

Flowers

Dahlias and Marigolds: Old damaged petals may be removed. Usually exhibited with reasonably long stems.

Cut flowers: General standards of freshness and freedom from pests and diseases apply.

Gladioli: May have unopened blooms at the top but make sure that the bottom flower is not fading or falling.

Pot Plants: All types – Remove dead foliage and leaves. Present in a clean pot with no evidence of pests or disease. Supports are permissible where necessary and under-saucers are recommended.

Cactus: DO NOT remove dead flowers or evidence of flowering.

Flower Arranging: Whole exhibit should be within dimensions specified in schedule. For interpretive exhibits, emphasis should be on plant material rather than accessories used.

Cookery

Preserves: All types – Avoid using bottles or jars which are identified with commercial produce however attractive: this includes honey jars. Contents to be of good colour, flavour and evenly distributed. Jars to be well filled with a good seal.

Fruit cake: Fruit evenly distributed, moist. Avoid burnt/hard fruit on the outside. Top to be as flat as possible.

Victoria Sandwich: Texture fine, golden in colour. No bubbles or cooling rack marks on top.

Sprinkle with caster sugar, not icing sugar.

VICTORIA SANDWICH RECIPE

150g margarine, 150g caster sugar, 3 eggs (size 2), 150g self raising flour, raspberry jam.

Heat oven to 350°F, 180°C or Gas Mark 4. Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.

Beat in eggs one at a time, adding a little flour with each. Gently fold in remaining flour.

Place mixture into 2 x 7" greased sandwich tins. Bake for 25 minutes. When cold, sandwich together with raspberry jam and dust the top with a little caster sugar (not icing sugar).

Handicrafts

Materials to be appropriate for design and use. Quality of workmanship and attention to detail could be a deciding factor on similar exhibits. Ensure items conform to schedule i.e. dimensions, materials if specified.

Knitting: Even tension, no visible joining of yarns. Seams to be appropriate for yarn with pattern matching, use flat seams on baby clothes. Exhibits unworn

Soft toys: Washable, no glass or plastic eyes, wires, joints, squeakers etc. No hard piece down back.

Photography

All photographs must be mounted.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL EXHIBITS CONFORM TO THE SCHEDULE

Harpole Village Show

82nd Annual Show of

Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, Cookery and Handicrafts

to be held at

Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole

Saturday 5th September 2026

10-11am Exhibits Staged

2pm Show Opens

3pm Prize Giving

Admission: Adults £2 Children FREE

Show Secretary

Jo Garner, 15 Garners Way

Show Treasurer

Jackie Bess, 55 South View

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Harpole Show Awards

Children's prizes will be given as follows:

1st Prize £5 - 2nd Prize £2.50 - 3rd Prize £1

There are no monetary prizes for adult classes

All cups to be held for ONE year only

SPECIAL AWARDS

Betty Church Cup	For the entrant with the highest points in Section A Winner limited to 1 win in 3 years. Winners 2024/25 not eligible
Elizabeth Still Vase	Best Arrangement of Flowers from your Garden
Margaret Spokes Cup	Highest points in Section A (Flowers)
Specimen Vase	Highest points in Section B (Cookery)
Joan Ainge Vase	Best Cookery Exhibit in Section B (Cookery)
Creative Vase	Highest points in Section C (Handicrafts)
DT Brown Cup	Most points won by a child in Section D
The Garnett Cup	Best Exhibit in Section E (Floral art)
Thea Cordingley Cup	Most points won by a teenager in Adult Classes + £10

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Section A,B,C,E Open to all
2. Section D Open to Children 12 years and under
3. Prizes will be awarded on a points system.
3 points for 1st prize 2 points for 2nd prize 1 point for 3rd prize
4. Exhibits must be grown or made by the Exhibitor, and not have been previously exhibited
5. **ALL Exhibits must be staged BETWEEN 10am and 11am prompt**
The Old School Hall will be closed for judging at 11am
6. No Exhibit to be removed before presentation of prizes
7. All Exhibits must be removed by 4pm
8. The Judge's decision as to merit shall be final.
9. Harpole show will not be responsible for damage to entries, but all reasonable care will be taken with them.
10. **Only one entry per Exhibitor allowed in each class.**
11. **Open to all who live in Harpole or have a connection with the village.**

JUDGES

Horticulture	Stuart Phillips
Cookery	Margaret Hooper
Arts & Crafts	Chris Berry
Floral	Edwina Kennedy
Photography	John Roan

HANDY HINTS ON PRESENTATION OF EXHIBITS AT THE ANNUAL SHOW

The most important requirement is for the exhibit to meet the description printed on the schedule. For example: If the schedule states "Potatoes, FOUR, round, any colour", FOUR average sized round potatoes from your garden would beat an exhibit of FIVE large and perfectly matched potatoes of a rare and succulent variety. The judges usually mark such non-conforming entries as NAS, which is "Not as Schedule" and a polite way of saying DISQUALIFIED. Please check your exhibit with the exact description of the class you are entering.

The hints below relate to various classes in this schedule and are the result of discussion with regular exhibitors. Please bear in mind they are only suggestions which should help you to gain presentation points. In the case of disagreement, the rules printed on the schedule prevail and the judges' decision is always final.

Vegetables

Beetroot: Wash, but not to damage the skin or remove the tap root. Preparation on the day of the show will avoid withering.

Cabbage: Remove damaged or discoloured outer leaves. Keep the roots intact and wash them free of soil.

Carrots: Trim foliage to 3 inches and wash without damaging the skin or tap root.

Cucumber: Leave the trace of the flower on the end if you can. Handle carefully to avoid marking the skin. Do not polish.

Shallots and onions: Remove the roots but retain the ripened outer skin. Trim the withered tops, turn over the trimmed ends and tie them off.

Lettuce: Prepare as for cabbage

Marrows: Handle gently to avoid marking the skin. Do not polish

Onions: Exhibit the roots with leaves intact. Remove only loose and discoloured outer skins and do not peel.

Potatoes: Wash gently to avoid scratching the skin. Choose your best matched set with no disease or pest damage.

Beans: (Runner and French Dwarf) Gather by cutting through stalks with scissors. Handle only by the stalk to retain the fresh appearance of the skin. Check for full pods by holding them up to the light. Leave the trace of the flowers on the pod ends if you can.

Tomatoes: Stalks should be intact if possible. Do not pick them too early or the stalk may wither and fall off. Over-ripe, squashy fruits get less points.

Any other vegetable: The general requirements are freshness and freedom from damage, pests and disease.

Fruit

Apples and Pears: Stalks should be in place if possible. Do not polish the skins. Name the variety if possible.

Soft Fruit and Stoned Fruit: Exhibit with stalks if you can and preserve the natural untouched appearance, particularly of plums.

SECTION 'E' – FLORAL ART – Open to all

NO FLORAL FOAM TO BE USED

- 75. Dried Flower Arrangement max. 15 x 15"
- 76. 5 Fuchsia Heads floating on water
- 77. Button Hole
- 78. Vase of Flowers picked from your garden - max width 36cm/14"
- 79. Wildflower Arrangement (can use berries, seed heads etc.) – max width 36cm/14"

SCHEDULE

Class No. SECTION 'A' FLOWERS – Open to all

- 1. Three Hosta leaves
- 2. Three Clematis flower heads - any variety, one or more species
- 3. Vase of Annuals – one or more species - table space 18" max
- 4. Vase of Decorative Foliage - Table space 18" max - to be judged on horticultural quality not artistic effect
- 5. One Specimen Rose
- 6. Three Pelargonium/bedding Geranium Blooms
- 7. One spray of a Flowering Shrub
- 8. One Cactus or Succulent
- 9. Vase of Dahlias
- 10. Five stems of any flower not already specified
- 11. Five stems of varied grasses in a water container
- 12. One pot plant

SECTION 'A' FRUIT – Open to all

- 13. Five Dessert Apples
- 14. Five Pears
- 15. Five Dessert Plums
- 16. Plate of Raspberries
- 17. Plate of fruit not specified above

SECTION 'A' VEGETABLES – Open to all

- 18. Five Onions - as grown with tops
- 19. Five Potatoes – any variety
- 20. Two Courgettes
- 21. Three Carrots – any variety
- 22. Six Pods of Runner Beans
- 23. Six Pods of French Beans
- 24. Three Beetroot – with tops
- 25. Five Tomatoes
- 26. Ten Cherry Tomatoes
- 27. One Cucumber
- 28. Herbs Culinary – bunches of four kinds, displayed in a container of water
- 29. Any other vegetable not stated in above (e.g. sweet pepper)
- 30. Most mis-shaped vegetable
- 31. Two Chilli Peppers
- 32. Sweetcorn Cob
- 33. Head of Lettuce

SECTION 'B' COOKERY – Exhibitors Own Work – Open to all

34. Jar of Homemade Soft Fruit Jam – Must have date made & variety of fruit stated
35. Jar of Stoned Fruit jam - Must have date made & variety of fruit stated
36. Jar of Homemade Chutney
37. Victoria Sandwich (recipe as given)
38. Cheese Scones (own recipe)
39. Chocolate Cake (own recipe)
40. Fruit Cake (own recipe)
41. Lemon Drizzle Cake (own recipe)
42. Loaf of bread
43. Vegan cake (own recipe)
44. Homemade cordial
45. Country spirit e.g. Sloe Gin

SECTION 'C' HANDICRAFTS – Exhibitors own work – Open to all - Items must not be previously exhibited

46. Any type of Tapestry or Cross-stitch
47. Painting or Drawing
48. Hand Knitted or Crochet article
49. Patchwork and Quilting article
50. Any Handmade Article – Maximum size 12" x 12" x 12"
51. Ceramic/Metal Article – Maximum size 12" x 12" x 12"
52. Handmade Greetings Card
53. A limerick – first line to be 'There once was a...'
54. Pet Photograph 6" x 8" max including mount
55. Floral Photograph 6" x 8" max including mount
56. Wildlife Photograph 6" x 8" max including mount
57. Sunrise or Sunset Photograph 6" x 8" max including mount

SECTION 'D' – CHILDREN – 12 YEARS AND UNDER

58. Miniature Garden (14" x 9" max) - Open to age 7 years and under
59. Miniature Garden (14" x 9" max) - Open to age 8-12 years
60. Painted Pebble - Open to age 7 years and under
61. Painted Pebble - Open to age 8-12 years
62. Any Handmade Article - Open to age 12 years and under
63. Object made from Fruit and/or Vegetables (must all be edible) - Open to age 12 years and under
64. Five Small Sponge Cakes, iced & decorated (own recipe) - Open to age 7 years and under
65. Five Small Sponge Cakes, iced & decorated (own recipe) - Open to age 8-12 years
66. Five Small Rice Krispie Cakes - Open to age 7 years and under
67. Five Small Rice Krispie Cakes - Open to age 8-12 years
68. Two Decorated Digestive Biscuits (decorations must be edible) - Open to age 5 years and under
69. Five Flapjacks (own recipe) - Open to age 8-12 years
70. Animal Photograph - Open to age 12 years and under
71. Harpole Village Photograph - Open to age 12 years and under
72. Create a Poster for Next Year's Show - Open to age 12 years and under
73. Arrangement of Flowers - Open to age 12 years and under
74. Handwriting (Text as given below) - Open to age 12 years and under

We Have a Little Garden

We have a little garden,
A garden of our own,
And every day we water there
The seeds that we have sown.

We love our little garden,
And tend it with such care,
You will not find a faded leaf
Or blighted blossom there.

- Beatrix Potter

ENTRY FORM**82ND HARPOLE SHOW****5th SEPTEMBER 2026**

Name _____

Address _____

Child's Age _____ Teenagers Age _____

PLEASE TICK NUMBER FOR ENTRY – ONLY **ONE** ENTRY PER CLASS

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