



NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

MIDLANDS BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHEDULE 2026

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



Winner of Collection of 5 kinds of vegetable, 2025

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday
25th, 26th, & 27th 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:

Craig Blunsdon (Gwent), Mike Davies (Gloucestershire), Patrick Lawrence (Bucks), Gerry Lewis ((Bridgend), Owain Roberts (Gwynedd), Jim Styles (Bucks), John Bebbington (Cheshire), Allan Carter (Bucks). Reserve judge Sue McCall (Shropshire).

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 7.00pm on Friday 25th September at Upton upon Severn Rugby Club, Old Street, WR8 0JQ.

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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 using NVS multigaugage measuring tool
- 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 using NVS multigaugage measuring tool
- 27a TOMATOES - Small Fruited - Plum**
One dish of 12. Must pass through 35mm using NVS multigaugage measuring tool
- 28. COLLECTION OF ONIONS AND SHALLOTS**
Onions - one dish of 3, over 250g
Onions - one dish of 5, 250g or less
Shallots - large exhibition, one dish of 6
Shallots - pickling, one dish of 6 to pass through 30mm using NVS multigaugage measuring tool
- 29. COLLECTION OF POTATOES**
Four dishes of 3 - four varieties (must be named)
- 30. COLLECTION OF 4 DISHES OF VEGETABLES (Millenium Class)**
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 boards and plates provided.
- 31. JUNIOR SECTION - OPEN TO ANYONE IN FULL-TIME EDUCATION AND UNDER THE AGE OF 16 ON THE DAY. NVS membership not essential.**
A dish of one kind of vegetable, 3 specimens, one 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 distributed on Sunday, 27th September, between 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm in the marquee.

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 16th September.
4. Staging of exhibits - between 2.30 pm on Thursday 24th and 6.00am on Friday 25th Sept.
5. Judging will commence at 6.30 am prompt on Friday 25th 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.
8. 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. Vegetables to be kept fresh with WATER ONLY.
15. The NVS multigaugue measuring tool will be used, where applicable, to assess specimen size.
16. The Judges' decision is final.
17. Judges will be allowed to enter no more than 2 classes if they wish.
18. EXHIBITS MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOWBENCH UNTIL AFTER 4.45PM ON SUNDAY 27th 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. The Garbutt 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 no later than WEDNESDAY,
16TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

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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: _____

Date of birth if under 16 years of age (Class 31): _____

Name & Address (block capitals please):

Post Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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