



NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

MIDLANDS BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHEDULE 2025

The show will be run according to the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018



Winning Midlands Branch Trug from 2024 Inter-Branch Championships

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
26th, 27th, & 28th September
at the Three Counties Showground
Malvern, WR13 6NW

By kind permission of the
Three Counties Agricultural Society

The Midlands Branch of the National Vegetable Society would like to thank the Three Counties Agricultural Society for hosting the Branch Championships and for the support of their staff for their help and co-operation.

The Midlands Branch Committee would also like to thank our sponsors for their generosity, the judges, stewards and helpers, without whom the Championships could not run smoothly.

Judges:

Arwyn Edwards (Carms), Rob Holmes (Powys),
Patrick Lawrence (Bucks), Graham Link (Worcs),
Gareth Morris (Wrexham County), Martyn Strange (Glos),
Jim Styles (Bucks), Michele Thomas (Pembs).

The Committee asks anyone with any spare vegetables to donate them for the display stand or for sale to help with expenses. We request that anyone unable to stage their exhibits to please contact either the Show Secretary or the Show Manager prior to the Show.

THE PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES will take place at 4.00pm on Sunday, 28th September, in the Marquee.

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CLASS:

1. COLLECTION OF 5 KINDS OF VEGETABLES

Space allowed 1m - numbers as individual classes - depth decided by depth of table.

2. COLLECTION OF 3 KINDS OF 20 POINT VEGETABLES

2 specimens of each to be staged flat on table. Space allowed 750mm wide

3. PARSNIPS

One dish of 3

4. CARROTS long pointed

One dish of 3

5. BEETROOT long

One dish of 3

6. LEEKS - blanch

One dish of 3 - 350mm or over

7. CELERY

One dish of 2

8. ONIONS

One dish of 3. Each onion to be 1500g or over. Own staging to be used. See Rule 8

9. ONIONS

One dish of 5. Each onion to be over 250g and under 1500g. Own staging to be used. See Rule 8

10. CAULIFLOWER

One dish of 2 with approximately 75mm stem

11. POTATOES - WHITE

One dish of 5, one variety only (to be named)

12. POTATOES - COLOURED (other than white)

One dish of 5, one variety only (to be named)

13. PEAS

One dish of 9

14. POT LEEKS

One dish of 2

15. CARROTS, stump rooted

One dish of 3

16. RUNNER BEANS

One dish of 10

17. TOMATOES - medium

One dish of 6

18. CUCUMBERS

One dish of 2

19. SHALLOTS - Large exhibition

One dish of 9

20. SHALLOTS - Pickling

One dish of 12, each to pass through 30mm ring

21. FRENCH BEANS

One dish of 10

22. ONIONS - 250g or less

One dish of 5

23. BEETROOT - Red Globe

One dish of 3

24. MARROWS - Table

One dish of 2 - not more than 400mm long

25. CABBAGE

One dish of 2, with approximately 75mm of stem

26. SPECIAL CLASS (see rule 13)

One dish of one kind of vegetable, numbers as in individual classes

27. TOMATOES - Small Fruited - Cherry

One dish of 12. Must pass through 35mm ring

27a TOMATOES - Small Fruited - Plum

One dish of 12. Must pass through 35mm ring

28. COLLECTION OF ONIONS AND SHALLOTS

Onions - one dish of 3 over 250g

Onions - one dish of 5, 250g or less

Shallots - large, one dish of 6

Shallots - pickling, one dish of 6 to pass through 30mm ring

29. COLLECTION OF POTATOES

Four dishes of 3 - four varieties (must be named)

30. COLLECTION OF 4 DISHES OF VEGETABLES

From: Potatoes (4) 1 cultivar; Tomatoes medium (4); stump rooted carrots (4);
Onions 250g or less (4); Beetroot red globe (4); to be staged on plates provided.

31. JUNIOR SECTION - OPEN TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 ON THE DAY

A dish of one kind of vegetable, 3 specimens, one variety on a dish provided by the NVS.

For example, 3 potatoes, Kestrel variety

PRIZES:

Classes:	1	£30, £25, £20, £15
	2	£20, £15, £10, £5
	3 - 14	£10, £8, £6, £4
	15 - 19	£9, £7, £5, £3
	20 - 27a	£7, £5, £3, £2
	28 - 30	£20, £15, £10, £5
	31	£7, £5, £3, £2

1st - 7 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 2 points, 4th - 1 point

Prize money will be available on Sunday, 28th September, between 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm in the marquee, if not requested by bank transfer.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition is open to all PAID UP and Life Members of the NVS and members of Societies affiliated to the NVS.
2. There is no entry fee to any of the classes.
3. Entries to be in the hands of the Show Secretary no later than 17th September.
4. Staging of exhibits - between 2.30 pm on Thursday 25th and 6.00 am on Friday 26th Sept.
5. Judging will commence at 6.30 am prompt on Friday 26th Sept.
6. All root vegetables to have tops trimmed to approx. 75mm.
7. ONLY PLATES, DISHES, RINGS, BOARDS AND SAND provided by the Society may be used, except for classes 8 and 9, where own staging is to be used. Height must not exceed 150mm from the surface of the table to the top of the staging.
Black cloth is permitted in classes, 8, 9 & 28.
Exhibitors should use their own equipment for classes 1 and 2.
9. Onions and Shallots to be tied with natural raffia only.
10. NVS variety cards only to be used.
11. Handling of vegetables after judging is strictly forbidden.
12. Only ONE entry per membership number per class.
13. Class 26 is for members who have not won a first prize at an NVS show.
14. The Judges' decision is final.
15. Vegetables to be kept fresh with WATER ONLY.
16. **EXHIBITS MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOWBENCH UNTIL AFTER 4.45PM ON SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER.**

TROPHIES: All trophies are held for one year. Each winner is requested to sign for their safe return in time for the next Show.

CLASS

1. The Droitwich Trophy
2. Pair of Goblets
3. The Charles Ward Memorial Trophy
4. The Simnell Trophy (2)
5. Holderness Tankard (2)
6. The Simnell Trophy (3)
7. Whitchurch Multifuel Trophy
8. Trevor Last Trophy
9. Frank Williams Memorial Trophy
10. The Avro Trophy
11. Chris and Dora King Trophy
12. NMDA Trophy
13. Harry Atkinson Memorial Trophy
14. Millennium Plate
15. The Simnell Trophy (1)
16. Thornton Shield
17. Scott Glass Tankard
18. Holderness Tankard (1)
19. Fred Stone Shield
20. Scott Trophy
21. Webbs Memorial Trophy
22. Holderness Trophy and Medal
23. Roy Price Goblets
24. Holderness Tankard (3)
25. Harry Williams Memorial Trophy
26. Walkers Olde Coffee Shoppe Trophy
27. The Don Strange Trophy
- 27a The CHS Don Strange Trophy
28. Bill and Margaret Jones Salver
29. Wye Vale Nurseries Trophy
30. Shrewsbury Cup
31. Junior Class Trophy

THE IVY WILLIAMS TROPHY -
awarded to the MIDLANDS BRANCH MEMBER WITH MOST POINTS

THE MEDWYN'S OF ANGLESEY CUP and THE NVS MEDAL AND CARD -
awarded for most meritorious dish in any class.

Please detach and return or email to Robert Spragg no later than WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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ENTRY FORM:

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	27a	28	29
30	31				

I hereby declare that I will strictly adhere to the rules laid down by the Midlands Branch.

Signed: _____ Membership No: _____

Class 31: Date of Birth please: _____

Name & Address (block capitals please):

Post Code: _____ Telephone _____

Email: _____

Please return to Show Secretary: Robert Spragg
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