



# **NVS SOUTHERN BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW FOREST OPEN SHOW**

**28TH, 29TH & 30TH JULY 2026**

# NVS Southern Branch Championships and New Forest Open Show

## ENTRY FORM

NEW FOREST OPEN SHOW							
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NVS MEMBERS ONLY SHOW							
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Please tick the boxes for the class(es) you wish to enter.

Only one entry per Exhibitor per class allowed. No phone entries accepted.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone Number: ..... NVS Number (if applicable): .....

Email Address: .....

Please indicate day of staging

Monday 27th July  Tuesday 28th July

**If you would like to attend the Evening Prize Giving, please tick the box  and advise the number attending**  Details of the venue and time will be available from the Show Secretary.

Entry form to be returned by **20th July 2026** to the Entries Secretary by post or email:  
Mrs B Gould, 46 Rownhams Lane, North Baddesley, Southampton, Hants, SO52 9HQ

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# Programme and Schedule of Vegetable Classes

## JUDGES:

Head Judge

Barry Newman FNVS, Sussex

## Judges:

Ian Clemens FNVS, Devon

Gordon Cooper, Sussex

Raymond Higgins FNVS, Co. Cork

Vanessa Jones, Kent

John Mead FNVS, Essex

Caddy Sitwell, Dorset

Reserve Judge Jan Lovell FNVS, Suffolk

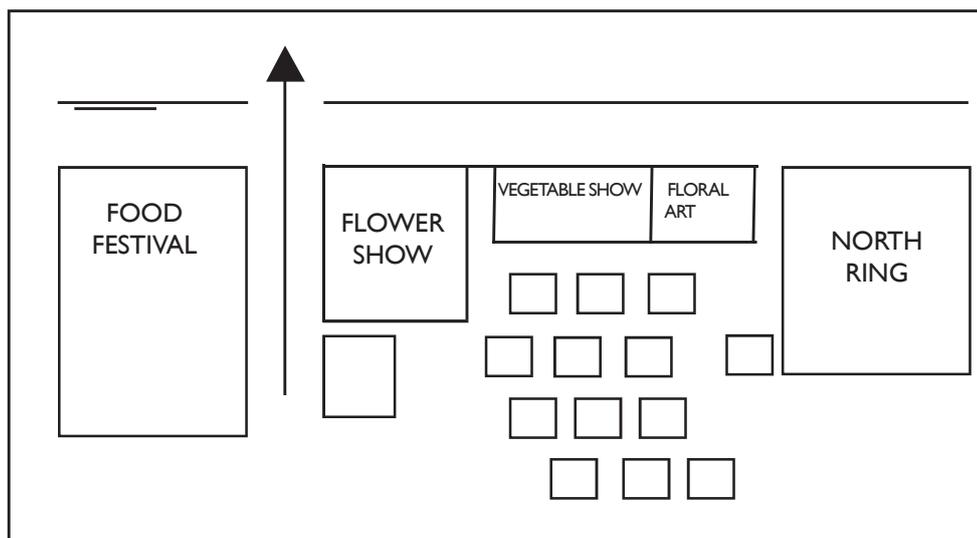
Sponsored by the New Forest and  
Hampshire County Show

**SHOW SECRETARY:** Ali Clarke

**ENTRIES SECRETARY:** Barbara Gould

**SHOW MANAGER:** Keith Hine

**RESULTS MANAGER:** Norman Dickinson



# NEW FOREST OPEN SHOW

Open to all Exhibitors

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

- Class 1 SOUTH OF ENGLAND POTATO CHAMPIONSHIP**  
A collection of three dishes of potatoes of three distinct named varieties. Five potatoes in each dish. (Sponsored by Jamieson Brothers)  
Prize money: 1st £70; 2nd £45; 3rd £30 and 4th £15.
- Class 2 New Forest Show Top Tray.**  
A collection of three kinds of vegetables on a tray or in a space not exceeding 45cm x 60cm. Chosen from the following list – Cauliflowers 2, Globe beetroot 3, Carrots 3, Courgettes 3, Cucumbers 2, Onions 3, Peas and Beans 6, Potatoes 3, Tomatoes medium or beefsteak 4. Own staging and garnishing permitted.  
Prize money: 1st £25; 2nd £20; 3rd £15 and 4th £10.
- Class 3 Rhubarb.** Unforced. One dish of three sticks.
- Class 4 Potatoes.** Any variety or colour. One dish of four.
- Class 5 Onions.** Over 250 grams but not exceeding 1.5 kilos. One dish of three.
- Class 6 French Beans.** Pencil podded not flat beans. One dish of six.
- Class 7 Broad Beans.** One dish of six.
- Class 8 Bean Collection.** One dish each of Runner Beans, Broad Beans and French Beans. Three beans in each dish.  
Prize money: 1st £20; 2nd £15 and 3rd £10.
- Class 9 Carrots.** One dish of three.
- Class 10 Courgettes.** One dish of three.
- Class 11 Beetroot.** Globe. One dish of three.
- Class 12 Marrows.** Maximum length 350mm. One dish of two.
- Class 13 Tomatoes.** Small fruited. Not to exceed 35mm diameter. One dish of nine.  
Staging board provided.
- Class 14 Mini Cucumbers.** Maximum 200mm in length. One dish of two.
- Class 15 Collection of Fresh Herbs for Culinary Use.** Four distinct kinds 'must be named' displayed in four separate vases, not provided.
- Class 16 BEGINNER GARDENER.** Any vegetable. Numbers 2-6 depending on size.  
This class is for beginner / novice exhibitors and gardeners only.
- Class 17 MASTER GARDENER COLLECTION.** One dish of vegetables. One dish of fruit.  
One vase of flowers of six stems with no additional foliage. Vase will be provided.  
No oasis floral foam. Eco alternatives only, including Floral fibre or Agra wool.  
Numbers as per single dishes in the RHS handbook, judged as 20 points per element. To be staged in a space not exceeding 50cm x 100cm.  
Prize money class 17: 1st £20; 2nd £15 and 3rd £10.  
Prize money for classes 3 to 16 (excluding Class 8): 1st £11; 2nd £9 and 3rd £7.  
**Please note:** There is a fixed entry fee for the New Forest Open Show of £4.50, for which an exhibitor may enter as many classes as they wish. Please make cheques payable to the New Forest Agricultural Show Society or you may pay cash at time of staging.

# THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY SOUTHERN BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to current NVS Members and any one current member of an affiliated Society.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

- Class 1**      **A collection of five kinds of vegetables.** Space not exceeding 1.2m x 1.2m.  
Staging and garnishing permitted.  
Prize money: 1st £55; 2nd £35; 3rd £25 and 4th £15.
- Class 2**      **The DT BROWN Collection:** A collection of three kinds of vegetable, two of each kind from any 20-point vegetable. Space allowed not greater than 75cm frontage.  
Prize money: 1st £55; 2nd £35; 3rd £25 and 4th £15.
- Class 3**      **Cabbage.** One dish of two with a minimum of 75mm stalks.
- Class 4**      **Celery.** One dish of two heads.
- Class 5**      **Parsnips.** One dish of three.
- Class 6**      **Leeks.** Blanch or intermediate. One dish of three.
- Class 7**      **Carrots.** Long pointed. One dish of three.
- Class 8**      **Carrots.** Stump rooted. One dish of three.
- Class 9**      **Peas.** One dish of nine pods. Staging board provided.
- Class 10**     **Cauliflowers.** One dish of two.
- Class 11**     **Potatoes.** White. One dish of five. Plate provided.
- Class 12**     **Potatoes.** Coloured. One dish of five. Plate provided.
- Class 13**     **Onions.** Large exhibition. One dish of three. Exhibitors own staging and / or black cloth allowed.
- Class 14**     **Onions.** 250g or under. One dish of five. Staging board provided.
- Class 15**     **Beans.** Runner. One dish of nine. Staging board provided.
- Class 16**     **Beans.** French. One dish of nine. Staging board provided.
- Class 17**     **Shallots.** Pickling. Not to exceed 30mm in diameter. One dish of twelve. Staging board provided.
- Class 18**     **Shallots.** Exhibition. One dish of twelve. Staging board provided.
- Class 19**     **Beetroot.** Long. One dish of three.
- Class 20**     **Cucumbers.** One dish of two. Staging board provided.
- Class 21**     **Tomatoes.** Approximately 60mm in diameter. One dish of six. Staging board provided.
- Class 22**     **Allium Collection.** One large exhibition onion. One onion 250g or under. One exhibition shallot. One pickling shallot. Staging board provided.  
Prize money: 1st £35; 2nd £25; 3rd £15 and 4th £10

**Prize money for Classes 3 to 21: 1st £14; 2nd £11 and 3rd £8.**

# SHOW RULES

1. The National Vegetable Society Southern Branch Championships is free to enter for all current members of the NVS and any one current member of an Affiliated Society.
2. The New Forest Open Show is open to all comers. There is a fixed fee of £4.50 to enter the New Forest Open Show. Cheques should be sent to the Entries Secretary made payable to the New Forest Agricultural Show Society. Cash or cheque is accepted when staging.
3. Each exhibitor can only enter one exhibit per class, which must be the property of and be grown by the Exhibitor.
4. All Entry Forms must reach the Entries / Show Secretary no later than the stated date on the entry form and may be emailed or posted. No telephone entries can be accepted. No late entries can be accepted due to insufficient time to process entries and send out tickets/car park passes. A confirmation of entry will be sent to each exhibitor.
5. Judges officiating at the Southern Branch Championship Show and the New Forest Show are permitted to enter exhibits into any Class at those Shows. Exhibits by Judges must be passed to a Show Official for staging.
6. The Show Manager / Secretary reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor, as per RHS and NVS rules. In the event of such a refusal, an explanation will be given.
7. Judging of the NVS Show will be in accordance to the rules as laid down in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
8. Judging of the New Forest Show will be in accordance to the rules as laid down in the 2016 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Show Handbook.
9. **Staging of exhibits will be between 5.00pm and 10.00pm on Monday 27th July and between 6.00am and 8.00am on Tuesday 28th July.** All vehicles must be removed from the showground before 10.00pm on the Monday night. On Tuesday, 28th July, staging is from the Exhibitor's (Floral Marquee) car park accessed via the Purple Gate. All vehicles must be removed to the Exhibitors Car Park on completion of staging.
10. All exhibitors will receive an entry pass to the Show. Exhibitors staging on Monday evening will be sent a car park pass which will allow entry to the show ground. Exhibitors staging on Tuesday morning will be sent a ticket to access the show ground. Please tick the relevant box on the entry form indicating on which day you will be staging.
11. In the NVS Southern Branch Championship Show all staging is supplied and must be used. Exhibitors may use their own staging for classes 1 and 2. Staging rings and black cloth may also be used for class 13, large exhibition onions.
12. In the New Forest Open Show, exhibitors are free to use their own staging in accordance with RHS rules. In Class 1, The South of England Potato Championship, plates are provided and must be the ones used.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. In onion classes not shown on a plate, the base of each onion must be no greater than 150mm above the table.
16. When using cloths, please use black cloth only. If required, paper plates will be made available.
17. 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.
18. All top foliage on root vegetables to be trimmed to approximately 76mm and all cabbages to be shown with approximately 76mm stalk and cauliflowers with approximately 75mm stalk.
19. Only natural raffia may be used for the tying of onions and shallots. All shallots to have been grown from sets.
20. The use of any foreign substance on the exhibit is strictly forbidden as described in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
21. If you have entered a collection or large exhibit in either show, and find you are unable to exhibit, please inform the Show Secretary or Show Manager no later than the Sunday before the Show so that the set-up team can adjust the staging accordingly as space is always at a premium.
22. The handling of all exhibits once judged is strictly forbidden except by Judges, Stewards or the Show Secretary / Manager.
23. **Judging will commence promptly at 8.15am on Tuesday 28th July.** Only Officials, Judges and Stewards are allowed to remain in the marquee during judging.
24. 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. If the Show Secretary deems it a valid complaint, a class may be re-judged. The deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
25. Under no circumstances may any exhibit be removed from the tables once judged until 4.00pm on the last day of the Show, except by the Show Secretary. Any exhibits left unclaimed at 4.30pm will be auctioned for charity. Auction begins at 4.30pm.
26. After 4pm on Thursday an entry ticket is not required to collect exhibits.
27. Following judging, prize money payable by cheque (for the NVS Championship) and prize money vouchers (for the New Forest Open Show) may be collected from the Show Secretary. Alternatively, a cheque can be posted on to the exhibitor.
28. Winners trophies will be presented at the Evening Prize Giving on the first day of the show. Details of the venue and time will be available from the Show Secretary.

We wish to thank the New Forest and Hampshire County  
Show for their support and generous sponsorship.

# TROPHIES & AWARDS

## The NVS Southern Branch Championships

The Cedric Haytor Trophy	-	awarded to Class 1 for Five Vegetable Collection
The D.T Brown Cup	-	awarded to Class 2 for Vegetable Collection
The Devon D.A. Cup	-	awarded to Class 3 for Cabbages
The Chris Hewlett Trophy	-	awarded to Class 4 for Celery
The West Sussex Trophy	-	awarded to Class 5 for Parsnips
The Chris & Jane Neel Cup	-	awarded to Class 6 for Blanch Leeks
The Bob & Ann Brown Trophy	-	awarded to Class 7 for Long Carrots
The Hants D.A Shield	-	awarded to Class 8 for Stump Carrots
The Tony Stevens Trophy	-	awarded to Class 9 for Peas
The Southwater Whitbread Trophy	-	awarded to Class 10 for Cauliflowers
The Holderness Fork Trophy	-	awarded to Class 19 for Beetroot
The Holderness Spade Trophy	-	awarded to Class 20 for Cucumbers
NVS Silver Medal	-	awarded by the judges to the best exhibit chosen from Classes 3-21
The Chairman's Shield	-	awarded by the judges to the best exhibit chosen from Classes 3-21
The Brent Cup	-	awarded to the Show Champion for most points
The RHS Banksian Medal	-	awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points

Points will be awarded for receiving a place card as follows:-

Collections: 1st - 8, 2nd - 5, 3rd - 2 and 4th - 1

Other classes: 1st - 5, 2nd - 3 and 3rd - 1

## The New Forest Open Show

The Pig Cutters Cup	-	awarded to the winner of Class 1 for The South England Potato Champion.
The NVS Hampshire District Association Crystal	-	awarded to the best exhibit chosen from Classes 3-16, excluding Class 8.