

# CASTLE CARY GARDENING ASSOCIATION 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

Flower, Fruit, Vegetable, Art & Craft Show



**SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2025**

**Caryford Community Hall  
BA7 7JJ**

**Open to the public from 2.00 pm**

Presentation of prizes 4.15pm

Admission £1, children free

Refreshments available

**ALL CLASSES ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

# HOW TO ENTER

## 1. ENTRY

- Entries can be emailed to [ccgardeningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ccgardeningassociation@gmail.com) or use the form on our website. Or you can send the paper form (on the inside back page) to the Entry Secretary.
- We encourage early entries as it makes life easier for the show team. We understand you might not be able to stage all the exhibits you have entered!
- Entries should be received by **9pm on Monday 28th July 2025**.
- Entries are free.
- One entry per class per exhibitor.
- Children are very welcome to enter any classes.
- All entries for SECTIONS A&B must have been grown by the exhibitor. Entries in SECTION A&B are encouraged from individuals, households and groups (where grown as a group endeavour). Entries in sections C-F should be from an individual or household.

## 2. STAGING

- You must set up your exhibits **8.00 am - 10.45 am** on the day of the show. Doors close at 10.45 am, when all but judges and officials must leave the hall.
- Collect your entry slips on arrival. You must have a slip for each entry, which should be placed next to your exhibit.
- You are encouraged to name varieties.
- Where VASE is mentioned any suitable container may be used. For Classes 54-57 and 67-74 vases will be available.
- We suggest you use alternatives to plastic-based floral foams at the show. For example, compostable floral foams, chicken wire, paper, stems etc.
- Please ask if there is anything you are unsure about when staging - we are happy to help!

## 3. PRIZES

- Where possible the show will be governed by the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook.
- Points will be awarded as follows: First Prize 3 points; Second Prize 2 points; Third Prize 1 point. (Class 33 & 34 first prize only.)
- In the event of a tie for a trophy, the overall number of first prizes (then second prizes) awarded in the relevant section will be the deciding factor.
- Trophy winners are responsible for the safe keeping and return of their trophies to the Committee by 1st July 2026.
- Exhibits can be removed after presentation of trophies at 4.15 pm.

On any MATTER ARISING, not covered by these guidelines, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS EITHER LOST OR DAMAGED DURING THE SHOW

## SECTION A: VEGETABLES & FRUIT

- 1 A collection of 5 different vegetables, quantities as specified in classes 3-25, on a board or in a trug (or similar) max size 76 x 60 cm
- 2 A collection of potatoes, 3 potatoes each from 3 varieties
- 3 5 potatoes, white
- 4 5 potatoes, coloured
- 5 6 runner beans
- 6 6 french beans
- 7 3 beetroots, foliage trimmed
- 8 6 radishes, foliage untrimmed
- 9 3 onions, large exhibition
- 10 5 onions, 250 gm or under
- 11 7 shallots, large
- 12 10 shallots, pickling, not to exceed 3 cm diameter
- 13 6 pods of peas, one variety (not mange tout)
- 14 A marrow
- 15 5 tomatoes, ordinary
- 16 10 tomatoes, small fruited (eg cherry)
- 17 1 truss of cherry tomatoes
- 18 A pair of cucumbers, any type
- 19 A bulb of garlic
- 20 3 carrots, foliage trimmed
- 21 3 parsnips, foliage trimmed
- 22 2 courgettes, approximately 15 cm long
- 23 2 sweet peppers, any colour
- 24 6 chilli peppers, any colour
- 25 2 Leeks, tied and not trimmed
- 26 Any other vegetable not previously mentioned



- 27 5 different vegetables and/or fruit (one of each) – ‘you’ve grown it we’d like to see it’ – on a plate or dish, max size 30 cm diameter
- 28 10 raspberries on a small plate
- 29 5 dessert apples, ripe, any variety
- 30 A small plate of any other ripe fruit
- 31 A collection of fruit, ripe, three kinds
- 32 3 named herbs in a **jam jar**, not in flower
- 33 Longest runner bean
- 34 An unusually shaped vegetable
- 35 **NEW** Top grower: a vegetable exhibit (as specified in classes 2-26) and a cut flower exhibit (as specified in classes 50-72, excluding 53)

## SECTION B: FLOWERS and PLANTS

- Pots should have an internal diameter of no more than 25 cm.
  - For details of dahlia classifications see <https://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk/about-dahlias/classification/>
- 50 3 stems of roses in one vase, same variety
  - 51 A specimen rose in a vase
  - 52 1 multi-headed rose stem, any variety
  - 53 Best scented rose (to be judged by visitors to the show)
  - 54 9 stems of annual sweet peas, mixed, at least three varieties
  - 55 5 stems of annual sweet peas, one variety
  - 56 3 gladioli, any variety
  - 57 A specimen gladiolus spike
  - 58 A vase of mixed perennials, max 50 cm **width** allowed
  - 59 A vase of single stems of 3 flowering shrubs from different flowering families
  - 60 5 annual asters
  - 61 Mixed annuals in a **jam jar**
  - 62 3 stems of penstemons



- 63 3 stems phlox
- 64 5 dianthus (pinks, carnations etc), stems with buds
- 65 6 pansies or violas on a board, maximum 25 cm square
- 66 3 clematis flowers on a board, maximum 30 cm square
- 67 1 dahlia, large or giant (usually over 20cm)
- 68 3 dahlias, cactus or semi-cactus (not large or giant blooms)
- 69 3 dahlias, decorative (not large or giant blooms)
- 70 3 dahlias, pompon
- 71 3 dahlias, ball
- 72 3 dahlias, any other, not previously mentioned
- 73 A dahlia, specimen bloom, any size, any variety
- 74 An exhibit of mixed dahlias, any cultivars, number of blooms optional
- 75 A bush fuchsia, single flowering
- 76 A half standard fuchsia, any variety
- 77 Any other fuchsia, not previously mentioned
- 78 6 fuchsia flower heads on a square board, maximum 25 cm square
- 79 Lily one stem, any type
- 80 Flowering plant in pot
- 81 Foliage plant in pot
- 82 Cactus or succulent plant in pot
- 83 An exhibit of special botanical interest (a plant you have not previously exhibited at our show.)
- 84 Club Challenge, kindly donated by Castle Gardens
- 85 A vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants; two varieties of the same plants are NOT two kinds.
- 86 **NEW** A dish/bowl (not larger than 30cm) with floating flower head/s



## SECTION C: FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

- Exhibitors in this section may use flowers from any source garden or commercial.
- All exhibits may use props or accessories.
- Exhibits can be assembled at home in advance if preferred.
- To fit a width of 50 cm unless otherwise stated.

- 90 Carnival
- 91 Woodland Walk - foliage exhibit with no flowers
- 92 Washed by the Tide - a seascape
- 93 Limited Arrangement - a modern design of five flowers
- 94 Petite arrangement, over 10 cm but under 23 cm overall
- 95 Miniature, not over 10 cm overall
- 96 A garden in a **FULL** size seed tray



## SECTION D: HOMECRAFT

- Please ensure that jars can be opened easily otherwise they cannot be judged.
- **Classes 100-116** must be on a plate and inside a large clear plastic bag.
- **Classes 117-123 Jams & Jellies.** Jars to be filled to the top, cover may be a plain twist lid OR a wax disc and cellophane cover, all labels to be dated.

- 100 A chocolate cake, iced
- 101 Your 'showstopper' cake, maximum width, depth & height 30 cm
- 102 6 decorated cupcakes
- 103 3 American muffins
- 104 A fresh fruit pie, closed, plate not over 23 cm
- 105 6 chocolate brownies
- 106 6 shortbread pieces, any shape
- 107 A cake incorporating a named vegetable
- 108 A Victoria sandwich, jam filled, undecorated, no sugar on top
- 109 Fruit Cake, maximum 20 cm round tin
- 110 6 biscuits
- 111 A handmade loaf
- 112 6 bread rolls
- 113 A quiche, 20 cm in diameter
- 114 2 different gluten-free items
- 115 6 fruit scones
- 116 6 flapjacks
- 117 A jar of marmalade
- 118 A jar of jam
- 119 A jar of fruit jelly
- 120 A jar of lemon curd
- 121 A jar of sweet chilli jam
- 122 A jar of honey
- 123 A jar of chutney, named variety



## SECTION E: HANDICRAFTS

- Items must NOT have been previously exhibited in a show of this Association.
- Items should be presented clean.
- Exhibitors must indicate if the work is to their own design, or based on a pattern or from a kit using the labels provided.
- You may wish to provide a short explanatory note (max 20 words), but **no advertising or names visible** please.
- Max size for display of 75 cm x 75 cm. Large items of embroidery/tapestry etc may need to be folded.

130 A handmade hat

131 A patchwork article

132 A hand embroidered article

133 A tapestry article

134 A cross stitch article

135 A crocheted article

136 'From Rags to Riches', an article with a recycled theme

137 A hand-knitted article

138 Any sewn garment, cut out and sewn by exhibitor

139 A soft toy

140 An item of ceramics or pottery

141 An item of woodwork

142 A handmade card for any occasion of an original design

143 An item of metalwork

144 'You've made it, we'd like to see it', any item of handicraft (that does not readily fit into the above categories, perhaps because it is made from multiple materials.)





## SECTION F: PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY & WRITING

- Name and address to be shown on the BACK of each work.

### PAINTING

- Classes 150-155 not to exceed 75 cm x 75 cm framed or mounted.
- All work in these classes must be ready for hanging with string.
- Any visible signatures to be temporarily covered please.

- 150 An oil or acrylic painting, any subject
- 151 A watercolour painting, any subject
- 152 A drawing
- 153 An exhibit of mixed media – **please specify media**
- 154 A flower portrait in any medium
- 155 Subject of your choice using pastels



### PHOTOGRAPHY

- Photographs to be mounted on card not to exceed 25 x 18 cm (to facilitate fixing to display boards).

- 157 Leaves
- 158 Flower Portrait
- 159 The event
- 160 Laughing out loud
- 161 A Somerset view

#### PHOTOGRAPHY FOR 2026

Next year the subjects will be:

- Close up
- Camouflage
- Happy Family
- Oops!
- Eyesore

### CREATIVE WRITING

- Entries to be on A5 size paper.

- 164 Write a limerick beginning with:  
**As a flower is drawn to the light...**
- 165 Mini Saga. A story in precisely 50 words plus up to 15 words for the title
- 166 Make up a sentence using as many of the 31 letters as possible in this phrase (using each letter once):  
**Vegetables are greatly undervalued**

## SECTION G: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- For **Classes 190-203** please write age on the entry slip (given to you on the day of the show).
- **Children are also very welcome to enter any of the adult classes.**
- **Classes 192 & 202** must be covered.
- In the children's section prize monies for all classes are: First £3; Second £2, Third £1.
- All children can collect a free packet of seeds when bringing their entry.

### AGE: up to 9 INCLUSIVE

190 Vegetables and/or fruit you've grown, displayed on a plate or dish

191 A vase of mixed flowers, 5 stems

192 5 jam tarts

193 A 3D model using recycled items

### AGE: 10 to 14 INCLUSIVE

200 Vegetables and/or fruit you've grown, displayed on a plate or dish

201 A vase of mixed flowers, 5 stems

202 5 jam tarts

203 A 3D model using recycled items



# PRIZES, CUPS and TROPHIES

## SECTIONS A & B: VEGETABLES, FRUIT, FLOWERS & PLANTS

- **RHS Banksian Medal** to the individual or household with the highest number of points in the horticultural classes in the show who has not won in the previous two years
- **Chamber of Commerce Rose Bowl** to the individual or household with the highest number of points
- **Worshipful Company of Gardeners Diploma of Excellence** at the discretion of the judges

## SECTION A: VEGETABLES and FRUIT

- **Harold Milner Trophy** and £25 voucher for the highest number of points
- **Ansford Cup** for the points runner-up
- **Charlie North Shield** for the best exhibit in Class 1
- **National Vegetable Society Medal** for best vegetable exhibit
- **Newcomer Award**, £25 voucher for the highest points by an entrant who has not previously won a prize/trophy in this section

## SECTION B: FLOWERS and PLANTS

- **Coronation Cup** and £25 voucher for the highest number of points (excluding dahlia and fuchsia classes)
- **Floral Cup** for the points runner-up (excluding dahlia and fuchsia classes)
- **Sir John Parson Cup** for the highest number of points in Dahlia classes
- **K Mossman Cup** for the best exhibit and £10 voucher
- **Phillip Matthews Award** for an exhibit of special botanical interest
- **David Garrett Cup** for the highest number of points in the Fuchsia Classes
- **Castle Gardens Prize** for best specimen of this year's donated plant
- **Prize** for best scented rose in Class 53 (decided by visitors to the show)

## SECTION C: FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

- **Floral Art Cup** and £15 for the highest number of points
- **Cup** and £10 for the best exhibit

## SECTION D: HOMECRAFT

- **Castle Cary Domestic Science Cup** and £15 for the highest number of points
- **Castle Cary Domestic Science Shield** and £10 for the runner-up

## SECTION E: HANDICRAFTS

- **Vera Blacker Memorial Cup** for the highest number of points
- **Castle Cary Handicrafts Cup** for the best exhibit (decided by visitors to the show)

## SECTION F: PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY etc.

- **Photographic Cup** for the best exhibit in the photography classes
- **Joy Barnes Art Cup** for the best exhibit in the painting classes
- **Janet Hutchfield Cup** for the highest number of points

## SECTIONS D, E & F

- **Margaret Bush Trophy** for the highest number of points in Sections D, E, & F

## SECTION G: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- **Ralph Tutton Trophy** for the highest number of points
- **Miniature Cup** for the runner up most points
- **Miniature Cup**, awarded annually, for the best children's exhibit
- In the children's section prize monies for all classes are: First £3; Second £2; Third £1. All children can collect a free packet of seeds when bringing their entry.



# CASTLE CARY GARDENING ASSOCIATION



## ABOUT THE CLUB

We hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in Caryford Hall. Speakers cover a variety of gardening topics. Annual membership is only £10, which covers the talks and opens up discretionary discounts. Non-members are very welcome at our meetings.

CHAIRMAN: Erica Holt

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## 2025 Meetings

Why not join and come along to our regular monthly evening meetings at Caryford Hall. We cover a wide range of topics each year. Non-members very welcome, £2 per meeting.

July 2nd	<i>'Alpines and Orchids'</i> , <b>Paul Cumbleton</b>
September 3rd	<i>'Lawns and Gardens'</i> , <b>Roy Cheek</b>
October 2nd	<i>'From Seeds to Sales'</i> , <b>Deborah Harris</b>
November 5th	AGM
December 3rd	<i>'Steve's Weeds'</i> , <b>Castle Gardens</b>



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## ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

### ENTRY FORM

See schedule for full details of classes and rules.

Enter by:

- Email to [ccgardeningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ccgardeningassociation@gmail.com)
- Using the online form on our website <https://www.castlecarygardening.com>
- Fill out the classes you wish to enter below and send to:  
Entry Secretary, Fairplace, Fair Place, West Lydford, TA11 7DN.

Entries to be received by 9pm on Monday 28th July 2025.


**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting entries confirms that you are happy for your data to be held for the purposes of administering the show. For example, calculating points, awarding cups and publicising winners on our website.



# CASTLE CARY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

**Thank you to our kind supporters who  
have generously donated prizes or  
offered discretionary discounts:**

**Schimmel Hardware, Castle Gardens,  
The Market Garden, Neville Morley**

**We would also like to extend our thanks  
to our show judges:**

**Ray Carver, Hilary Clark, Chris Fairbairn,  
Harry Godden, Rachael Harding,  
Carly Pattison & Celia Knight**



**First Prize**  
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