



# National Championships 2024



Saturday  
21st September 2024  
(0900-1700)  
to  
Sunday  
22nd September 2024  
(0900-1645)

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It's wonderful to be back in the South of England again, for our 63rd National Championships. I'd like to thank the NVS's **Southern Branch** for hosting this prestigious event and thank the **South of England Agricultural Society** for hosting our 2024 National Championships in their showground. I look forward to meeting up with partners and members, old and new throughout the course of the weekend.

*Sandra Hall F.N.V.S. NVS Chair*

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## **Kitchen Garden**

The **Kitchen Garden** team are delighted to be sponsors and friends with the National Vegetable Society, fostering a shared commitment to promoting the joy and benefits of growing your own. Together we celebrate the vibrant community dedicated to nurturing wholesome, homegrown produce and are delighted to be supporting the NVS Interbranch competition with trugs kindly provided by **Thomas Smith**, the original Makers of the Royal Sussex Trug.

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# Annual General Meeting (AGM)

## AGM and Presentation of Trophies

The National Vegetable Society's AGM will take place **at 3.30pm on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 at Hapstead Hall, 13 High Street, Ardingly, RH17 6TB** to be followed by the Presentation of Trophies and Awards.

The hall is less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the Showground, about a 15-minute walk from the Abergavenny Building or a 3-minute drive.

For any queries regarding the return of trophies, please contact the National Trophies Secretary, Mark Hall B.E.M. F.N.V.S. at [mhall131313@live.com](mailto:mhall131313@live.com) or mobile 07768 290122.

## Judges

Barry Newman F.N.V.S.	Sussex
Craig Blunsdon	Blaenau Gwent
David Elcock	West Yorkshire
Ernest Hull	Bedfordshire
Ian Clemens F.N.V.S.	Devon
Jan Lovell F.N.V.S.	Suffolk
Keith Hine F.N.V.S.	Surrey
Neil Muirhead F.N.V.S.	Fife

## Reserve Judge

Medwyn Williams MBE F.N.V.S. Anglesey

# Schedule of Classes

- 1 The Peter Clark Challenge Cup**  
Collection of six kinds of vegetables. Three of each kind, except peas, beans, tomatoes, and shallots, which must be twelve, and potatoes which must be five.  
Displayed on an area 1.2m x 1m frontage. Exhibitors own staging and black cloth allowed, backboard optional. **Maximum backboard height 1.5m and top tie 2.1m above floor level. (unless vegetables are mounted on a hanger which can be easily removed from the backboard by the judge standing on the ground).**
- 2 The Millennium Plate**  
Collection of five kinds of vegetables, four of each kind. Potatoes: white or coloured, Carrots: stump rooted, Beetroot: globe, Tomatoes: medium, Onions: each onion must not exceed 250g. Displayed in an area 60cm frontage. Plates provided, only staging materials supplied are allowed.
- 3 The Jersey Association of the NVS Trophy**  
Collection of three kinds of vegetables, two of each kind, from any 20-point vegetable. Displayed in an area not greater than 76cm frontage.
- 4 The Maydon Challenge Shield**  
Onions. Large exhibition. One dish of five. Exhibitors own staging and / or black cloth allowed.
- 5 The Anglesey Trophy**  
Peas. One dish of twelve pods. Staging board supplied.
- 6 The Vice President's Shield**  
Carrots. Long pointed. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.
- 7 The Holderness Trophy**  
Shallots. Large exhibition. One dish of twelve. Staging board supplied.
- 8 The Hogan Group Trophy**  
Parsnips. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.
- 9 The Garden News Cup**  
Cucumbers. One dish of three. Staging board supplied.
- 10 The Armadale Trophy**  
Tomatoes. Medium. One dish of twelve. Staging board supplied.
- 11 The Dundee Discovery Trophy**  
Onions. One dish of five. Each onion must not exceed 1.5kg but must exceed 1kg. Exhibitors staging and black cloth allowed.
- 12 The Gwent DA Trophy**  
Shallots. Pickling. One dish of fifteen. Each shallot must not exceed 30mm in diameter. Staging board supplied.

- 13 **The Nickerson Trophy**  
Potatoes. Coloured. One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 14 **The DT Brown Trophy**  
Potatoes. White. One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 15 **The NVS Millennium Bowl**  
Onions. One dish of five. Each onion must not exceed 250g. Staging board supplied.
- 16 **The Riverside Trophy**  
Celery. One dish of three heads. Black cloth allowed.
- 17 **The Derek Aldred Memorial Cup**  
Leeks. Blanch. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.
- 18 **The Manchester and District DA Trophy**  
Beans. Runner. One dish of fifteen. Staging board supplied.
- 19 **The Holderness Twin Trophy**  
Carrots. Stump rooted. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.
- 20 **The Henry Ludlam Trophy**  
Cauliflowers. One dish of three. Black cloth allowed.
- 21 **The Secrett Trophy**  
Beans. Dwarf French. One dish of fifteen. Staging board supplied.
- 22 **The DT Brown Beetroot Trophy**  
Beetroot. Long. **One dish of three.** Black cloth allowed.
- 23 **The Suttons Seed Silver Cup**  
Leeks. Pot. One dish of two. Black cloth allowed.
- 24 **Jamieson Brothers Annan — Cathro Tankard**  
"Amour". One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 25 **Jamieson Brothers Annan — Millennium Tankard**  
"Sherine". One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 26 **The Chairman's Challenge Shield**  
Romanesco "Navona" F1 as supplied in Spring 2024 SV. One dish of two. Black cloth allowed.
- 27 **NVS Ireland Trophy**  
Collection of Four Kinds of Vegetables – 15 points or under.  
Three specimens of each kind, to be staged in a space 600mm frontage x 750mm deep, Exhibitors' own staging and black cloth allowed. No backboard permitted.
- 28 **Inter-Branch Competition – Gardeners' World Trophy**  
Display of vegetables for effect in a trug (Trug provided, supplied by Thomas Smith's Sussex Trugs). Will be judged for variety (25 points), condition/quality (25 points) and overall presentation/attractiveness (25 points)

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## Prize Money

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Classes 1 & 2	£150	£100	£70	£50	£30

(Each exhibitor in Class 1 will also receive an engraved NVS tankard)

Class 3	£60	£40	£30	£20	£10
Classes 4-27	£50	£30	£20	£15	£10

## Additional Awards

- 1 Should any exhibitor be successful in winning both the Holderness and Holderness Twin Awards (Classes 7 and 19) they will receive an extra cash award of £75.
- 2 The Cecil Smith Perpetual Silver Salver will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points, excluding Class 1 and Class 2. Points awarded will be 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1 respectively.
- 3 The Banksian Medal will be awarded (subject to the required conditions) to the exhibitor winning the most prize money (excluding Class 1 and Class 2). Any exhibitor who has won the Banksian Medal in the previous two years is not eligible to win this medal on this occasion.
- 4 The Ayr Flower Show Trophy and National Vegetable Society Silver Medal, along with a cash prize of £15, will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most meritorious exhibit in the Championship Classes, excluding Classes 1, 2 and 3.



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## Rules and Regulations

1. The NVS National Championships is free to enter for all current members of the National Vegetable Society and any one current member of an Affiliated Society.
2. Each exhibitor can only enter one exhibit per class, which must be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
3. All Entry Forms must reach the Show Secretary no later than the stated time and may be emailed or posted in. Late entries will be considered but may be refused. A confirmation of entry will be sent to each exhibitor.
4. Judges officiating at an NVS National Championship Show are not permitted to enter any exhibit into any Class at that Show.
5. The Show Manager / Secretary reserves the right to refuse any entry. In the event of such a refusal, an explanation will be given.
6. Judging will be in accordance with the rules as laid down in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
7. All exhibitors will receive an entry and vehicle pass to the Show for staging. Entry to the Show will be by exhibitor's pass. No vehicle movements on the Show Ground permitted between 8.30am and 6.30 pm on Saturday & Sunday.
8. Staging of exhibits will be between 4pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September and 8am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, after which time all exhibitors must vacate the Show Hall.
9. The handling of all exhibits once judged is strictly forbidden.
10. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to place the correct staging and cultivar cards as supplied alongside each exhibit. All exhibits will be judged.
11. Judging will commence promptly at 0830hrs on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Only Show Officials, Judges and Stewards are permitted to remain in the Show Hall during judging.
12. The judge's decision is final. Protests and appeals may be raised and must be handed to the Show Manager / Secretary in writing together with a deposit of £10 within one hour of the show hall opening to the public. The deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. All top foliage on root vegetables to be trimmed to approximately 75mm. All cabbages and cauliflowers to be shown with approximately 75mm stalk.
14. The necks of onions and shallots shall be tied with natural raffia. All shallots to have been grown from sets.
15. The use of any foreign substance on the exhibit is strictly forbidden and as described in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
16. Only plates and boards supplied by the Show Organisers will be used unless stated otherwise in the Schedule of Classes. Dry sand or vermiculite will be provided where required.
17. A set of calibrated measuring scales will be provided for staging and judging.
18. Exhibitors may use their own staging materials and / or black cloth but NOT as an addition to the staging supplied, except where stated in the Schedule.
19. In onion classes not shown on a plate, the base of each onion must be no greater than 150mm above the table.
20. Under no circumstances may any exhibit be removed from the tables once staged until 1630pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, except by the Show Manager / Show Secretary.
21. The show organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever, however all reasonable care will be taken.
22. All personal data submitted will be treated in accordance with the National Vegetable Society Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on the NVS website or by request to the Show Secretary or Show Manager.
23. Filming and photography may take place during all stages of the Championships. Images will be used to promote the work of the Society.



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