
ENTRY SCHEDULE 2026



Fruit & Vegetable Championships

and the

National Onion Championships

in association with the National Vegetable Society

together with the



Northern Autumn Fruit Show

18 - 20 September 2026

Newby Hall & Gardens,
Ripon, HG4 5AE



| Autumn

Dear entrant

Thank you for considering taking part in this year's Harrogate Autumn Flower Show.

For 50 years, the North of England Horticultural Society has developed its competitive fruit and vegetable schedule as a means of supporting and celebrating the achievements of gardeners from across the north of England and beyond.

The schedule for the event maintains many traditional favourite classes, from the famous National Onion Championships to the annual 'Battle of the Giants.' It also offers categories for those new to gardening, including beginners' classes in both vegetables and fruit, so whether you're a seasoned grower or just happy pottering, there's something for everyone.

If you need advice or have any queries, just drop us a line at info@flowershow.org.uk and we'll make sure that you have all you need to celebrate a successful gardening year in 2026.

Nick Smith

Shows Director
Harrogate Flower Shows

Classes 101-120

Traditional Classes

Dishes will be provided by organisers where required. Vases to be provided by entrant.

- 101 CHILLI PEPPERS**, one pot plant, any pot size
- 102 SWEET PEPPERS**, any colour, one dish of three
- 103 ONIONS, RED** any variety, dressed, one dish of three
- 104 POTATOES, SALAD TYPE**, one dish of five
- 105 GARLIC**, one dish of three
- 106 CHILLI PEPPERS**, one dish of three
- 107 SWEDES**, one dish of two, tops trimmed to 75mm
- 108 SWEETCORN**, one dish of two
- 109 COURGETTES**, one dish of three. Max 150 mm
- 110 AUBERGINES**, one dish of two
- 111 KOHL RABI**, one dish of three
- 112 TOMATOES, MEDIUM, OTHER THAN RED**, one dish of 6
- 113 TOMATOES, SMALL FRUITED**, one dish of six
- 114 LETTUCE**, one variety, one dish of two - roots washed, in vase of water
- 115 CULINARY HERBS**, one vase of mixed varieties, minimum of four kinds
- 116 CABBAGES GREEN, POINTED**, one dish of two - guard leaves on, 50mm stalk
- 117 RHUBARB**, one dish of three sticks, leaves trimmed
- 118 PEAS, MANGE TOUT, SUGAR SNAP or PURPLE PODDED**, one dish of six
- 119 BEANS, FRENCH**, other than green, one dish of six
- 120 TURNIPS**, one dish of three, tops trimmed to 75mm

Prize monies:

Classes 101 – 120: 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10

Classes 121-132

Battle of the Giants!

- 121 One heaviest Marrow**
- 122 One heaviest Cabbage** – stalks no more than 75mm in length (no roots)
- 123 One heaviest Potato**
- 124 One heaviest Tomato**
- 125 One longest Runner Bean**
- 126 One longest Cucumber** (*Cucumis sativus*)
- 127 One heaviest Leek**
- 128 One heaviest Beetroot** (*Beta Vulgaris*) foliage removed to base of leaf stems
- 129 One heaviest stick of Rhubarb** (without leaf)
- 130 One heaviest Pumpkin**
- 131 One heaviest Carrot** – foliage removed to base of all leaf stems
- 132 One heaviest Parsnip** – foliage removed to base of all leaf stems

Prize monies:

Classes 121 – 132: 1st £100, 2nd £60, 3rd £40, 4th £20

Classes 133 - 136

A Gardener's Showcase

133 TOMATO COLLECTION:

Three dishes, one variety per dish

- medium fruited - one dish of five
- large fruited ('beefsteak type') – one dish of three (min 75mm)
- small fruited (cherry or small plum varieties) – one dish of six

134 A TRUG OF VEGETABLES:

A minimum six kinds of garden vegetables, mixed cultivars permitted. Staged for effect – traditional style trug supplied by organiser. Vegetables may extend beyond the boundary of trug but must not rest on bench. Exhibit must be suitable to be lifted and carried.

135 A COLLECTION OF FOUR KINDS OF VEGETABLES:

One dish of each, a min of two specimens of each kind, 16 points or under. To be staged in space 600mm frontage x 750mm deep. No backboard permitted.

Prize monies:

Classes **133 – 135**: 1st **£40**, 2nd **£30**, 3rd **£20**, 4th **£10**

136 MASTER GARDENER CLASS:

A collection of flowers, fruit & vegetables, comprising:

- One vase of flowers five stems, any one cultivar.
- One pot plant, flowering or foliage, viewed all round.
- One dish of any vegetables (minimum of 3 specimens)
- One dish of any fruit

Prize monies:

Class **136**: 1st **£150**, 2nd **£100**, 3rd **£50**

Classes 137-139

Novice: Great for Beginners

137 TOMATOES, MEDIUM: tomatoes, dish of four (dish provided)

138 LETTUCE: 2 roots of one variety, washed & displayed in water

139 CULINARY HERBS, ONE VASE: minimum three varieties

Prize monies:

Classes **137 – 139**: 1st **£15**, 2nd **£10**, 3rd **£5**



NATIONAL ONION CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Class 1.

HEAVIEST ONION

1st prize £500	5th prize £75	9 th prize £20
2nd prize £250	6th prize £50	10th prize £10
3rd prize £125	7th prize £40	
4th prize £100	8th prize £30	

Public “weigh in” at 12 noon on Friday 18 September 2026

SHOULD THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS WORLD RECORD BE BROKEN, **AN EXTRA £1000** WILL BE ADDED TO THE FIRST PRIZE.

In the event of a tie, the prize money will be shared.

PRIZE CARDS WILL ONLY BE AWARDED FOR THE FIRST SIX PLACES

Class 2.

3 HEAVIEST ONIONS

1st prize £150	4th prize £25
2nd prize £100	5th prize £15
3rd prize £50	6th prize £10

Class 3.

6 ONIONS, EXHIBITION QUALITY

1st prize £250	4th prize £50
2nd prize £150	5th prize £25
3rd prize £100	6th prize £15

Class 4.

3 ONIONS, EXHIBITION QUALITY:

1st prize £150	4th prize £25
2nd prize £100	5th prize £15
3rd prize £50	6th prize £10

NATIONAL CARROT, LEEK & POTATO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

ENTRY IS FREE BUT LIMITED TO **ONE ENTRY** PER EXHIBITOR IN EACH CLASS

Class 5.

Carrots

ONE DISH THREE CARROTS, LONG POINTED

ONE DISH THREE CARROTS, STUMP ROOTED

Tops trimmed to approximately 76mm. **Both dishes staged as one exhibit.**

Prize monies:

1st £150; 2nd £100; 3rd £75; 4th £50; 5th £30; 6th £20.

Class 6.

Leeks

ONE DISH THREE BLANCHED LEEKS

Roots and leaves intact.

Prize monies:

1st £150; 2nd £100; 3rd £75; 4th £50; 5th £30; 6th £20.

Class 7.

Potatoes

FOUR CULTIVARS – TWO CULTIVARS POTATOES WHITE, TWO CULTIVARS OTHER THAN WHITE

Five tubers per dish, one dish of each cultivar (plates provided)

Prize monies:

1st £150; 2nd £100; 3rd £75; 4th £50; 5th £30; 6th £20.

ALL ABOVE CLASSES JUDGED TO NVS GUIDELINES UNLESS STATED

Northern Autumn Fruit Show 2026

General Classes (2 entries per exhibitor only)

- 1* Apples, dessert (3 fruits)
- 2* Apples, culinary (3 fruits)
- 3* Pears (3 fruits)
- 4* Plums or Gages (6 fruits)
- 5* Raspberries or Hybrid Berries (12 fruits)
- 6* Any other fruit not mentioned above (3 top fruit or 12 soft fruit)
- 7* A basket of fruit displayed for effect (basket supplied)
- 8* A fruit-inspired table centre Space allowed 300mm x 300mm. Dish and foam available.

Prize monies:

Classes 1* – 6*: 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10.

Classes 7* - 8*: 1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20

A Class for Allotment Groups

1. A display of 4 plates of fruit, one plate to be soft fruit (number of fruits as above)

Prize monies:

Class 9: 1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20

Classes for a Head Gardener

Entrants in classes 10-11 to specify garden venue.

2. A basket of fruit for presentation.
3. A fruit-inspired table centre. Space allowed 750mm x 750mm. Dish and foam available.

Prize monies:

Classes 10 - 11: 1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20

Novice: Perfect for Beginners!

4. Apples, eating (3 fruits)
5. Apples, cooking (3 fruits)
6. Soft fruit (12 individual fruits, inc strawberries, raspberries, currants or mix of)

Prize monies:

Classes 12-14: 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5

Staging times (all classes)	5.00pm—6:30am	Thursday 17 Sept to Friday 18 Sept
Heaviest Onion weigh-in	12 noon	Friday 18 Sept
Show opening times	9.30am - 5.00pm	Friday 18—Sunday 20 Sept

SHOW RULES (GENERAL)

1. The organisers can accept no responsibility for the safety of exhibits or other property. All reasonable precautions against theft or damage will be taken, but all exhibits will be staged at the owner's risk.
2. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and the cultivars should be named.
3. Judging of classes 101-120 to NVS guidelines. Giant Vegetable classes 121-132 to be in a sound state at time of weighing / measuring and comply with their class requirements.
4. Onions to be tied with natural raffia only.
5. Staging will be allowed between 5.00pm on Thursday 17 September until 6.30am on Friday 18 September. Only persons authorised by the Show Committee will be permitted during judging.
6. Exhibits must not be removed until 5.00pm on Sunday 20 September without the express permission of the Show Committee; the exhibits should be removed before 7.00pm.
7. All trophies to be returned to the North of England Horticultural Society at the end of the event.
8. Only plates provided to be used.
9. Cabbages and cauliflowers to be shown with 76mm of stem unless stated otherwise.

SHOW RULES (FRUIT SPECIFIC)

10. Judging to accord with "The Horticultural Handbook," RHS 2016.
11. Cultivars to be named as far as possible.
12. Exhibits must have been cultivated by and must be the property of the exhibitor.
13. Dual purpose apples may be exhibited in either Class 1 or Class 2 subject to those larger than 80mm diameter to be shown as culinary, those less than this as dessert.

SHOW RULES (CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES)

14. Entry is free, and is restricted to one entry per entrant, per class, and must be the property of and have been grown by the exhibitor.
15. The Show organisers can accept no responsibility for the safety, loss or damage of exhibits or other property. All reasonable precautions will be taken, but all exhibits will be staged at owner's risk.
16. Exhibition quality classes will be judged to N.V.S. standards, and the judges' decisions will be final in all classes.
17. Exhibits must not be removed before 5.00pm on Sunday 20 September.
18. All onions must be in a clean and sound condition. Bulbs that are misshapen or split will be excluded, together with onions whose bases are not firm and free of damage, whether water induced or otherwise.
19. The entries in classes 1 & 2 will have their roots trimmed and their tops cut using a standard gauge provided by the Show authorities. Trimming will commence at 11.30am prior to weigh-in.
20. Staging will be allowed between 5.00pm on Thur 17 September until 6.30am on Fri 18 September.
21. Exhibits will be judged from 7.00am on Friday 18 September and exhibitors must be cleared of the area by 6.45am. The "weigh-in" of classes 1 & 2 will take place at 12 noon the same day.



ENTRY FORM

Vegetable and Fruit Classes

Classes **101 – 139** and Classes **9-14** exhibits per competitor are unlimited.

Classes **1*-8*(fruit)** are limited to 2 entries per competitor per class.

Please write number of entries under class number.

VEG	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	
	114	115	116	117	118	119	120							
	133	134	135	136	137	138	139							
FRUIT	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9	10	11	12	13	14
1* - 8* 2 entries only														

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BANK _____ SORT CODE _____ ACCOUNT NO _____

ALL PRIZE MONIES PAID BY BACS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SHOW.

PRIZE MONEY CANNOT BE PAID IF BANK DETAILS ARE NOT COMPLETED AND CORRECT ON THIS FORM

Championship & Giant Classes

Entries are limited to **ONE** exhibit per competitor in each class
please tick each class entered

ONIONS		Tick box			Tick box							
Class 1	Onions		Class 5	Carrots								
Class 2	Onions		Class 6	Leeks								
Class 3	Onions		Class 7	Potatoes								
Class 4	Onions											
GIANT CLASS	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132
Tick box												

This form can be returned to sue@flowershow.org.uk or posted to:
Harrogate Flower Shows, 15 The Stables, Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE.

The closing date for admissions is
Friday 11 September 2026