



KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

EXHIBITORS 10 AM PUBLIC 2:30 PM

FREE EXHIBIT ENTRY & FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

Categories include Best Front Garden,
Best Allotment and open classes of
Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Preserves,
Kitchen Produce & Crafts.

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2:30pm Free public admission.

3:30pm Awards Presentation,
Light refreshments available,
Raffle, and Auction of Produce

10:00 to 11:15am Exclusive
Exhibitor access for staging
11:30am Closed to exhibitors for
Judging of exhibits

Kensworth Village Hall
Common Rd, Kensworth,
Dunstable LU6 3RJ

www.kensworthflowerandveg.org.uk

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Many thanks to: ASDA, Chelsea Direct, Horse & Jockey PH, Men in Sheds, Morrisons, TC Feeds and Hilliers Garden Centre for donating raffle prizes at the 2024 show as well as our main show sponsors Fine & Country Estate Agents, Priory Press and Grant Funding by Kensworth Parish Council



All Kensworth Residents –
BEST FRONT GARDEN IN THE
VILLAGE

The competition is open to residents of
Kensworth, who will be automatically entered.

Only front gardens will be judged, including
hanging baskets and pots.

Judging will take place on an undisclosed day
before the show.

Prize winners will receive their award on the
day of the show

Kensworth Allotment Holders –
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ALLOTMENT
& BEST NEWCOMER

Open to all allotment holders on Clayhall
Road

Judging will take place on an undisclosed day
before the show.

Prize winners will receive their award on the
day of the show.

SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

- Judging is relaxed and informal and based solely on the opinion of the nominated external, independent expert Show Judges. Their decision is final in all matters of judging.
- Guidance from the Royal Horticultural Society is available from <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/exhibit-at-a-show/judging-at-rhs-shows> and <https://www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables/exhibition>
- All produce must have been grown by the exhibitor. Pot plants must have been tended by the exhibitor for at least two months.
- All vegetables must be washed. All brassicae must retain roots.
- Where indicated on the Schedule of Entries, leaves and stalks must be trimmed.
- No entries will be accepted on the day of the show.
- Exhibitors must stage their entries between 10:00 am and 11:15 am on the day of the show.
- All exhibitors must leave the hall by 11:30 am when judging takes place.
- The Show and Show Committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit.
- Entries must use the vases and paper plates provided unless indicated.
- The Committee will decide on any matter not covered by these Rules & Regulations. Their decision is final.
- The donation of exhibits for auction by entrants is welcomed and appreciated with proceeds raised going to show funds. The Committee ensures a sufficient reserve to hold the show for at least the next two years.
- It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to remove any entry they wish to keep promptly after the prize-giving. An announcement will be made at the end of prize-giving following which any entries not re-claimed will be immediately entered for auction.
- The trophies awarded for Best Garden, Best Flower, Best Vegetable, and Best in Show must be returned to the Show Secretary, cleaned and polished for the next show. All other awards may be retained by the winner.
- Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class as follows:
 - 1st place – 3 points, 2nd place – 2 points, 3rd place – 1 point
 - Best in Show is awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points.

WELCOME

We are excited to welcome you to this year's Kensworth Flower & Vegetable Show, a beloved community tradition that has run over 80 years and was recreated in its current format by my late wife Margo in 2008.

This popular event continues to honour the finest in local gardening, creativity, and community spirit.

Entry to the Show is completely free, providing a wonderful chance for everyone to appreciate the stunning displays of flowers, vegetables, and crafts.

Whether you are an exhibitor presenting your best produce and creations or a visitor seeking inspiration and admiration, we are excited to have you with us.

The Show is sustained by generous donations, raffles, and quizzes, which help cover its operating costs, allowing us to uphold this treasured tradition for many more years.

If you would like to support us, we encourage you to participate in these activities—every contribution makes a difference!

This event is not solely about competition; it's about uniting people, exchanging knowledge, and celebrating the hard work and passion that go into creating such remarkable exhibits.

This year, we've revamped the program layout, simplified the paper entry process, and introduced online entries for added convenience.

Enjoy the Show, and have a wonderful day!

David Manton
CHAIR



BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ENTRY

Louise & Mario Costa-Sa -New Entrants and Committee Members since 2024

Thinking about participating in the Kensworth Flower and Vegetable Show but unsure where to begin? This beginner's guide will provide you with all the essential information to ensure your first experience is a triumph!

1. Understanding the Show Categories

The Kensworth Flower and Vegetable Show includes a wide range of categories, such as: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers: Pot Plants, Young Persons Crafts, Cooking & Preserves and Flower Arrangements

Top Tip: Review the official show schedule for a complete list of categories and specific rules for each. This will assist you in deciding which sections to enter. Don't hesitate to reach out to a committee member for guidance. Entries are open from 1st May, giving you plenty of time to ask questions from committee members.

2. Choosing What to Enter

Pick your finest produce and blooms. Look for:

- **Uniformity:** Ensure your vegetables or flowers are similar in size and shape.
- **Condition:** They should be fresh, clean, and free from blemishes or pests.
- **Presentation:** Carefully arrange your display in the vases provided, to showcase the best features.

Top Tip: If you're entering multiple categories, vary your selections to enhance your chances of winning!

3. Preparing Your Entries

- **Vegetables:** Clean them gently but avoid over-washing. Trim leaves neatly.
- **Flowers:** Cut them the day before and keep them well-hydrated overnight.
- **Floral Arrangements:** Plan your design in advance and practice the layout at home.

Top Tip: Clearly and simply label your entries according to the show's guidelines.

4. Presentation Tips

- Use plain plates or vases provided to keep the focus on your entries.
- Arrange vegetables in neat rows or circles for a polished look.
- Position flowers to face forward and ensure they are evenly spaced.

5. On the Day of the Show

- Arrive early (open to exhibitors from 10 am to 11:15) to set up without any rush.
- Verify that your entries adhere to the category rules.
- Judging notes may be made on cards to help enhance your performance next year.

6. After the Show

- Celebrate any achievements and take note of judges' comments for future competitions.
- Network with fellow participants and learn from their experiences.
- Don't be disheartened if you don't win—view it as motivation to improve!

7. Useful Tips for First-Time Entrants

- Browse photos from previous shows on www.kensworthflowerandveg.org.uk to grasp the competition and understand what judges look for.
- Begin preparing your garden or crafts several weeks in advance.
- Keep the experience enjoyable and embrace the community spirit of the event!

Final Thoughts -Joining the Kensworth Flower and Vegetable Show is an excellent opportunity to showcase your gardening skills, creativity, and dedication, whilst meeting and learning from other local exhibitors.

Whether you're participating for fun or vying for a prize, the experience will undoubtedly be rewarding.

Happy showing, and best of luck! 🌻🌱



OPEN CLASSES

Mark the classes entered and and return the page to the Show Secretary by Sept 3rd 2025

Exhibitor Name -

Address -

Phone -

email -

A VEGETABLES

1. Three White Potatoes
2. Three Coloured Potatoes
3. Three Runner Beans – small stalk attached
4. Six Dwarf French Beans – small stalk attached
5. Three Beetroot – trimmed
6. Three Carrots – any variety, trimmed to 3"
7. Three Onions
8. Five Cherry or Plum Tomatoes – with calyx attached
9. One Ridge Cucumber – with stalk attached
10. Three Tomatoes – with calyx attached
11. Any unusually shaped vegetable
12. The Heaviest Onion
13. The Longest Runner Bean
14. Five Shallots
15. Two of any vegetable not listed above (Courgettes max. 8", with stalk attached)
16. Flat Board or Box of Vegetables (max. 24" x 18" or smaller).
Collection of four kinds of vegetables from: Two Leeks, Three Potatoes, One Cabbage, Three Carrots, Three Onions, Three Tomatoes, One Cauliflower, Five Runner Beans, Three Beetroot, Five Shallots.

B FRUIT

17. Three Dessert Apples – stalks attached
18. Three Cooking Apples – stalks attached
19. Five Plums – stalks attached
20. Three Pears – stalks attached
21. One Dish or Plate of Soft Fruit (15 pieces)

C FLOWERS

22. One Vase of Mixed Foliage - no flowers, berries or grasses
23. Three Cut Roses – any colour
24. One Specimen Rose
25. One Vase – Four named herbs
26. One Vase – Annuals or Perennials (Five stems, one variety or mixed)
27. Three Blooms – Decorative Dahlias
28. One Specimen Decorative Dahlia
29. Three Blooms – Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlia
30. One Specimen Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlia
31. One Vegetable and One Flower – any variety (no restriction on display method)

All flowers (except Class 31) must be displayed in green show vases provided.



OPEN CLASSES

Exhibitor name -
Address -
Phone -
email -

D POT PLANTS

- 32. One Flowering Pot Plant (max. 8" pot)
- 33. One Foliage Pot Plant (max. 8" pot)
- 34. One Cactus or Succulent Pot Plant (max. 8" pot)

E YOUNG PERSONS (AGES 12 AND UNDER)

- 35. A Collage of a Forest Scene made from natural items found in gardens or woods - age 8 & under
- 36. A Collage of a Forest Scene as per Class 35 above - age 9 & over.
- 37. Five Decorated Small Cakes
- 38. A Decorated Paper Plate - Theme - "Insects"
- 39. A Miniature Garden in a Standard Seed Tray

F COOKING & PRESERVES

- 40. One Jar of Marmalade - any variety
 - 41. One Jar of Jam - any variety
 - 42. One Jar of Pickled Fruit or Vegetables
-All jars must be full, approx. 1lb in size, and have a preserve top.
 - 43. Home-made Loaf of Bread
 - 44. One Victoria Sponge Sandwich - own recipe, undusted
 - 45. One Lemon Drizzle Cake - rectangular loaf-shaped & undecorated
 - 46. One Carrot Cake
 - 47. Three Brownies
 - 48. Five Scones - of the same variety
 - 49. Five Sausage Rolls - Meat, Vegetarian or Vegan
 - 50. One Savoury Flan - round, max. 8½"
- To be displayed on 9" paper plates provided by the show
- no other accessories allowed.

G FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

- 51. A Hand Tied Posy of Flowers & Foliage - no restrictions
- 52. A Miniature Flower Arrangement - not to exceed 6" all round
- 53. An Autumn Table Centrepiece - no restrictions

H CRAFTWORK

For the three Craftwork categories 54, 55 and 56, there is a maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor, per category.

- 54. A Handmade Greeting Card for any occasion
- 55. A Knitted Flower or Vegetable
- 56. Crochet Item(s) of Exhibitor's Choice



Return by Sept 3rd 2025

TRADITIONAL
ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
email_____

Sylvia Inns & Carin Whitfield
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CLASS	DESCRIPTION

SHOW COMMITTEE



DAVID MANTON Chair

As the Chairperson of our beloved Village Flower and Vegetable Show, David Manton is at the heart of our community's most vibrant event! David's role involves overseeing the planning and execution of the Show, ensuring everything runs smoothly and everyone has a fantastic time. He coordinates with volunteers, manages event logistics, and is the welcoming face of the Show. David's enthusiasm and leadership inspire participants and visitors alike, making this year's Show the best one yet!



SYLVIA INNS Show Secretary

As the Show Secretary of our beloved Village Flower and Vegetable Show, Sylvia Inns is the organisational backbone of our event! Sylvia's role involves managing all the administrative tasks, ensuring that every detail is meticulously handled. She coordinates entries, communicates with participants, and keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Sylvia's dedication and efficiency inspires confidence in everyone involved, making this year's Show a seamless and enjoyable experience for all!



CARIN WHITFIELD Deputy Show Secretary & Webmaster

As the Deputy Show Secretary and Webmaster of our beloved Village Flower and Vegetable Show, Carin Whitfield is a dynamic force of change! Carin's role involves managing the new Show website and accepting entries, working closely with Sylvia Inns. She brings fresh ideas and innovative solutions, ensuring our event stays modern and accessible. Carin's dedication and tech-savvy approach inspires confidence and excitement, making this year's show more engaging and efficient than ever!



MICHAEL CAIN

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ENTRY FORM SUBMISSION

Any reasonable method of entry is welcome, including paper forms, copies of the entry form, online submissions, and email, as long as they include the required information: classes entered, name, and contact details.

This year, we are introducing both online entries, at kensworthflowerandveg.org.uk, and a simplified combined schedule and entry form which avoids duplication of effort, in addition to the traditional entry form.

Entries must be submitted by September 3, 2025. To enter, simply circle the class entry number on pages 6 and 7, ensuring you include your name, address, phone number, and email on the page. Return the completed form to the Show Secretaries either Sylvia or Carin at the address provided below.



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SHOW ENTRIES

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