

Helpful Hints on Showing

Plants and Flowers

Read the Schedule and keep to any requirements i.e. if it states a 10" bowl the bowl can be smaller, but not larger. Please use vases, clean jars or a drinking glass fitting this to the size of the entry – milk bottles are automatically disqualified under RHS judging rules.

Perennials are plants that come back into growth year after year. Own foliage should be on the stem of the flower not separate.

One plant means one plant not several in one pot. Water is available in the marquee.

Fruit

Stalks should remain attached to the fruit. Display on a plate (paper or plastic is fine) with a few leaves from the plant.

Any other fruit are types of fruit not mentioned in the schedule, i.e. apricots.

Vegetables

Smaller items i.e. Potatoes, Peas, Beans, Courgettes, should be shown on a plate. Larger items Cabbage, Lettuce, Beet; Carrots, Rhubarb, Marrow, Cauliflower are displayed directly on the show bench.

Beet and Carrot tops should be trimmed to 5cm.

Lettuce - wash roots, wrap in moist tissue, insert in plastic bag and tie neatly.

Cauliflower outer leaves can be trimmed to show the curd i.e. cut back to "frame" the curd.

Beet, Rhubarb can be tied together.

Rhubarb leaves can be removed – cut off ensuring that the three prongs of the upper stalk are retained for about half an inch.

Shallots can be stood up, root end down, in a dish of sand.

Onions can be displayed on a plate, tied or stood up on a small piece of hollow tube.

The Judges are asked to judge for quality not size, for example a Courgette should be no longer than 13cm and this includes a small stalk. If possible the flower head should be retained on Courgettes and Cucumbers.

Runner and French Beans benefit from being stored over night wrapped flat in a damp cloth.

If you require help or are unsure about any points concerning your entries please contact any one of our committee members who will be pleased to assist.