

Hartfield & District Horticultural Society

Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural
Society

163rd

Annual Show

Hartfield Horticultural Show at the Village Fete

Saturday 12th September 2026
On the Town Croft 12:30pm

Entry forms are provided with this schedule and these must be completed and reach the box at
the Village Shop no later than 5pm on Wednesday 9th September.

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hartfieldhortionline@gmail.com
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1. Vegetable Section, Grown by You

- 1 One dish of five potatoes, white
- 2 One dish of five potatoes, coloured
- 3 Two cauliflowers
- 4 Five carrots (any variety)
- 5 Five runner beans
- 6 Dish of shallots
- 7 Four courgettes (any variety)
- 8 Two cucumbers
- 9 Five tomatoes
- 10 Ten cherry tomatoes
- 11 Three peppers
- 12 Two parsnips
- 13 Two sweet corn
- 14 The largest marrow
- 15 Three of any vegetable not listed above
- 16 Three different varieties of freshly cut home grown herbs
- 17 Container or trug of mixed vegetables grown by you

2. Fruit & Soft Fruit Section, Grown by you

- 18 One dish of five dessert apples
- 19 One dish of five cooking apples
- 20 One dish of five pears
- 21 One dish of fruit, other than pears or apples
- 22 Three sticks of rhubarb

3. Flower Section, Grown by you

- 23 One pot plant – flowering
- 24 One pot plant – foliage
- 25 Two sprays of chrysanthemums
- 26 One bowl of roses with own foliage – five blooms, no accessories
- 27 One specimen rose
- 28 One specimen gladiolus
- 29 One vase of mixed dahlias – five blooms
- 30 One dahlia, to be named
- 31 Two vases of flowers – 2 different kinds – one kind in each vase
- 32 One pot of cactus or succulent
- 33 A fuchsia in a pot – pot not to exceed 9” (22.5 cm) diameter
- 34 One vase of mixed outdoor grown cut flowers (excluding chrysanthemums)
- 35 A potted fern

4. Collection Section

- 36 Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Vase (See Rules at the end of the list of classes)
- 37 Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Tray (See Rules at the end of the list of classes)
- 38 A Three Generation family collection, one cooked, one grown, one crafted. (One item from each generation)

5. Novice Collection (See Rule 3) Grown by you

- 39 One dish of three potatoes (same variety)
- 40 Three beans (any variety)
- 41 Three carrots (one variety)
- 42 Five tomatoes
- 43 Three courgettes (any variety)
- 44 A cucumber
- 45 Arrangement of flowers, Space allowed 12” (30 cm)
- 46 An arrangement of herbs in a mug

6. Flower Arranging Section

- 47 A bowl of roses grown by you with rose foliage only
- 48 "Lunar Landing". Space allowed 24" (60 cm). Accessories allowed.
- 49 Make an arrangement of flowers and foliage of your own choosing and give it a title. Space allowed 24" (60 cm). Accessories allowed.
- 50 Flower arrangement in a Flower Pot. Space allowed 18" (45 cm). No accessories.
- 51 Miniature arrangement of flowers from your own garden. Space allowed 12" (30 cm)

Best in Show – Floral arrangement section will be awarded JumpersTown Cup

7. Photography Section

- 52 A photograph taken by you "A Single Flower". Mounted on card.
- 53 A photograph taken by you "Pond Life". Mounted on card
- 54 A photograph taken by you "Mans Best Friend". Mounted on card.
- 55 A photograph taken by you "A Railway Station". Mounted on card.

8. Handicraft Section

- 56 An item of metal or woodwork
- 57 An item of knitting
- 58 A wreath for your door using predominately natural materials
- 59 Any other item of handicraft

9. Painting and Drawing Section

- 60 An oil painting *
- 61 A sketch of a house *
- 62 An acrylic painting *

** Please indicate the size of any large pictures so that we allow enough space*

10. Cookery Section

- 63 A quiche of your own choice
- 64 Six iced fancies. Own recipe.
- 65 A choux pastry bake
- 66 A ginger cake. Own recipe.
- 67 A hand made loaf of bread

11. Produce Section

- 68 Three hens eggs on a dish, the same size and colour
- 69 A jar of plum jam
- 70 A jar of soft fruit jam
- 71 A jar of pickles – any variety
- 72 A bottle of lemonade ready to drink

12. Children's Section

(Please give minimum assistance to be fair to all entrants)

Age	Class
4 – 5 years	73 Paint or draw a picture of Pooh Bear
	74 Make a potato person
6 – 7 years	75 Paint or draw a picture of a pet
	76 Make a model of Eeyore
8 – 9 years	77 Make a garden in a seed tray
	78 Draw or paint a picture of Pooh Bridge
10 – 11 years	79 A piece of handicraft made by you
	80 Five pieces of a cooked savoury snack
12 – 16 years	81 Cook something using honey
	82 A photograph of Pooh Corner Shop

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Mary McGlew Cup (Open to everyone)

A four egg Victoria Sandwich in 8" (20cm) tin without cream

**Rules for the
Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Tray Class**

1. The Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Tray is for a display of three vegetables chosen from the seven below. The quantity of each vegetable needed is shown in brackets.

The seven vegetables from which exhibitors can choose just three are:

CARROTS (3) – Without top foliage

ONIONS (3)

PARSNIPS (3) – Without top foliage

PEAS (6)

POTATOES (3)

RUNNER BEANS (6)

TOMATOES (6)

For carrots and parsnips, the top foliage should be trimmed to no more than 3” (7.5cm) from the top shoulder of the vegetable.

2. The vegetables should be displayed within an area of 18” (45cm) by 24” (60cm).

All vegetables must be displayed within the confines of this area, and no part of any vegetable may protrude beyond it.

A tray or board measuring 18” (45cm) by 24” (60cm) can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can be simply marked out on the staging

Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurement that must be no greater than 18” (45cm) by 24” (60cm).

3. A black base cloth is permitted, or the tray can be painted. The only garnish material allowed is Parsley. No other material is allowed at all. (No plates, sand, onion rings, etc).
4. The Hartfield Horticultural Society will be responsible for judging the Top Tray Class to RHS rules for each individual vegetable (please see the Horticultural Show handbook published by the RHS).
5. The winner of the Top Tray Class will receive a £5 garden voucher

**Rules for the
Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Vase Competition**

1. The Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowers containing a total of between five and ten stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants.
Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants. Two varieties of the same flower are NOT two kinds
2. The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 marks for the overall presentation and effect of the plants in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be in accordance with normal Royal Horticultural Society rules.
3. Plants used in the display must show flowers only; no seed heads or berries are allowed.
4. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories whatsoever such as bows or additional foliage will be allowed.

Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem will be allowed. Packing material, including florists’ foam to keep the stems upright and in place, is allowed.
6. The winner of the Hartfield Horticultural Society Top Vase will receive a £5 garden voucher

Show Rules

1. All garden produce or flowers exhibited for competition must have been grown in the exhibitor's own garden and have been in his or her possession for two months prior to the Show, except for flower-arranging classes.
2. The place of Exhibition will be open from 7.00am. The Committee undertakes to stage exhibits delivered but assumes no liability regarding same. Staging must be completed by 10.00am; if you have not completed staging your entry it will not be included in the show.
3. Cups will be presented at approximately 4.00pm.
4. The definition of a 'Novice' shall be anyone who has not won a cup for the past two years for the particular kinds of vegetables, fruit or flowers mentioned in the Novice Class.
5. **Entry forms are provided with this schedule and these must be completed and reach the box at the Village Shop no later than 5pm on Wednesday 9th September. Alternatively, entry forms can be scanned and emailed to hartfieldhortonline@gmail.com no later than 5pm on Wednesday 9th September. Sorry but no late entries can be accepted.**
6. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the gardens of the Competitors.
7. The Judges are empowered to withhold or modify any award at their discretion. In the event of a dispute, Arbitrators will be appointed by the Committee. Any appeal to the Arbitrators must be accompanied by 50p, to be returned if the appeal is upheld. Any protest or other objection must be made in writing and handed to the Show Secretary before 4.00pm.
8. No more than one prize to be awarded to any exhibitor in any one class.
9. All prize winnings must be claimed by 5.00pm on the day of the show and any unclaimed prize winnings will be deemed to be donations to the society's funds.
10. Produce should be named if possible, and all roots must be washed. Garnishing is permitted. The wording of the schedule regarding numbers of kinds and varieties will be strictly adhered to. No fruit to be polished.
11. All Cups and Trophies are Challenge Trophies and cannot be won outright.
12. All Cups and Trophies are to be returned at least three weeks before the date of the show to Lola Donner, 1 Barn End, High Street, Hartfield TN7 4AB.
13. An "exhibit" is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within the space specified in the Schedule.

Number of specimens to be shown in a collection of fruit:

Apples 5; Apricots 9; Cherries 30; Currants – Black 12 stems; Currants – Red 12 stems; Damsons 30; Fig 9; Gooseberries 20; Grapes 2 bunches; Nectarines 6; Peaches 6; Pears 5; Plums 9; Raspberries 15; Strawberries 15; Blackberries 15.

Maximum points allowed under the Royal Horticultural Society's Rules for judging vegetables:

Beans, Broad and Dwarf 15; Beans, Runner 18; Beetroot 15; Lettuce 15; Marrows 15; Cauliflowers 20; Brussels Sprouts 15; Cabbage 15; Courgettes 12; Green Salad Onions 12; Leeks 20; Parsnips 20; Peas 20; Potatoes 20; Savoy 15; Turnips 15; Tomatoes-Large 16, medium 18, small 12; Onions over 250gm 20; Onions 250gm or under 15; Carrots-Long 20; Others 18; Cucumbers House or Frame 15; Ridge or Outdoor 15; Shallots-Exhibition 18; Pickling 12; Broccoli 18.

Notes for Exhibitors

‘N.A.S’ = “Not according to Schedule”. It must be terribly disappointing when an exhibit, so obviously better than all the rest, is marked with these fatal letters by the judges and does not get a prize, whilst a less deserving entry does. It is just to avoid heartbreak and frustration that we say repeatedly: “Do check that your entries are exactly according to schedule”. Yet every year entries are disqualified – 11 shallots instead of 10; beautiful flower arrangement, but oversized; What’s that Dahlia doing in a vase of Hardy Perennials?”

The Judges have to be strict or some other competitor may justifiably complain. It’s all too easy to slip up, but we want the prizes to go to the best entries, not to those who only get them through other people’s mistakes. So, once again, PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY AND CHECK YOUR ENTRIES TO BE SURE THEY CONFORM.

If you are dissatisfied with a judge’s ruling please adopt the procedure in rule 6.

Note; Antirrhinums are not to be classed as Annuals.

Tips for showing Fruit and Vegetables

Tomatoes

Must have stalks on

Onions & Shallots

Tops should be trimmed to 3”-4” (7.5 – 10 cm), folded over and tied using raffia, roots trimmed. Display on cardboard rings. (e.g. sections of a kitchen roll tube.) Shallots should be placed on sand on the paper plate.

Raspberries, Blackberries & Strawberries

Should be exhibited with stalks intact

Blackcurrants, White Currants & Redcurrants

Should be exhibited on their ‘strings’

Courgettes

Extra points if the flower is attached

Carrots

Foliage trimmed to 3” (7.5 cm)

Please ensure your produce is of a uniform size and the correct amount as stated in the show schedule. The judges are strict.

Society Rules

1. The Society shall be called the HARTFIELD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
2. The object of the Society shall be to promote public interest in, and to encourage horticulture by offering prizes for local and general competitions at exhibitions and in such other manner as may appear desirable, e.g. lectures and meetings.
3. The Officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice Presidents, Chairman and Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries who shall be ex-officio members of all committees.
4. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the general Committee to receive and approve the Annual Report, to pass the Audited Accounts, to elect General Committee and officers for the ensuing year and to transact any other General Business.
5. The Society and its assets shall be managed and administered by the General Committee comprised of a maximum of twelve Society Members, to include the President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Produce Stall

There will be a produce stall and it is hoped that members will donate their surplus vegetables, flowers, fruits and preserves after the show, along with as many plants and old garden implements as possible. These will be sold for the benefit of the Society.

If you have any questions about the Annual Show or about anything in this schedule please contact either of the Society Committee members below:

Secretary	Thelma Schorr	07853 134707	thelmasmail@gmail.com
Membership	Gerry Wood	07765 255899	

Or send an email to hartfieldhortionline@gmail.com

ENTRY FORM

ONE EXHIBITOR'S ENTRIES ONLY ON THIS FORM

HARTFIELD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Exhibitors are requested to put a cross over the numbers of the Classes they wish to enter in the boxes below:

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
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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Children's Classes: Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

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I HEREBY DECLARE that the exhibits entered above are in accordance with the Rules of the Society printed in this schedule and I agree to abide by such rules.

Title Name (Block letters)

Address.....

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Tel No.

Email address:

Exhibitors should read show rule 7

Form to be filled in by the exhibitor and returned to the Village Shop, High Street, Hartfield or scanned / photographed and emailed to hartfieldhortionline@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN

5pm on Wednesday 9th September