

THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

Northern Branch Championships 2026



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**The National Vegetable Society wishes to thank The
Harrogate Flower Shows for hosting the 2026
Northern Branch Championships.**

Judges

Mick Shipley FNVS - Mansfield

Ken Ridehalgh FNVS - Accrington

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Geoff Butterworth FNVS - Chesterfield

**Friday 18th September 2026 (0900 – 1700)
Saturday 19th September 2026 (0900 – 1700)
Sunday 20th September 2026 (0900 – 1645)**

**Harrogate Autumn Flower Show
Newby Hall
Ripon
North Yorkshire
HG4 5AE**

www.nvsuk.org.uk

Rules and Regulations

1. The NVS Northern Branch Championships is free to enter for all current members of the National Vegetable Society and any one current member of an Affiliated Society.
2. Each exhibitor can only enter one exhibit per class, which must be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
3. All Entry Forms must reach the Show Secretary no later than the stated time and may be emailed (preferable) or posted. Late entries will be considered but may be refused
4. Judges officiating at an NVS Northern Branch Championship Show are permitted to enter a maximum of two exhibits into any Class at this Show.
5. The Show Secretary reserves the right to refuse any entry. In the event of such a refusal, an explanation will be given.
6. FNVS Judging will be in accordance with the rules as laid down in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide as amended 2018.
7. Entry to the show is free to all exhibitors.
8. Staging of exhibits will begin at **4.00pm** on **Thursday 17th September** and will continue until **6.00am** on **Friday 18th September**.- **These times will be strictly adhered too.**
9. The handling of all exhibits once judged is strictly forbidden.
10. 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.
11. Judging will commence promptly at 6.30am on Friday 18th September. Only Show Officials, Judges and Stewards are permitted to remain in the marquee during judging.
12. 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. The deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. All top foliage on root vegetables to be trimmed to approximately 75mm and all cabbages to be shown with approximately 75mm stalk and cauliflowers with approximately 75mm stalk.
14. Only natural raffia may be used for the tying of onions and shallots. All shallots to have been grown from sets.
15. 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.
16. Only plates and boards supplied by the Show Organisers will be used unless stated otherwise in the Schedule of Classes.
17. 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.
18. In onion classes not shown on a plate, the base of each onion must be no greater than 150mm above the table.
19. Under no circumstances may any exhibit be removed from the tables, once staged, until 4.45pm on Sunday, 20th September, except by the Show Manager / Show Secretary.
20. The show organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever, however all reasonable care will be taken.
21. All personal data submitted will be treated in accordance with the National Vegetable Society Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on the NVS website.

Schedule of Classes

1. A collection of 6 kinds of vegetables, one of each kind, to be laid flat (Staging allowed).
 2. Celery one dish of two heads.
 3. Cauliflowers, one dish of two.
 4. Onions, one dish of five, each onion to weigh a minimum of 1kg, but not more than 1.5kg (Staging allowed)
 5. Tomatoes medium, one dish of Nine (Plate provided)
 6. Mini-Collection, three kinds of vegetables, two of each kind (Staging allowed).
 7. Carrots – stump rooted, one dish of three
 8. Potatoes – White, one dish of five, (Plate provided)
 9. Beetroot – Globe, one dish of five (Plate provided)
 10. Onions, one dish of five, each onion must not weigh more than 250gms (Plate provided).
 11. Potatoes - Coloured, one dish of five (Plate provided)
 12. Shallots -Large exhibition, one dish of twelve (plate provided)
 13. Parsnips, one dish of three.
 14. Carrots - Long pointed, one dish of three.
 15. Tap Root Collection, one of each of three from the following:
 - Carrot – Long pointed
 - Carrot – stump rooted
 - Parsnip
 - Beetroot – Long
 - Beetroot – Globe
 16. Peas, one dish of nine pods
 17. Beans French, one dish of nine pods
 18. Beans Runner, one dish of nine pods
 19. Cucumber, one dish of two
 20. Marrow - table, one dish of two
 21. Shallots pickling, one dish of twelve (Each pickling shallot must not exceed 30mm in diameter as measured by the NVS multigaue measuring tool).
 22. Cabbage, one dish of two
 23. Pot Leeks, one dish of two
 24. Aubergines dish of three
 25. Millenium Class, Four of each of any four from the following:
 - A) Potatoes (Any colour)
 - B) Carrots Stump rooted
 - C) Tomatoes (Medium)
 - D) Beetroot (Globe)
 - E) Onions (250gm)
 26. * Courgette - dish of three
- Class 26 is only open to Novice members who have not won a first place at a Branch or National Competition.

Trophies and Prize Money

The Northern Branch no longer awards physical trophies for general classes

The NVS Silver medal and card will be awarded to the best exhibit in the Championship classes.

Points awarded:

Class 1 & 25 1st – 8 ; 2nd – 6; 3rd – 4; 4th – 2; 5th – 1

Classes 2 to 24,26 1st – 8; 2nd – 6; 3rd – 4; 4th – 2

Prize Money:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Classes 1 & 25	£50	£40	£30	£20	£10
Classes 2 -24	£25	£20	£15	£10	
Novice Classes 26	£25	£20	£15	£10	

Entries to: Mr Geoff Wilson FNVS 6, Kingcraft Road, Marton in Cleveland, MIDDLESBROUGH. TS7 8RF

e-mail preferred – Geoffwilz@hotmail.co.uk

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ENTRY FORM

Entry forms must reach the Show Secretary no later than Friday 12th September 2025.

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	

Please tick the boxes for the class(es) you wish to enter. **Only one entry per exhibitor per class allowed.**

Class 26 is only for Members who have not won a 1st place at a Branch or National Competition

I hereby declare that I will strictly adhere to the rules laid down by the National Vegetable Society.

Signed:

Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Tel No:
Email address:	
NVS Membership No.	
Prize money will be paid via bank transfer. please complete your bank details below.	
Sort Code:	Bank Acc:

Failure to provide and details including Bank details will result in delay in payment being made. All bank details are destroyed once payments have been made.

Closing date for entries is Friday 12th September

Please return completed entry forms either by email (preferable) or post to:

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