



NORTH EAST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

will be on

Saturday, 6th & Sunday, 7th September 2025

TO BE HELD AT



BEAMISH



THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

Opening times: 10am-5pm, Saturday, 6th & Sunday, 7th September 2025.

All exhibits to be benched between 1pm and 8pm on Friday, 5th September 2025.

Produce to be lifted from benches at 3pm on Sunday, 7th September 2025.



Vegetable Judge: A Read FNVS

Flower Judges: L McGough and M Robbie

Leek Judges: J Wilson (NPLS Rules), J Keeler (CIU Rules) and
J Soulsby (Other Leeks)

Show Secretary, Alison Keeler:

10 Tyne Avenue, Leadgate, Consett, County Durham, DH8 6HB. 07951158719

Museum entry is free to NEHS exhibitors throughout this event. Please contact your
Show Secretary for full details.



Prizewinners, possibly of Durham Working Men's Club Leek Show, 26th September 1957.



Fred Dowson with three leeks which won him first prize in the Horse and Groom Leek Show, Castleside, 1916.



Leek show in pub at Edmondsley, 15th October 1959.



Mr F Taylor showing his prize leeks from Pitlington Co-op Leek Show, 30th September 1955.



Flower Show, Durham Town Hall, October 1953.

Show Rules

- In the North East Horticultural Society Championships, entries are restricted to one per person per class.
- Entry fees to the North East Horticultural Championships are itemised on the entry form. Entry is free of charge for North East Horticultural Society members. Annual membership of the Society is £10. Membership from January 1st to December 31st.
- Entry forms are to be forwarded to the show secretary on or before 24th August 2025. Entries will be accepted on the day of benching provided there is sufficient space available and at the discretion of the show secretary and stewards.
- Exhibitors will be able to access the venue between 1pm and 8pm (museum closes at 5pm) on Friday, 5th September 2025 in order to bench their entries. Once exhibitors have staged their entries they will not be moved other than by a show steward.
- The handling of exhibits, once judged, is strictly forbidden.
- All exhibits to be staged and judged in accordance with the guidelines set out by the National Pot Leek Society (NPLS), the Club and Institute Union (CIU), the National Vegetable Society, the National Chrysanthemum Society and the National Dahlia Society apart from the Heaviest Vegetable Section, which will be judged under the Guinness Book of Records rules.
- All flower and vegetable varieties are to be named on the cards provided.
- The base of each onion staged must not be more than 150mm above the table.
- Only judges, show officials and stewards will be allowed in the show area during judging.
- No exhibit in any section will be lifted for any reason before the end of the show.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- These rules are to be viewed in conjunction with the show schedule.

Leek Section

CLASS 1: TWO POT LEEKS (NPLS rules)

6 inch maximum length to button.

1st Prize £500. 2nd Prize £150. 3rd Prize £100. 4th Prize £50.

Prizes up to 10th place.

Sponsor: Green Fingers Garden Centre, South Shields

CLASS 2: TWO POT LEEKS (CIU rules)

6 inch maximum length to button.

1st Prize £500. 2nd Prize £150. 3rd Prize £100. 4th Prize £50.

Prizes up to 10th place.

Sponsor: John Soulsby

CLASS 3: TWO BLANCH LEEKS (NPLS rules)

14 inch minimum length to button.

1st Prize £75. 2nd Prize £50. 3rd Prize £25.

CLASS 4: TWO INTERMEDIATE LEEKS (NPLS rules)

Over 8 inch and up to 12 inch to button.

1st Prize £75. 2nd Prize £50. 3rd Prize £25.

CLASS 5: ONE POT LEEK, ONE INTERMEDIATE LEEK AND ONE BLANCH LEEK (NPLS rules)

All to regulation length.

1st Prize £75. 2nd Prize £50. 3rd Prize £25.

CLASS 6: ONE SUPER POT LEEK (NPLS rules)

7 inch maximum length to button.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

Other placings' prize money to be determined depending on level of entries for classes 1-6.

Vegetable Section

CLASS 7: A COLLECTION OF SIX KINDS OF VEGETABLE

Two of each kind. Tap root vegetable tops trimmed to 76mm approximately. Space allowed – 900mm frontage x 1200mm deep. To be staged flat. 1st Prize £50. 2nd Prize £30. 3rd Prize £20.

CLASS 8: MINI COLLECTION OF FIVE KINDS OF VEGETABLE

Four of each kind from the following: Potatoes, Stump Carrots, Beetroot, Peas, Tomatoes or Onions (250g). Tap root vegetable tops trimmed to 76mm approximately. Space allowed – 600mm frontage x 1200mm deep. To be staged flat. 1st Prize £30. 2nd Prize £20. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 9: A COLLECTION OF FOUR VARIETIES OF VEGETABLE

Three of each kind. Vegetables to be 15 points and under, as classified by the National Vegetable Society. Garlic, Kale, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Marrow, Mushroom, Onions (250g or under, sets, salad or spring), Oriental Brassica, Peas (mangetout, petit pois or sugar snap), Pepper (chilli or sweet), Pumpkin, Radish or Rhubarb. Space allowed – 600mm frontage x 750mm deep. To be staged flat. 1st Prize £25. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 10: A COLLECTION OF FOUR KINDS OF VEGETABLES

One of each kind. Tap root vegetable tops trimmed to 76mm approximately. Space Allowed – 900mm frontage x 1200mm deep. To be staged flat. 1st Prize £25. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 10A: COLLECTION OF FOUR VEGETABLES

To fit on a 12 inch square board. Judged on presentation. 1st Prize £25. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 11: THREE LARGE DRESSED EXHIBITION ONIONS

Tied with natural raffia. Staging allowed. 1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 12: THREE DRESSED ONIONS

Over 1kg – Under 1.5kg. Tied with natural raffia. Staging allowed. 1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 13: FIVE DRESSED ONIONS – Under 250g

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 14: ONION CHAMPIONSHIPS – FIVE LARGE DRESSED EXHIBITION ONIONS

Tied with natural raffia. Staging allowed.

1st Prize £50. 2nd Prize £30. 3rd Prize £20.

CLASS 15: THREE LONG CARROTS

Tops trimmed to 76mm approximately.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.



CLASS 16: THREE STUMP ROOTED CARROTS

Tops trimmed to 76mm approximately.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 17: THREE LONG PARSNIPS

Tops trimmed to 76mm approximately.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 18: THE BRITISH POTATO CHAMPIONSHIPS

One dish of five coloured potatoes.

1st Prize £30. 2nd Prize £20. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 19: THE BRITISH POTATO CHAMPIONSHIPS

One dish of five white potatoes.

1st Prize £30. 2nd Prize £20. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 20: NINE TOMATOES

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 20A: TWO CUCUMBERS

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 21: TWO CELERY – Pink or white dressed.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

ALL PRODUCE TO BE FIT FOR TABLE

CLASS 22: TWO CAULIFLOWERS

With a minimum of 76mm stalk and leaves trimmed.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 23: BEETROOT

Globe, one dish of three. Tops trimmed to 76mm approximately.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 23A: THREE LONG BEETROOT

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 24: DISH OF SIX PEAS

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 25: DISH OF SHALLOTS

Large Exhibition, dish of 12.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 26: HEAVIEST ONION

1st Prize £300. 2nd Prize £100. 3rd Prize £50.

Sponsor: Beveridge Nurseries.

CLASS 27: HEAVIEST LEEK

1st Prize £100. 2nd Prize £30. 3rd Prize £15.

Sponsor: Leadgate CIU Club.

CLASS 28: HEAVIEST MARROW

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 29: HEAVIEST CABBAGE

Shown with washed root.

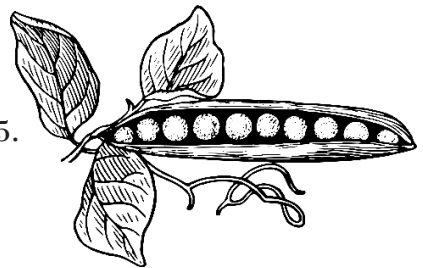
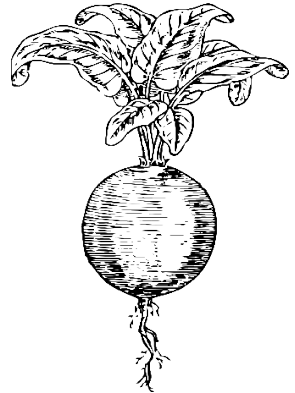
1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 30: HEAVIEST TOMATO

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 31: LONGEST CUCUMBER

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.



FLORAL SECTION

EXHIBITORS ARE TO PROVIDE OWN VASES

CLASS 31A: ONE FLOWER, ONE VEG

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 32: ONE VASE OF GLADIOLI

Three stems.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 33: ONE VASE OF ONE STEM GLADIOLI

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 34: FIVE VASES OF DAHLIAS

Three blooms per vase. Not less than three cultivars.

1st Prize £30. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 35: ONE VASE OF GIANT DAHLIAS

Three blooms per vase. Can be shown in separate vases.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 36: ONE VASE OF DECORATIVE DAHLIAS LARGE

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 37: ONE VASE OF DECORATIVE DAHLIAS MEDIUM

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 38: ONE VASE OF DECORATIVE DAHLIAS SMALL

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 39: ONE VASE OF SMALL/MINIATURE BALL DAHLIAS

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.



CLASS 40: ONE VASE OF CACTUS/SEMI-CACTUS DAHLIAS LARGE

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 41: ONE VASE OF CACTUS/SEMI-CACTUS DAHLIAS MEDIUM

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 42: ONE VASE OF CACTUS/SEMI-CACTUS DAHLIAS SMALL

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 43: ONE VASE OF POM POM DAHLIAS

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 44: ONE VASE OF COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 45: THREE VASES OF THREE DAHLIAS

Any variety or varieties.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 46: THREE VASES OF A SINGLE BLOOM DAHLIA

Three different classifications.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 47: FIVE VASES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Three blooms per vase. Not less than three cultivars.

1st Prize £30. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 48: THREE VASES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Three blooms per vase. Three different cultivars.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

**CLASS 49: ONE VASE OF MEDIUM INCURVE
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 50: ONE VASE OF LARGE INTERMEDIATE
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 51: ONE VASE OF MEDIUM INTERMEDIATE
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Three blooms per vase

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 52: ONE VASE OF LARGE REFLEX
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 53: ONE VASE OF MEDIUM REFLEX
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Three blooms per vase.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 54: ONE VASE OF EXHIBITION SPRAY
CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

Five stems per vase. One distinct cultivar.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

**CLASS 55: ONE VASE OF FLOWERS FOR FRONTAL EFFECT
Decoration allowed.**

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 56: ONE VASE OF FIVE BLOOMS OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Any variety or varieties.

1st Prize £25. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 57: ONE VASE OF 3 P.F. CARNATIONS (self)

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 58: ONE VASE OF 3 P.F. CARNATIONS (fancy)

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 59: ONE VASE OF 7 P.F. CARNATIONS

Any variety or varieties.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 60: MIXED BOWL OF CARNATIONS

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 61: CARNATION CHAMPIONSHIP

One vase of three fancy. One vase of three self. One vase of three grower's choice.

1st Prize £20. 2nd Prize £15. 3rd Prize £10.

CLASS 62: ONE POT PLANT FLOWERING

Maximum 7 inch pot.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.

CLASS 63: ONE POT PLANT FOLIAGE

Maximum 7 inch pot.

1st Prize £15. 2nd Prize £10. 3rd Prize £5.



The North East Horticultural Society Championship Show Entry Form
Entries to reach the show secretary by Friday, 22nd August 2025.
(Entries on Show day allowed providing space available).

**Posted entries to: Alison Keeler, 10 Tyne Avenue, Leadgate, Consett,
County Durham, DH8 6HB**

**For queries: Telephone: 07951158719 (telephone entries will not be
accepted) or e-mail: joesmob@hotmail.com**

**Please enter me in the following classes (tick the box for the class(es):you
wish to enter):**

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	28	29	30	31	32	33	34

35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65

**Entry fees for the North East Horticultural Championships are as follows: A
single entry has a fee of £5. Multiple entries will cost £10 (classes 1-6) or £10
(classes 7-63). Entry is free of charge for North East Horticultural Society
members for classes 7-63. Entries are restricted to one per person per class.
Prize will be posted. All entries must be accompanied with entry fee.**

Entry fees total: £

(Cheques to be made payable to The North East Horticultural Society)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE THEIR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

The Beamish Challenge



Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th September 2025

Join in with our annual Beamish Challenge 2025.

Entry is free* and there are certificates and rosettes up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Entries to be received at the show marquee by 11am on both days (volunteers and staff by 10am). Judging will start at 11.15am and will be completed by 1pm both days.

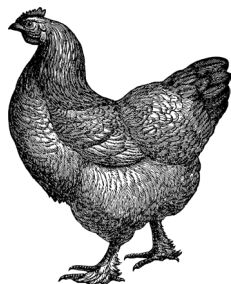
With the owner's permission, vegetables, baking, preserves and beverages only will be auctioned in the marquee at 3pm.



Everyone is welcome.
Good luck!



*Admission fee to Beamish is required, but there is no extra charge to enter The Beamish Challenge. Entering The Beamish Challenge and enjoying the North East Horticultural Society Show is free to Beamish Unlimited Pass holders and Friends of Beamish members.



Saturday, 6th September

Homegrown Vegetables

Class 1: Heaviest Marrow

Class 2: Longest Bean

Class 3: Three Potatoes

Class 4: 2 Leeks (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 5: 3 Beetroots (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 6: 3 Onions (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 7: 3 Carrots (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 8: 3 Apples (with stalks and leaves)

Class 9: 3 Pears (with stalks and leaves)

Class 10: 3 Small Tomatoes (with stalks)

Class 11: 3 Large Tomatoes (with stalks)

Class 12: Miniature Garden

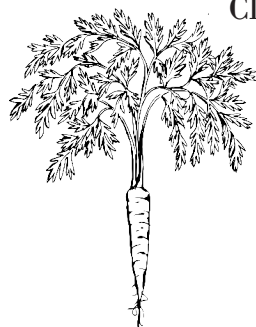
Class 13: Any Mishapen Vegetable

Class 14: Tray of Mixed Vegetables

(judged on variety and quality)

Children's Competition (under 16)

Class 15: Animal made from Vegetables



Floral Arrangements

Class 16: Mixed Arrangement of any Garden Flowers and
Foliage

Class 17: Three best Sweet Peas in a jar

Class 18: Three Flowers of a kind

Arts & Crafts

All classes below are separated into four categories: Adult, Children Six and under, Children aged Seven-10 and Children aged 11-15.

Class 19: Decorated Egg

Class 20: Hand Knitted Toy

Class 21: Hand Knitted Garment

Class 22: Hand Knitted Other Item

Class 23: Crochet Toy

Class 24: Crochet Garment

Class 25: Crochet Other Item

Class 26: Clippy/Proggy Mat

Class 27: Clippy/Proggy Other Item

Class 28: Hooky Mat

Class 29: Hooky Other Item

Class 30: Patchwork Cover/Blanket

Class 31: Patchwork Other Item

Class 32: Quilted Cover/Blanket

Class 33: Quilted Other Item

Handworked Needlework

(unframed, no bigger than 12x12 inches)

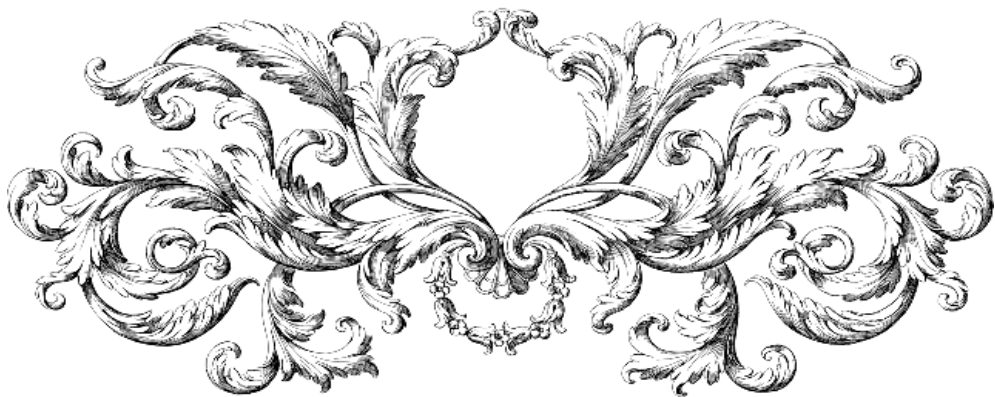
Class 34: Cross-Stitch

Class 35: Tapestry

Class 36: Embroidery

Class 37: Gold Work





Class 38: Any Felted Item

Class 39: Drawing/Painting of any Beamish Transport
(Any medium, no bigger than A4 unframed)

Class 40: Photograph of any Beamish Garden
(No bigger than A4 unframed)

Class 41: Homemade Birthday Card

Class 42: Peg Doll in the Image of a Beamish character

Class 43: Small Piece of Handmade Woodwork

Class 44: Hand Carving Wood

Class 45: Any Metalwork Item

Class 46: Any Handstitched Leatherwork

Class 47: Any Handworked Clay Item

Class 48: Handcarved Walking Stick

Sunday, 7th September

Food & Beverage

Class 49: Victoria Sandwich Cake (jam filling, no cream)

Class 50: Corned Beef Plate Pie

Class 51: Four Fruit Scones

Class 52: Gingerbread

Class 53: Four Shortbread Biscuits

Class 54: Handmade White Loaf (not machine)

Class 55: Stottie

Class 56: One Fruit Jam

Class 57: Orange Marmalade

Class: 58: Tomato Chutney

Class 59: Sloe Gin (Adults only)

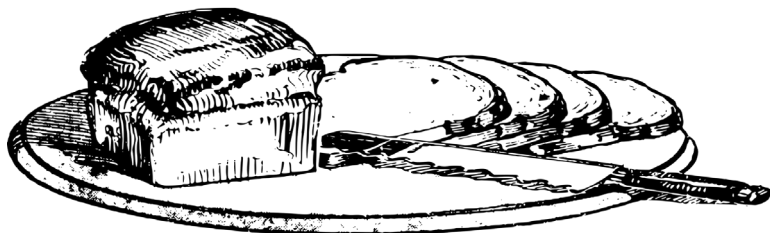
Class 60: Homemade Lemonade

Class 61: 3 Hen Eggs – White

Class 62: 3 Hen Eggs – Brown

Children's Competition (under 16)

Class 63: Best Decorated Cupcake



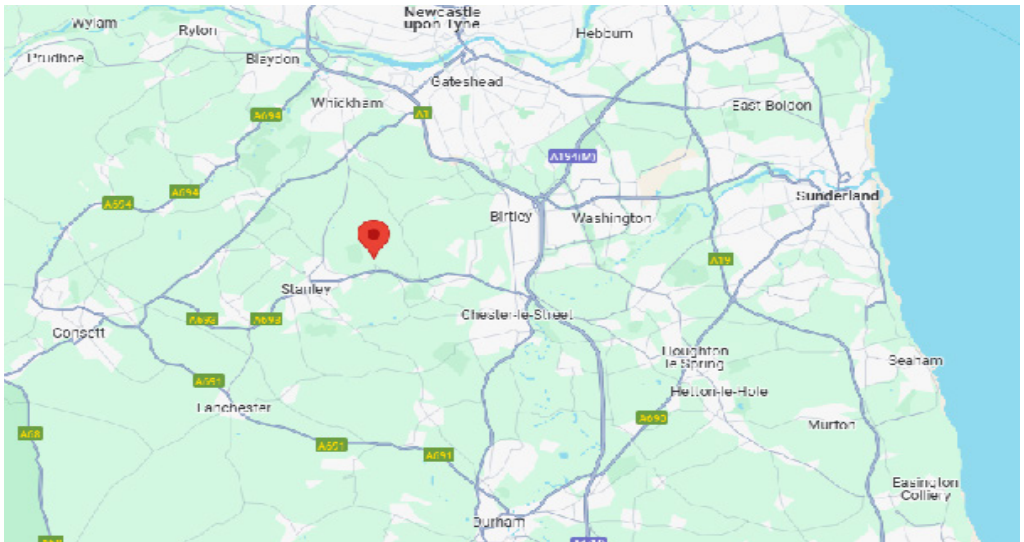
Getting here

Beamish Museum
Beamish
County Durham
DH9 0RG

From the North and South – Follow the A1M to Junction 63 (Chester-le-Street exit), then the A693 towards Stanley for 4 miles, following the signs.

From the West – Take the A68 to Castleside, near Consett, and follow the Beamish Museum signs along the A692 and A693 via Stanley.

Sat-nav users – our postcode is DH9 0RG.



Beamish Cup

The Beamish Cup is awarded to area teams of Beamish staff and volunteers. It's very competitive and teams spend all year preparing their items to enter. Keep an eye out on our social media channels for updates, and to find out who the Beamish Cup Winner 2025 will be.

They're scored using the rules below:

Every entry - 1 point

1st Prize - 6 points

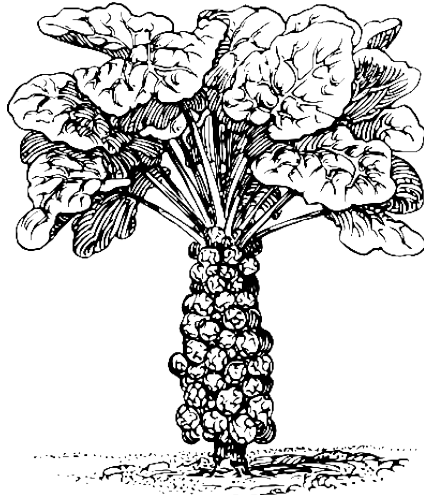
2nd Prize - 4 points

3rd Prize - 2 points

Highly Commended - 1 point

Winning Team receives the Beamish Cup.

Every submission is entered into a draw to win a Beamish hamper.





Beamish Museum

Autumn and Winter

Events 2025

Attelage Horse Weekend – 13th & 14th September

Home Front, Home Farm – 20th & 21st September

Classic Car Rally Weekend – 27th & 28th September

Harvest Celebrations – 4th & 5th October

October Half Term – 25th October to 2nd November

Remembrance Sunday – 9th November

Christmas at Beamish Daytimes – 22nd November to 24th December

For more information, including events and opening times, visit
www.beamish.org.uk