



BATCOMBE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday 25 July 2026

Batcombe Jubilee Hall

Show opens at 2pm



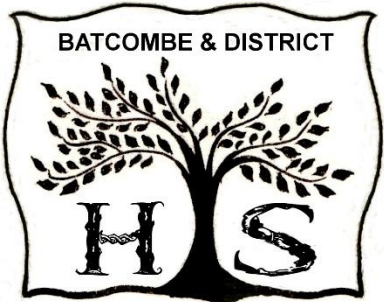
Entries are FREE (in advance) but donations welcome:

Monday 13 - Thursday 23 July by email to

BatcombeHorti@gmail.com

Thursday 23 July 5-8pm in person at

the south porch of Batcombe Church



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Our thanks to the judges for all their hard work

Entry forms

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or

In person: 5-8pm Thursday 23 July at the south porch of Batcombe church

Entries

To be displayed in the Jubilee Hall on:
Saturday 25 July between 9:30 and 10.45am

Prize giving and raffle draw from 4pm

Teas and refreshments from 2pm

1. **Entry is free** if you enter either via email between Monday 13 – Thursday 23 July to BatcombeHorti@gmail.com or in person between 5-8pm Thursday 23 July at the south porch of Batcombe church. Please enter any class for which you think you might have an exhibit.
2. **Late entries on the day of the show will be charged at 50p per class.** Any late entries must be received by 10.45am on the morning of the show.
3. An exhibitor may enter up to two entries per class but may only win one prize. The second entry may be awarded highly commended.
4. Novice classes are for any entrant who has not won a class in the section before.
5. Children may enter any class provided the exhibit is their own work.
6. Exhibits must be staged between 9:30am and 10.45am on the day of the show unless stated otherwise. The hall will then be cleared for the judges. Exhibitors are responsible for attaching entry cards on their exhibits.
7. Fruit and vegetable exhibitors are requested to read “Hints on preparing and staging fruit and vegetables”.
8. Exhibits in the vegetables, fruit and flowers sections must be grown by the Exhibitor. Two persons may not exhibit from the same garden or allotment in the same class.
9. The Committee cannot be held responsible for removal, damage or loss of exhibits.
10. The committee will appoint competent judges, whose decision will be final. Any other objections will be dealt with by the committee.
11. The Committee reserve the right to accept or refuse any entry and the decision of the judge is final.
12. Prizes in every case will be subject to the overriding discretion of the judges.
13. Objections must be made in writing and lodged with the Chair before 3:30pm on the day of the show with a deposit of £5.00 which will be forfeited if the objection is groundless. If the objection is upheld by the Chair the exhibit will be labelled as disqualified and the deposit will be returned.
14. An Exhibitor winning a cup last year may compete in all classes but may not win the cup this year.
15. In the event of a tie for a cup, account will be taken of the number of 1st and 2nd places and the number of entries to decide a winner.
16. Extra entry forms are available from BatcombeHorti@gmail.com and on the website: BatcombeHorti.org.uk/forms Photocopies are allowed.

HINTS ON PREPARING AND STAGING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

There is no doubt that attractive presentation of exhibits will attract the judge's eye.

POTATOES: Should be carefully washed, staged on a plate or doily and weigh approximately 200g.

ONIONS: Firm, uniform bulbs that can be placed on rings 2.5cm high to good advantage. **Shallots** should be shown mounted on fine, white sand. Onions and shallots should not be peeled and the outer skin left on. Bend top of stem double and tie neatly with raffia, cotton or rubber band.

PEAS: These look well when arranged like the spokes of a wheel in the centre of a plate or placed on the table side by side. Keep the bloom on the pods by handling them by their stalks. Leave 'top and tail' on pea pods, French and runner beans.

Runner beans should be long, straight and tender.

LETTUCE: Firm and tender - may be kept fresh by placing root in a basin of water.

CUCUMBER: Fresh, young, tender, blemish-free, straight fruits of uniform thickness with short 'handles' and flower if possible.

COURGETTES: Young, tender and 10-20cm long, well matched and of any colour. Round cultivars should be approximately 7.5cm in diameter.

CABBAGE: Leave approximately 7.5cm of stalk.

EGGS: Should be uniform in size and shape with shells free from stains and dirt. The judge may break one egg to check yolk colour and condition.

RHUBARB: Aim for straight, long, tender stalks with well-developed colouring and leaf blades trimmed back to about 7.5cm.

LIST OF CLASSES AND PRIZES

1st and 2nd prize cards will be awarded to the winning entries.

VEGETABLES

In all vegetable classes, exhibitors are encouraged to label their entries with the name of the variety shown.

This is for public interest only. It is not compulsory and will not affect the judging.

Class

1. Three potatoes (one variety)
2. Potato - single tuber (different variety from class 1)
3. Three salad potatoes (one variety)
4. Three large onions (trimmed)
5. Three onions - no bulb to exceed 225g (trimmed)
6. Three shallots (separate and trimmed)
7. Three carrots (up to 15cm)
8. Three carrots (over 15cm)
9. Five cherry tomatoes
10. Three tomatoes (not cherry)
11. Five pods of broad beans
12. Five pods of runner beans
13. Five pods of French beans
14. Five pods of peas
15. One head of lettuce
16. A pot of cut-and-come-again lettuce (30cm pot max)
17. Three radishes
18. Three beetroots, any colour
19. One cucumber
20. Two courgettes
21. One cabbage, any variety
22. One cauliflower, any variety
23. Any other vegetable
24. A collection of vegetables – six distinct varieties (30cm x 45cm base)
25. A pot of basil "Lettuce Leaf" - grown from seed collected at the Plant Swap, 15cm pot max
26. Any vegetable - NOVICES ONLY**
27. The longest runner bean
28. A collection of tiny veg – three or more kinds
29. The most amusing looking vegetable
30. The smallest ripe tomato

FRUIT

In all fruit classes, exhibitors are encouraged to label their entries
with the name of the variety shown.

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Class

31. Three eggs (any variety)
32. A saucer of raspberries (stalks in)
33. A saucer of currants – red, black or white (stalks in)
34. Six gooseberries (stalks in)
35. Three sticks of rhubarb
36. Any other fruit not mentioned above (a dish of one variety)
37. Five different kinds of fruit and/or veg on a plate – show us what you've got!
38. Any of the above classes - NOVICES ONLY**

FLOWERS

Jam jars will be accepted as vases.

Class

39. Any single stem bloom - **for the Peter Hall Cup**
40. A rose - one bloom
41. 1 multi-headed rose stem, any variety
42. Vase of at least 4 kinds of purple annual and/or perennial flowers (50cm diameter max)
43. Mixed annuals in a jam jar, at least three kinds
44. Penstemon - three stems
45. Phlox - three stems
46. Gladioli - one stem
47. Dahlia - a specimen bloom, any size, any variety (*no side-shoots*)
48. Dahlias - an exhibit of mixed blooms, any cultivars, five stems (*no side-shoots*)
49. Annual sweet peas - six stems **for the David Dale Cup**
50. Perennial sweet peas - six stems
51. Hydrangea - one bloom
52. Clematis - one bloom
53. Vase of 3 stems of one kind of flower not previously mentioned
54. Indoor pot plant (flowering or foliage, including succulents and orchids)
55. A collection of culinary herbs in a jam jar (account will be taken of the number of herbs included)
56. Zonal Geranium "Horizon White" - grown from a plug plant collected at the Plant Swap, 20cm pot max
57. Any of the above classes - NOVICES ONLY**
58. Most fragrant rose- one stem - to be judged by the public

** Any entrant who has not won a class in this section before

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Flowers may be purchased for this section. Accessories allowed. Classes 59 and 60-63 not to exceed 50cm width and depth and unlimited height.

Class

- 59. "Play the Game" - an exhibit to depict a game
- 60. "Light the Flame" - a miniature to include a matchbox (10x10x10cm)
- 61. "Out of the Hat" - an exhibit to include a hat
- 62. "Mirror Image" - an interpretive arrangement
- 63. Any of the above classes – NOVICES ONLY**

THE KITCHEN

Marks will be awarded on flavour, aroma and texture. In addition, here are some hints on presentation:

- Jams/Jellies/Home Brews - jars should be clean with clear attractive labelling.
- Fruit colour should be bright and characteristic.
- Bread should be well risen and evenly baked.
- Cakes should be well risen and have an even texture

Class

- 64. A jar of jelly - any variety
- 65. A jar of jam - any variety
- 66. A jar of marmalade
- 67. A jar of honey
- 68. A jar of fermented food (e.g. kimchi, sauerkraut etc)
- 69. A jar of chutney

Exhibits in classes 70-79 to be covered with cling film.

- 70. Bread – handmade loaf (machine-free)
- 71. Bread – machine-made
- 72. Five shortbread fingers
- 73. Three savoury scones
- 74. Three savoury tartlets (10cm max)
- 75. Bake Off cut and come again cake (partial recipe supplied on page 11)
- 76. Victoria sandwich cake (20cm max)
- 77. Five brownies
- 78. A gluten-free cake (20cm max)
- 79. A cake of your choice - NOVICES ONLY **
- 80. A fruit spirit (e.g. sloe gin, plum brandy, etc)
- 81. Bottle of homemade cordial

** Any entrant who has not won a class in this section before

CRAFT

Class

- 82.** An animal made from vegetables
- 83.** A tissue box monster
- 84.** A jelly fish made from a recycled plastic bag
- 85.** A small woven paper rug or mat – 20x15cm
- 86.** A pin cushion
- 87.** An inflated balloon face
- 88.** Something knitted for a child – **for the Myra Wiltshire Cup**
- 89.** Any of the above classes - **NOVICES ONLY****

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor and be no larger than 18cmx13cm (7"x5"). If mounted, the border should be no larger than 2.5cm (1") all round. Exhibitors may enter up to two photographs in any one class.

Class

- 90.** Architecture of the Parish
- 91.** Animal friends
- 92.** What's for lunch?
- 93.** Boundaries
- 94.** On the move
- 95.** Nature and wildlife
- 96.** Death and decay
- 97.** Any of the above classes – **NOVICES ONLY ****

ART

Class

- 98.** A limerick 'It's spring and I'm turning my compost'
- 99.** A seaside collage of Beach Huts
- 100.** 'Life at the Chopping Board ' - any medium
- 101.** Painting or collage of favourite tree
- 102.** A stained-glass window design
- 103.** A flower - pencil sketch
- 104.** Create a repeat wallpaper design
- 105.** Any of the above classes – **NOVICES ONLY ****

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Please state child's age on all exhibits.

Classes are open to all children in the Horticultural Society's area including those who live outside the area but attend locally organised groups or are relatives of those living in the local area (e.g. grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc). If you are planning to be away for the show, you need not miss out! Please leave your exhibit with a friend or committee member (see page 3) who can enter it on your behalf.

Entries must be the child's own work and will be judged on originality and creativity. Children may also enter the adult classes in this schedule provided the exhibit is their own work.

There are no fees for children's entries.

First, second and third prize cards will be awarded to the winning entries. Prize money will be awarded: **1st prize – £2; 2nd prize – £1.**

OPEN classes for ALL CHILDREN age 16 years and under on August 31st 2026. Please state age on exhibit.

Class

- 106.** A miniature garden **for the Jo Bloor Cup**
- 107.** A French bean plant grown from a plug plant collected at the Plant Swap, 20cm pot max
- 108.** The yuckiest slug or snail - in a jar!

Primary School - Age 10 years and under on August 31st 2026

Class

- 109.** My favourite party food, covered in cling film
- 110.** A pressed flower
- 111.** One thing I have grown to eat
- 112.** A piece of jewellery such as badges, bracelets, earrings, tiaras, hair clips etc.
- 113.** A hand tied posy in a jam jar
- 114.** A Lego bridge of your own invention (no larger than 30x30cm, not from a kit)
- 115.** A portrait in any medium (except photography)

Secondary School - Age 11 - 16 on August 31st 2026

Class

- 116.** My favourite party food, covered in cling film
 - 117.** A pressed flower
 - 118.** One thing I have grown to eat
 - 119.** A piece of jewellery such as badges, bracelets, earrings, tiaras, hair clips etc.
 - 120.** A hand tied posy in a jam jar
 - 121.** A Lego bridge of your own invention (no larger than 30x30cm, not from a kit)
 - 122.** A portrait in any medium (except photography)
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Bake Off cut and come again cake recipe (for class 75)

- 200g SR flour
- pinch of salt
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 100g butter or margarine
- 100g caster sugar
- 200g mixed dried fruit
- 1 tsp orange or lemon rind
- 1 egg plus milk and water = 125ml

Grease and line 15cm cake tin

Prepare mixture by rubbing-in method

Place mixture in tin and smooth level

Bake for 1¼ hours at 180°C / 350°F / gas mark 4

CUPS AND TROPHIES

The society will present a trophy to the exhibitor scoring the most points in the following sections (excluding novice classes) – 1st place will receive 2 points and 2nd place 1 point.

Please note rules 14 and 15 from page 4.

FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE - The Society Cup for FF&V (Exhibitor scoring the most points)	Classes 1 to 56
VEGETABLES - The Bert Maidment Cup	Classes 1 to 30
BEST SINGLE STEM BLOOM - Peter Hall Cup	Class 39
BEST SWEET PEAS - David Dale Cup	Class 49
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP	Classes 59 to 62
HEMLOCK AND COOKERY - The WI Cup for H&C (Exhibitor scoring the most points)	Classes 64 to 81
CRAFT – The Craft Cup (Exhibitor scoring the most points)	Classes 82 to 87
SOMETHING KNITTED FOR A CHILD - Myra Wiltshire Cup	Class 88
PHOTOGRAPHY - The Photographic Cup (Exhibitor scoring the most points)	Classes 90 to 96
ART CLASSES - The Art Cup (Exhibitor scoring the most points)	Classes 98 to 104
THE JO BLOOR JUNIOR CUP	Class 106
CHILDRENS - OPEN - The Children's Cup (Child scoring the most points: 3 for 1 st ; 2 for 2 nd ; 1 for 3 rd)	Classes 106 to 122
FOR EFFORT - Maurice James Bowl (To any child in the children's section)	
CHAIR'S AWARD - Each judge will nominate the best exhibit from each section that they judge. The Chair can then award the cup to either the best exhibit overall based on this list or to someone that they think has made the most effort. It will be the Chair's decision in conjunction with the Secretary.	

Please note that all cups are to be held for one year and should be cleaned and returned to Mark Hampton (850663) by 17 July.

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Only one person per form please!

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Class Numbers (up to 2 entries per class):

Adult entries received after 8pm on Thursday 23 July will be charged at **50p per class**.

Name:	
Signature:	
Address:	
Tel. No:	
E-mail:	

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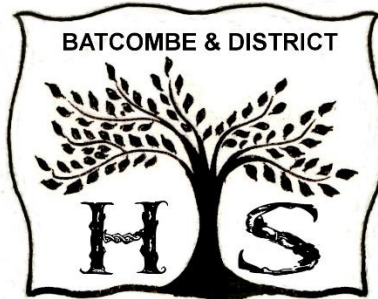
Final entry to the Hall to display exhibits is 10.50am

The Hall is cleared at 11am – a “10-minute warning” bell is rung at 10.50am.



FOR NEXT YEAR – 2027

Classes for the craft, photography and art sections for the 2027 show will be published in the Parish News beginning in January 2027.





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