

HURSTBOURNE TARRANT & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

FLOWER, VEGETABLE & PRODUCE COMPETITION

AT THE SUMMER FETE
& FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026
SHOW OPENS AT 12PM



We are delighted to share this year's competition schedule. We hope that you'll help us to make 'The Hurstbourne Tarrant Flower Show' the biggest and best yet!

Please come and register your exhibits at:

**HBT Primary School
Tennis Courts**

FRI 3RD JULY

3–4pm

**HBT Community
Centre**

FRI 10TH JULY

3–6pm

**Behind The Rural
Business Hub**

SUN 5TH JULY

5–7pm

**The Show Marquee
King George V Fields**

SAT 11TH JULY

8–9.30am



£1 for up to 4 entries.

No limit on number of entries!

Please bring exhibits in categories 5 – 71 to the Show Marquee between 8 – 9.45am on 11th July. Exhibits in categories 72 – 101 should be brought to the HBT Community Centre on Friday 10th July between 3 – 6.30pm or between 8 – 9.45am on Saturday 11th July.

Welcome to the 2026 Hurstbourne Tarrant & District Horticultural Society Flower, Vegetable and Produce Competition.



We're gearing up for another fantastic celebration of local talent, friendly rivalry, and the occasional wonky carrot. Whether you're a baker, grower, maker, photographer or artist – aged 2 or 92 – there's a category for you.

We continue to review and refresh our competition categories to keep them relevant and engaging. This year, we're delighted to introduce sourdough loaves to the bread section, and following the successful reintroduction of two of our garden categories last year, we also welcome back Best Small/Medium & Best Large Garden.

This year's 'Great HBT Bake Off' challenge is a Battenburg cake. You can choose your own sponge colour scheme – perhaps inspired by the Football World Cup theme featured in our Floral Arrangement category.

We have put an order in for perfect weather conditions this year so that your 4-legged friends can join in the fun and take part in the Dog Show – we will also be running a photographic 'Dog Show' in case you can't attend or it is too hot on the day.

We are honoured to receive a new cup from the friends and family of Yvonne Hill, who played such an important role in the Flower Show and contributed so much to village life. She is greatly missed, and this cup – awarded for the Best Painting or Drawing in the Children's Classes – will be a fitting tribute to her memory.

A huge thank you for the support of our generous sponsors who feature in this year's Schedule.

Finally, this show simply wouldn't exist without you. Please, enter as many categories as you can – whether it's your prize jam or your heaviest potato. If you've never entered before, make this the year you bring your masterpieces (or brave attempts!) to the big white tent. We can't wait to see you all!

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www.hbtvillageshow.org.uk



GARDENS in Hurstbourne Tarrant, Ibthorpe, Upton, Netherton, Linkenholt & Faccombe and Ibthorpe allotments.

Judged on Mon 6th July. £1 per entry. Enter at the registration events on 3rd & 5th July, via email l.hedger@btinternet.com or tel: 07880 558 847.

1. **The W. J. Bound Cup** for the 'Best Local Allotment or Vegetable Garden'
2. **The President's Cup** for the 'Best Local Decorative Frontage or Front Garden incl: Pots, baskets and containers'
3. **The Trewby Cup** for the 'Best Local Small/Medium Garden' < 0.25 acre
4. **The Shepard Cup** for the 'Best Local Large Garden' > 0.25 acre

VEGETABLES

The Society Challenge Cup for the 'Best Local Vegetable Exhibit' (5 – 26)

5. 4x Coloured Potatoes
6. 4x White Potatoes
7. The Heaviest Potato
8. 3x Carrots (with 3" of leaf stalk)
9. 1x Cabbage (with at least 2" of stem)
10. 3x Onions (trimmed, but not skinned)
11. 6x Shallots (trimmed, but not skinned)
12. 2x Bulbs of Garlic
13. 6x Pods of Peas (stalks attached)
14. 6x Runner Beans
15. 6x Pods of French Beans
16. 6x Pods of Broad Beans
17. 2x Lettuces (with roots attached and washed)
18. 3x Beetroot (round leaves removed leaving 3" stalks)
19. 2x Cucumbers
20. 3x Courgettes (6" or under)
21. 4x Tomatoes (standard, calyx attached)
22. Cherry Tomatoes (full truss)
23. 4x Stalks of Rhubarb
24. Parsley (five stems in water)
25. 3x Varieties of Herbs (cut stems in water)
26. Wonkiest vegetable of any variety



FRUITS

The Millennium Cup

for the 'Best Local Fruit Exhibit' (27 – 31)

27. Gooseberries – a dish of 12
28. Redcurrants – 8 strigs (bunches)
29. Blackcurrants – 8 strigs (bunches)
30. Raspberries – a dish of 12 (plug left in)
31. A Dish of Any Other Fruit (single fruit variety)



FLOWERS

The Lt. Col. Wright Challenge Cup

for the 'Best Local Flower Exhibit' (32 – 42)

32. 1x Flowering Pot Plant (including Cacti)
33. 1x Foliage Pot Plant (including Cacti)
34. A Vase of Perennials
35. A Vase of Lavender
36. A Vase of Penstemon
37. 3x Varieties of Hybrid Tea Rose (in one vase)
38. 1x Old Fashioned Rose (1 stem)
39. 3x Varieties of Floribunda Rose (in one vase)
40. 3x Varieties of Rose (in one vase)
41. 3x Stems of Dahlia (in one vase)
42. A Vase of Home Grown Mixed Flowers

43. **The Seward Cup** for the 'Best Local Single Scented Rose' (judged on scent only)

44. **The Cookson Cup** for the 'Best Vase of Local Sweet Peas'



FLORAL ART

The Sir Arthur Hort Cup

for the 'Best Local Floral Art Exhibit' (45 – 50)

45. A Miniature Arrangement
(not to exceed 5" / 125mm square)
46. 'Just 5 Stems'
(minimum effort, maximum impact)
47. 'No Flowers Allowed'
(just foliage, grasses & seed heads)
48. Any Arrangement in an Unusual Container
49. A 'Football World Cup' Inspired Arrangement
50. A Teacup & Saucer Arrangement (in or out of the cup)



PRODUCE

51. **The Janet Coysh Trophy** for the 'Best Local Classic Victoria Sponge Cake' (Traditional sponge. No cream. Raspberry jam. Caster sugar dusting)

The Marie Boake Cup

for the 'Best Baked Produce Exhibit' (52 – 62)

52. 6x Cup Cakes (assorted or matching)
53. Best Decorated Cake
54. The Great HBT Battenburg Bake-off
(Recipe can be found later in the schedule)
55. 6x Biscuits (including shortbread, flapjacks, etc)
56. 4x Brownies
57. A Loaf Cake (cooked in a 2lb loaf tin)
58. Handmade Plain Loaf of Bread
(not machine made)
59. Sourdough (not machine made)
60. Artisan Flavoured Loaf of Bread
(not machine made)
61. 4x Scones (plain)
62. A Quiche



The David & Eileen Sullivan Trophy

for the 'Best Local Produce Exhibit' (63 – 71)

63. Strawberry Jam (one pot)
64. Any Flavour Jam
(other than strawberry – one pot)
65. Marmalade (one pot)
66. Chutney (one pot)
67. 6x Eggs
68. Homemade Wine (one bottle)
69. Fruit Liqueur (including sloe gin – one bottle)
70. Fruit Cordial (to include elderflower – one bottle)
71. Homemade Cider (from local apples – one bottle)



HANDICRAFTS

72. **The Hon Mrs Frankland Cup** for the 'Best Local Handicraft Exhibit' Needlework, Tapestry, Felting, Crochet or Knitting, etc
73. **The Ella Ruth Tacey Cup** for the 'Best Local Painting or Sketch Exhibit' (Oil, watercolour, pastel, pencil & mixed media)

The Maltings Cup for the 'Best Local Photography Exhibit' (74 – 80)

74. Photograph: 'Flower Power'
75. Photograph: 'Fur or Feather'
76. Photograph: Action shot
77. Photograph: Insect
78. Photograph: Weather
79. Photograph: 'Caption Competition'
(Supply photo and caption)
80. Photograph: Landscape (urban or rural)
81. **The Syd Vowles Cup** for the
'Best Photograph of the Parish Exhibit'
(Taken in the Parish of HBT)



Photography Notes. Black & white or colour.

All photographs to have been taken within the past two years.

Maximum size A4. All photographs to be unframed.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The Yvonne Hill Memorial Cup for 'Best Painting or Drawing'

Sir Donald Wolfit Cup for 'Best Model or Handicraft'

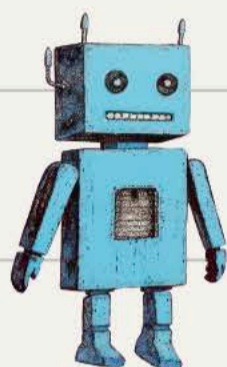
The King Edwards Cup for 'Best Bug Hotel, Miniature Garden or Posy'

Royal Wedding Cup for the 'Best Sweet Treat'

Bryn & Sue Evans Trophy for the 'Best Photograph'



	< 5yrs	5-7yrs	8-11yrs	12-16yrs
Painting or Drawing (inc computer drawn)	82	88	94	100
Model or Handicraft (any medium inc Lego etc)	83	89	95	101
Bug Hotel or Miniature Garden	84	90	96	102
Posy in a Jam Jar	85	91	97	103
Homemade Sweet Treat (sweets, cake, biscuits)	86	92	98	104
Photograph (any of the adult categories)	87	93	99	105



The Ponting Cup for the Best in Show
 'The people's vote' will be awarded on the day.
 This can be awarded to any entry in the vegetable, fruit or floral categories in the marquee (categories 5 – 50) and all visitors can vote anonymously for their favourite entrant in the show.

RHS Banksian Medal is awarded to the person with the highest number of places across vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Cannot be won by the same person within 2 years.

54. The Great HBT 'World Cup' Bake Off

BATTENBURG CAKE

All bake off entries must follow the recipe and method below:

Ingredients

For the sponge

175g unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing

175g caster sugar

3 large eggs

175g self-raising flour, sifted (can be gluten free)

1 tsp almond extract

A few drops of food colourings of choice (max 2)

Traditionally, one part uses pink or red food colouring and one part is left uncoloured but to allow artistic flair to flow, or for you to support a specific team in this year's Football World Cup we will leave it up to you to choose your own colours!

For the buttercream

50g unsalted butter, softened

100g icing sugar, sifted

For the icing

4tsp Apricot jam, sieved

400g marzipan



Method

Heat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/350°F/Gas 4.

Using a double layer of baking parchment, divide a 20cm square cake tin in half by folding a barrier, or use a Battenburg tin if you have one. Grease the base and sides of the tin and line with greaseproof paper.

Cream butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition. Add almond extract and the flour and mix to a smooth batter. Do not overbeat.

Spoon half the mixture into a separate bowl. Mix in enough food colouring to colour one part of the mixture. If using two colours, mix the other colour into the other half of the mixture in the second bowl. Put each mixture in the separate halves of the tin. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until risen and firm to touch.

For the buttercream, whisk the softened butter and icing sugar together until pale, soft and creamy.

Once cakes are cool, place them on a chopping board and trim the sides of each one to make straight edges. Cut each cake in half lengthways to make 2 of each sponges (for example: 2 pink and 2 uncoloured sponges). Trim the top if they are different heights to make 4 identical shaped sponges.

Spread the buttercream along the long sides of the cakes and join one coloured and one uncoloured slice together, then one uncoloured and one coloured on top to create a chequered pattern. Brush the apricot jam over all the long sides and cover with marzipan smoothing it over the sides and corners so it is wrapped tight. Trim a thin slice of cake off each end to neaten the ends. Score a criss-cross pattern in the marzipan on the top.

DOG SHOW

at the Fete & Flower Show

The Dog show is kindly sponsored by **Little Nibbles Dog Grooming Salon**

Due to the uncertainty of the English weather, we're running the dog show as both a 'Virtual, photographic' and 'Live, on the day' competition. The photographic dog show will go ahead whatever the weather – the live show will not go ahead if it is too hot for the dogs.

£1 per entry per class.

- > Best bitch over 1 year
- > Best dog over 1 year
- > Senior dog over 10 years
- > Puppy 6 months to 1 year (can be younger if photo entry only)
- > Dog most like its owner (fancy dress optional)

The winner of each class will be entered into the 'Best In Show' to be in with a chance to win **The Pauline Ponting Trophy.**

To enter the virtual photographic competition

Send photo by email to dogshow@hbt.org.uk by 5pm on Wednesday 8th July. Entries received after this time may not be accepted.

Please include:

- 1) Owner's name
- 2) Dog's name
- 3) Breed
- 4) Age
- 5) Colour

Please pay by bank transfer to:
Hurstbourne Tarrant Horticultural Society
SC: 30-90-21 Acc: 03256806

If you enter the photo competition and are able to come along on the day, your entry can be transferred to the live competition.

Live Show entries

Please come and register your dog from 10am on the day at the Dog Show tent, payment in cash only please





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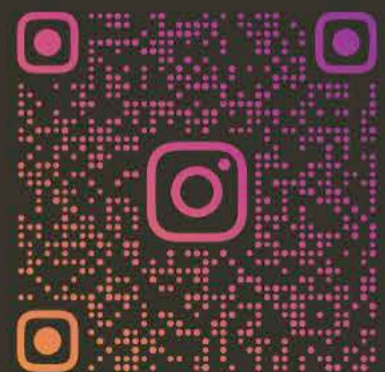
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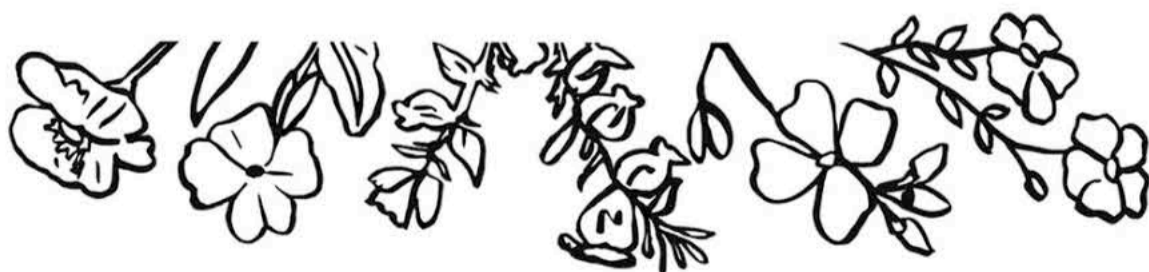
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A Guide to Exhibitors

- 1.** If the class asks for 6 Runner Beans make sure you show 6, and 6 only. When a class asks for more than one item, the judge will generally be looking for consistency in size, colour and shape.
- 2.** Vegetables should be shown at their optimum size and ripeness for eating or cooking; bigger does not always mean better, unless of course it is specified in the class. When harvesting fruit or vegetables, take care not to break off the stalks and handle and transport carefully to avoid bruising.
- 3.** Entries in the preserve classes should be labelled with the date of making and main ingredients. Make sure your label does not give away your identity! For food safety all preserves should have an airtight seal and any vinegar-based products should have a plastic lined lid.
- 4.** Any exhibit in the Produce Section may be sampled, please ensure that they are food safe and fit for human consumption!
- 5.** A good quality exhibit has often lost a prize because of poor presentation. Allow plenty of time to stage your exhibits. It can take longer than you think. Have a look on the website gallery for some inspirational photos www.hbtvillageshow.org.uk
- 6. You must leave the marquee by 10am for judging.**
- 7.** Although every care will be taken to safeguard exhibits, the Show organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- 8.** Cups and trophies will be awarded at the end of the afternoon. Before leaving the show, cups must be returned to the organiser's tent. They will be engraved and returned to the winners, who can keep them for the year.
- 9.** Cups and trophies can only be awarded to a resident of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Ibthorpe, Upton, Netherton, Linkenholt & Faccombe
- 10.** Please remove your exhibits from the marquee between 3 – 3.30pm.
- 11.** Any remaining exhibits (unless you have left a note with them) will be either auctioned off (with proceeds going to the Horticultural Society), devoured – or destroyed!