

WEST MOORS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SHOW RULES (Revised November 2009 Updated 2026)

1. **Eligibility of Exhibitors.** Unless otherwise stated, all classes are open to amateur gardeners including children whether or not they are members of the Society. An Amateur is a person who, not being a professional either personally or with paid or unpaid assistance maintains a garden or grows plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables for pleasure and enjoyment, and not for his livelihood. A professional is defined as a person who gains his livelihood by growing horticultural plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables for sale or for an employer, or anyone employed in the maintenance of a garden, pleasure ground or park.
2. **Small Growers Championship.** Entry into the Daffodil or Dahlia Championships is restricted to persons who have not previously won either a Daffodil or Dahlia Medal respectively. Also, members who have other family members entering the Main Daffodil or Dahlia classes may not enter the respective Small Growers Championship.
3. **Exhibits in Sections for Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables.** These must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been grown on land cultivated by the exhibitor. The garden or land where exhibits are grown must be open for inspection if required by a representative of the Committee during the seven days preceding a Show. Exhibits in other Sections must be the work of the Exhibitor. In Floral Art classes, any plant material may be used unless otherwise stated and exhibits may be completed either in the Show Hall or elsewhere. Materials used in Floral Art and Homecraft classes need not have been grown by the Exhibitor. Pot plants must have been in an exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks prior to show dates.
4. **Entry Fee.** No fee is payable unless otherwise stated in the Schedule.
5. **Entries.** Entries should be made on the official Entry Form and be handed in not later than the Wednesday preceding the Show. Entry forms can be found in the Handbook or by requesting an entry form from the Secretary at wmhorticultural.society@gmail.com Entry forms can be left with any member of the General Committee, names and addresses inside front cover of the Handbook or returned by email to the above email address. Telephone entries to the Secretary or Show Recorder. Information can also be found on West Moors Town Council website: <https://www.westmoors-tc.gov.uk/WMHorticulturalSociety>
6. **Number of Entries Allowed.** Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule, two or more persons of one household, including children, may not compete separately in the same class. No competitor may enter more than one exhibit in any class.
7. **Acceptance of Entries.** The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, and in the event of such refusal it is not required to give any reason or explanation.
8. **Time of Staging.** Between 8am and 10.00am on the Show Day and between 7pm and 8.00pm on the day before. At the end of the staging periods all persons must leave the Show Premises.

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9. **The meaning of "kinds" and "varieties".** In the show schedule the words "kinds" and "varieties" are used in the following sense; potatoes and peas are kinds of vegetables. Eclipse and Majestic are varieties of potatoes.
10. **The mixing of Varieties is not allowed.** Unless otherwise stated an exhibit must consist of one variety only.
11. **Staging of Exhibits.** Exhibitors may use their own containers but show containers, the property of the Society, are available free of charge and are preferred. Foodstuffs should be plated and covered, and if not already in a container, bases with domes, the property of the Society, are also available to be used. Whilst prime responsibility for ensuring that entries conform with class requirements rests with exhibitors Show Stewards will give assistance during staging wherever possible. All exhibits are to be staged by the exhibitor unless a special dispensation is given.
12. **Exhibit Cards.** Each exhibit must bear a card provided by the Show Recorder on the show premises within the hours stated in Rule 8 and must be in position by the end of the staging period set out. Exhibitors will be responsible for checking the particulars given on the card and for placing them face downward on the show bench.
13. **Rules for Judging.** Wherever possible the Show will be governed by the latest editions of the Royal Horticultural Society's Show Handbook and the NAFAS Competition Manual, except for the Dahlia disqualification limits that are specified by the National Dahlia Society. In collections and non-specific classes, unless otherwise stated, the number of each to be exhibited (in brackets) and the maximum number of points available for each kind is shown on [Page 4](#).
14. **Awards** in any class may be withheld or modified on the recommendation of the Judge if the entries be of insufficient merit.
15. **Decisions.** The decisions of the Judges as to the relative merits of the exhibits shall be final. Any other points in dispute will be decided by the show committee and or its appointed referees.
16. **Protests.** Any protest must be delivered in writing to the Show Recorder while the show is still open.
17. **Alteration of Exhibits.** Between the time fixed for the completion of the staging and the closing hour of the Show, no exhibit may be altered without the permission of the General Secretary.
18. **Removal of Exhibits.** No exhibit may be removed before the end of the Show. In the interest of visitors arriving late, this rule will be strictly enforced. All exhibits should be removed as soon as possible after the closing hour.
19. **Liability for Loss.** All exhibits, personal property etc., will be at the risk of the exhibitor at all times and the Committee will not be liable for loss or damage due to any cause whatsoever.
20. **Prize Money.** Will only be awarded for special classes at all Shows as indicated in the relevant Schedule.

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21. **Awards.** Where a medal or trophy is awarded on the basis of a points aggregate (e.g. the W.M.H.S. Trophies for Floral Art and the Ladies Cup) no points will be given for those classes where entry is restricted.
22. **Naming of Exhibits.** It would be appreciated by the public and assist the Judges if, where possible, exhibitors named the varieties of their exhibits. Plain white cards 3cm x 8cm must be used and block letters are recommended. Cards cut to size will be available at staging but exhibitors wishing to prepare their own in advance should ensure that they conform with the above description.
23. In floral Art classes **NOVICE** is a competitor who has not previously been placed first in any Floral Art class at the Society's Shows other than a "Men Only" class. **INTERMEDIATE** is a competitor who has not previously won a Trophy or Medal for Floral Art at any of the Society's Shows other than the Peter Smith Trophy or the Rev. Charles F Hall Trophy.

NOTES TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

THE SUCCESS OF OUR SHOWS depends on the support of exhibitors. Please make them a great success. Entries are cordially invited.

If as a visitor you enjoy the Shows, as the Committee trusts you will, why not become a member. For information see the Membership Secretary details inside front cover of the Handbook and on the West Moors Town Council website: [https://www.westmoors-tc.gov.uk/ WMHorticulturalSociety](https://www.westmoors-tc.gov.uk/WMHorticulturalSociety) The annual subscription is £5.00 with a combined subscription of £10.00 for family membership to include school children.

Additional Handbooks will be supplied at a charge of £2.00. For members outside the Road Warden areas subscription will be £10.00 to cover postage of Schedules and Bulletins.

A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to members of neighbouring Horticultural Societies, who are in turn glad to see our members at their Shows.

THE COMMITTEE holds a card which will admit two members of the WMHS to any of the RHS Gardens (Wisley, Rosemore, Hyde Hall) at a discount of approximately 50% off normal admission prices. See the West Moors Town Council website for details of how to book: [https://www.westmoors-tc.gov.uk/ WMHorticulturalSociety](https://www.westmoors-tc.gov.uk/WMHorticulturalSociety)

DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

Membership of the Society implies acceptance of the fact that, unless an objection is lodged with the Membership Secretary within 28 days of the receipt of this notice, certain personal data of each member will be held on a computer file. This data will be used solely for the purposes of Show and Society Management and will not be disclosed to any third party except insofar as the names (but not addresses) of winners at our shows may be supplied to the press for publicity purposes. <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>

2026 update: Data Protection Act

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Number of Specimens& Maximum Points			Number of Specimens& Maximum Points		
Vegetables					
Aubergines	(2)	18	Garlic (bulbs)	(5)	15
Beans Runner	(5)	18	Lettuces	(2)	15
Beans Dwarf	(5)	15	Marrow	(1)	15
Beans Broad (Pods)	(7)	15	Onions (over 250g/8.8oz)	(3)	20
Beetroot	(3)	15	Onions (under 250gm/8.8 oz)	(3)	15
Brussels Sprouts	(10)	15	Onions (green salad)	(5)	12
Cabbages	(2)	15	Parsnips	(2)	20
Carrots, Long/Int/Pointed	(3)	20	Peas (Pods)	(9)	20
Carrots, Stump/Ball/Finger	(3)	18	Potatoes	(3)	20
Cauliflowers	(2)	20	Rhubarb	(3)	12
Celery	(2)	20	Radish	(5)	10
Courgettes	(3)	12	Tomatoes, Standard	(5)	18
Cucumber (hse/fr)	(1)	18	Tomatoes, Beefsteak	(3)	15
Cucumber (other)	(1)	15	Tomatoes, Cherry/Small	(6)	12
Leeks	(3)	20	Tomatoes on calyces	(5)	12
Shallots, Large	(5)	18	Turnips	(2)	15
Shallots, Pickling	(5)	15	Peppers	(2)	15
Chillies	(6)	15	Sweetcorn	(2)	18
Fruit					
Apples, Dessert	(5)	20	Currants/Blueberries (strigs)	(4)	12
Apples, Cooking	(5)	18	Damsons	(12)	8
Apricots	(5)	16	Figs	(3)	16
Blackberries	(10)	12	Gooseberries	(10)	12
Pears, Dessert	(3)	20	Grapes, Bunch	(1)	20
Plums, Dessert	(5)	16	Peaches	(4)	20
Quinces	(4)	12	Raspberries	(10)	20
Melons	(1)	18	Strawberries	(10)	16
Cherries, Sour	(15)	12	Hybrid Cane Fruits	(10)	12
Citrus fruit	(2)	18			