plum tomatoes with calyx	6	
15.	Cherry tomatoes with calyx	6	
16.	Open class tomatoes with calyx	6	
17.	Runner beans	6	
18.	A box of potatoes	3	named varieties, any colour, 3 of each in box / tray not to exceed 18" x 18"/46x46cms
19.	Named herbs in a container		not more than 8 varieties (no advertising on jar)
20.	Capsicums/sweet peppers	2	
21.	Any other vegetable		
22.	Basket/trug/box of mixed vegetables		4 varieties (but only one of each)
23.	Squash	2	Any type
24.	Longest runner bean	1	still edible please
25.	Chillies	3	Any variety
F1.	My best pumpkin		
F2.	Funniest shaped vegetable		

Taste

26.	Tastiest tomato	1	Any variety
27.	Tastiest grapes	1	Any variety
28.	Tastiest dessert apple	1	Any variety
29.	Tastiest soft fruit	1	Any variety
30.	Tastiest stone fruit	1	Any variety
31.	Tastiest cucumber	1	Any variety

Fruit

32.	Dessert apples	3	Any variety
33.	Cooking apples	3	Any variety
34.	Pears	3	Any variety
35.	Plums	3	Any variety
36.	Any other fruit (not already listed)	1	one variety
37.	Selection of grapes on a plate		with vine leaves

Flowers Please give size if more than 24" x 24" / 60 x cms

38.	A vase of asters	3 stems	
39.	Fuchsia	1 plant	
Please give size if more than 24" x 24" / 60 x cms			
40.	Geranium / pelargonium	1 plant	
Please give size if more than 24" x 24" / 60 x cms			
41.	Roses	5 stems	Any variety
42.	Single specimen rose	1	Any variety
43.	A vase of different flower types suitable for attracting bees		
44.	Grasses	5 stems	Any variety (can be mixed)
45.	Dahlias - any type, decorative small	3	flower dia 2 - 6" / 5 - 15 cms
46.	Dahlias - decorative medium	3	flower dia 6 - 8" / 15 - 20 cms
47.	Dahlias-cactus/semi cactus	3	flower dia not to exceed 8" / 20 cms
48.	Dahlias - any type, any size and can be mixed	5	
49.	My best dahlia - any type	1	
50.	Ball dahlias - any size	3	
51.	Pom-pon dahlias	5	flower dia max 2" / 5 cms
52.	Single dahlias - any size	3	
53.	Seed Head	1	Any variety
54.	A vase of Autumn foliage		
55.	Edible flowers	6 stems	Minimum 3 varieties
56.	Cosmos	3 stems	Any variety
F6.	My best sunflower	Photo	

*Please supply a photo preferably with person to provide context***Houseplants Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15" x 15" / 40x40cms**

57.	An orchid
58.	Cactus
59.	Succulent
60.	Begonia
61.	Flowering house plant - not begonia
62.	Houseplant-foliage

Home Produce

63.	Sour Dough	1 loaf	Presented on a board
64.	Lemon curd muffins	3	
65.	Spiced Apple Cake		Set recipe on page 22
66.	Bakewell tart		
F4.	Decorated gingerbread characters	1	Judged on decoration only
67.	Fruit scones	3	

Please provide a label stating date made and flavours; no markings, dates, or advertising on the jar or lids.

68.	Fruit jelly	1 jar
69.	Chutney	1 jar
70.	Fruit jam	1 jar
71.	Honey – set or clear	1 jar
72.	Chilli jam	1 jar
73.	Fruit liqueur	Any size bottle

Crafts*Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15" x 15" / 40x40cms***Textile Crafts**

74.	An item of knitting	1	74a. A group of knitted items
75.	An item of crochet	1	75a. A group of crocheted items
76.	An item of weaving	1	
77.	An item of embroidery or cross stitch	1	
78.	An Hand sewn item	1	
79.	An Machine sewn item	1	

Crafts using hard medium**From a kit:**

80.	An item of ceramic	
81.	An item of wood	81a. An item of wood
82.	An item of metal	82a. An item of metal
83.	An item made of mixed media	83a. An item made of mixed media
84.	An item of painted glass	84a. An item of painted glass

Papercraft*Cards should be handmade, not from a kit*

85.	Handmade card – Adult only on any subject
86.	Handmade card - Under 16s only on any subject (please give age on entry form)
87.	An item of calligraphy
88.	Any item of papercraft (quilling, decoupage, origami etc)

Other

89.	An item of jewellery - any medium
F5.	Something new from something old

Please refer to page 13 for rules and definitions on entering the following classes

Art Please state on entry form if size exceeds 15"x15" / 40x40cms
Exhibits must have been finished in the last year

- 90. A drawing using pen/pencil/ink/charcoal/pastel
- 91. A painting using oils / acrylics / watercolour
- 92. An abstract painting in any medium
- 93. A collage or mixed media picture
- 94. An article of encaustic art
- 95. An article of printmaking

Under 16's only - please state your age on entry form

- Painting or collage of trees

Photography Max size 8"x10" / 20x25 cms Photos must have been taken in the last year.

- 96. Bubbles
- 97. Holding Hands
- 98. Dirty boots or shoes

Floral Art

Please refer to page 34 for help on presentation and accessories etc

Please note: There are no height restrictions, just width and depth as shown

- 99. Red Hot! 24"x18"/60x45 cms An exhibit
- 100. Pot of Gold 24"x18"/60x45 cms An exhibit
- 101. Harvest 24"x18"/60x45 cms

An exhibit for novices or those with limited experience:-

- 102. Pretty in Pink 24"x18"/60x45 cms
- 103. Autumn Joy 4"/10cms in any direction A miniature exhibit

The following is not for judging but just to display in the hall

- 106. Any arrangement of foliage and/or flowers in a vase or bowl.

Fun classes for under 16s: please state your age on entry form

- F1. My best pumpkin
- F2. Funniest shaped vegetable
- F3. Plant a wellie boot (or any footwear)
- F4. Decorated gingerbread characters 3 Judged on decoration only
- F5. Something new from something old
- F6. My best sunflower Photo

Please supply a photo, preferably with person, to provide context

Hand Painted Flower

Bring photo of tomatoes grown from seedling

- F8. Beavers
- F9. Cubs
- F10. Brownies
- F11. Guides

Entry Form - Autumn SHOW

5th September 2026

Write the number of each class you want to enter in the boxes.

Total number of entries:			

Name: Age if under 16:

Address:

Phone number: Member Yes/No:

Please submit your entries as early as possible and no later than

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

Return form to:

Archers of Westfield, Main Road, Westfield, TN35 4QE

or via our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/westfieldhorticulturalsociety

or email us: westfieldhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

Spiced Apple Cake



Ingredients

Oil, for spraying	750g Bramley cooking apples
1 tsp ground mixed spice	1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice	2 large eggs
Finely grated zest of ½ lemon	100g demerara sugar, plus 2 tbsp
250g self-raising flour	200ml semi-skimmed milk
1 tsp baking powder	100ml sunflower oil
	½ tsp sifted icing sugar

Method:

Preheat the oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 4. Line a 23cm spring-clip cake tin with baking parchment. Mist the base and sides with oil.

Peel the apples and cut them into quarters. Remove the cores and cut the apples into thin slices – you'll need about 500g prepared weight. Put the apple slices in a bowl and toss with the lemon juice and zest.

Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and spice in a large mixing bowl. Whisk the eggs with the 100g of sugar, the milk and sunflower oil in a separate medium bowl using a large metal whisk. Then pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring lightly until combined – use the whisk to break up any stubborn lumps. Toss the lemony apples through the cake batter until evenly mixed and pour the mixture into the prepared tin.

Sprinkle the 2 tablespoons of sugar evenly over the top and bake the cake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour until it is well risen and golden on top. Test the cake by inserting a skewer into the centre – it should slide easily through the apples in the middle and come out clean.

Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing it from the tin and carefully peeling off the baking parchment. Dust with sifted icing sugar and serve warm or cold with a little single cream or half-fat crème fraîche.

Definition of Flower Categories

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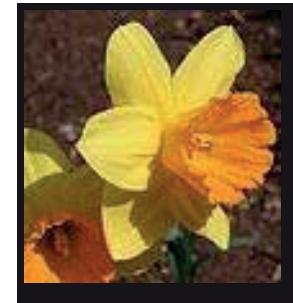
Trumpet:

Trumpet is as long as, or longer, than the petals



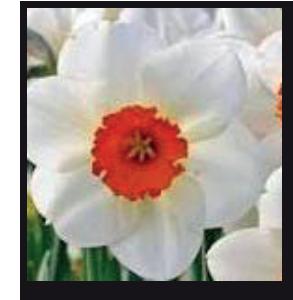
Large Cupped:

Cup more than one third, but less than or equal to, the length of the petals.



Small Cupped:

Cup not more than one third of the length of the petals.



Double:

As the name suggests, consists of fully double flowers and sometimes a double corona only. These can be one-stemmed or have multiple flowers on one stem.

**Cyclamineus:**

Dwarf daffodils with reflexed petals like cyclamen.

**Polyanthus:**

More than one flower head (usually three) per stem.

**DAHLIAS****Decorative**

Flowers fully double, show no central disc, with ray-florets that are broad, generally flat or slightly incurved at their margins. Sometimes slightly twisted and usually with blunt points.

**Cactus**

Flowers fully double with long narrow pointed ray-florets, strongly re-curved for more than half their length, either straight or curling towards the centre of the bloom

**Ball dahlias**

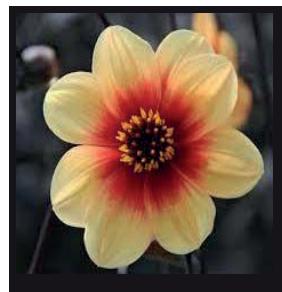
Flowers are fully double, spherical or slightly flat at the top. Ray-florets are spirally arranged, incurved for more than half their length, blunt or rounded at the tips

**Pom-pom**

Similar to the ball dahlia, but even more spherical, with florets incurved for the whole of their length

**Single dahlia**

Single row of petals surrounding the disk - any size



Additional Hints and Tips for Beginners

This section provides information to help you exhibit well in the various classes. Entering the show should be fun and informative. If you would like any further advice, please contact a member of the Show Committee.

HOME PRODUCE Advice on presentation

1. Read the schedule carefully to make sure you exhibit the correct size and number of items.
2. Plain white paper plates should be used for presenting items except bread, which should be on a board and rolls in a basket. Doilies may be used for sweet items.
3. Savoury tarts, quiches and flans should be removed from baking tins.
4. Fluted cutters should be used for sweet items e.g. jam tarts/fruit scones and plain cutters for savouries e.g. cheese scones/oatcakes.
5. A small garnish can improve the look of an item.
6. All preserves should be presented in sterilised jars and sterilised plain lids and labelled with the variety and full date it was made.
7. Jars and lids with trade names will not be accepted for judging as they contravene the Trade Description Act. This includes previously printed dates.
8. When potting, jars should be filled to the brim to allow for shrinkage when cold. Lids or waxed discs (shiny side down) should be applied while preserve is hot.
9. Wax discs and cellophane can be used for fruit curds as they have a short shelf life (3-4 weeks).
10. Vinegar preserves must be covered with non-corrosive lids and indicate pungency of contents (Hot/mild/spicy etc.) on the label. The flavours of pickles and chutneys develop as they mature. Items should be at least 2 months old before exhibiting.

HANDICRAFTS

Photographs: Can only be judged if within the correct size limit. Photos must have been taken within the last 12 months.

FLORAL ART Note for beginners

1. Accessories are decorative items to enhance your design and make it easier to interpret the title. If used, they must be included within the overall size of the exhibit.
2. A base under the exhibit or a drape behind it do not count as accessories so their dimensions are not relevant
3. All stems of the plant material should be in water or floral foam to prevent wilting
4. Unless otherwise specified in the class title, do not use artificial lower material as this will result in disqualification
5. Check the measurements allowed but note that there is no height restriction. Apart from petites and miniatures, the dimensions given are the spaces allocated for your arrangements. Make sure your exhibit does not touch the sides and back of the alcove or you risk being disqualified.
6. The background colour of the alcove or 'niche' is painted white. This may be a consideration when choosing the colour (s) for your arrangement. The floral art show bench is covered with green cloth.
7. Petite (maximum dimensions 10" / 25cms) and miniature (maximum dimensions 4" / 10cms) arrangements are not given individual spaces, but placed together in a group. This is called open-tabling and implies that the judge will assess exhibits from all sides.
8. Definition of "Novice" is a beginner or someone with limited experience. Once you have entered 2 Shows you are no longer eligible as a "Novice".

Rules for Granting a Banksian Medal

The Banksian medal should be the premier award in the Autumn Show, and should be in addition to the prizes won, and not a prize by itself. It should be offered to the winner of the largest total amount of points in the whole of the Horticultural classes at the Show. Prizes won for non-horticultural entries should not count towards the Banksian medal.

A competitor who has won the medal is not eligible to win again for a further 2 years, this rule also applies to anyone sharing a garden or allotment with a winning competitor. Affiliated societies alone may apply to the RHS for the granting of a Banksian medal.



WESTFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Membership/Renewal Application Form 2026

I wish to join (or renew) Westfield Horticultural Society for the year 2026 and enclose my membership fee. Family / Couple - £7 Single - £5

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Email:

Phone number:

DATA PROTECTION

The WHS uses the information you give us to inform you about the activities and events of the society. All general information is delivered to you by post or email. We will only contact you directly by email or phone with specific information about an event or activity that you are involved with. The data we store is kept on a secure server with access limited to named elected members of the committee only. We do not share your data with any third party.

I have read the above statement and agree to my information being held and used by the WHS for stated purpose.

Signed: Date:/...../.....

Return form with payment to: Archers Butchers (our postbox) or to
Dave Miles, 102 Westfield Lane, TN37 7NQ

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[#CustomerService](#))

Please see future Newsletters for details of the future launch of Oak Cottage Plants.

NOTES

A page for you to keep a copy of your entries

Spring Show

Note of classes entered:

Autumn Show

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