



HARROGATE
FLOWER SHOWS

Spring

Floral Art HANDBOOK

23-26 April 2026



Great Yorkshire Event Centre
Harrogate
HG2 8NZ



NEHS NORTH OF ENGLAND
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SHOW INFORMATION



Show Location

Great Yorkshire Events Centre, Harrogate

Competitors to follow yellow AA Road signs marked 'Exhibitor' or 'E' on staging day

Registered Office address (correspondence only)

North of England Horticultural Society, 15 The Stables, Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE

Show Opening Times

Thursday – Sunday 9:30am – 5:00pm. Sunday awards presentation 4:30pm

Ticket Prices

Pre-booked adult (before 7 April) – £24.00. Full price adult – £29.00. Children under 16 free.

Competitor Tickets

Each competitor will receive one ticket allowing entry into the show on their chosen day. This must be shown at the gate.

Competitor Parking

STAGING DAY – Wednesday 22 April. Parking unrestricted in Exhibitors' car park.

A parking permit or ticket is not required on this day.

SHOW DAYS – Competitors are required to park in the public car park.

Staging

Staging may commence from 14:00 on Wednesday 22 April and must be completed by 6:00am on Thursday 23 April. Competitors must leave the marquee at this time for judging. Competitors are allowed one entry in each class. All classes are to be staged by one competitor unless otherwise stated.

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Break Down

Competitors must not remove exhibits before close of show on Sunday 26 April at 5:00pm. A whistle will be blown to indicate when dismantling may begin.

All exhibits to be removed by 6:30pm on Sunday 26 April, unless by prior written arrangement.

Information Point

The Show Office and information point will be located in the foyer of Hall 1, and will be open between Wednesday 22 April to Sunday 26 April.

Emergency Contact

In case of emergency, contact the show office or locate your nearest staff member.

First Aid

First aid response is based onsite during staging and show days. If you require first aid please inform a staff member or the show office.

Animals

No animals, other than those required as assistance, are permitted into the show or car park.

Official notes

The Show Director's decision is final in all cases. The North of England Horticultural Society decisions take precedent over both NAFAS and the UK Floristry Judges' Guild rules.

The Show Organisers reserve the right to regulate the number of entries in any class.

Any objections or complaints must be made in writing and signed on the first day of the show.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Classes A1 – A10

The Flower Arranging classes will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS competitions manual (2023 Blue Book). It is strongly recommended that competitors in these classes refer to this manual.

All measurements are approximate and exhibits should be adaptable.

Pre-prepared background work is permitted in all classes with design to be completed in situ, unless otherwise stated in the schedule. Please note, we are encouraging minimal use of floral foam.

An exhibit should be composed of natural plant materials. Artificial plant material may not be used, and the use of aerosol within the marquee is not permitted.

Submitting Entries

Forms and risk assessments should be returned by Friday 6 March via one of the following:

Email: sue@flowershow.org.uk

Post: Floral Art, Harrogate Flower Shows, 15 The Stables, Newby Hall, Ripon, HG4 5AE

You will receive email confirmation upon receipt of your application.

If you have entered but are unable to exhibit, please let us know as soon as possible to avoid empty niches.

For reasons for disqualification, please refer to the NAFAS handbook.

Trophies

Trophies in Flower Arranging will be awarded as per schedule, but will also include recognition in the following:

Best in show

Best use of colour

Most points awarded

Other awards may also be presented.

FLORISTRY

Classes B1 – B4

The Floristry Classes are to be judged in accordance with the UK Floristry Judges Guild. Information on judging and marks allocation can be found at www.floristryjudgesguild.co.uk/competitions

Each competitor will receive a marked criteria sheet indicating their scores under each criteria.

General

All measurements are approximate and exhibits should be adaptable. Arrangements may be brought to the show ready prepared. Fresh flowers/plant material to predominate.

Entries should be staged by one entrant only, unless otherwise stated. Artificial plant material may not be used, and the use of aerosol within the marquee is not permitted.

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Trophies

Trophies in Floristry will be awarded as per schedule, but will include recognition in the following:

Best in show

Overall student winner

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Awards and Prize Monies

All classes A & B:

1st Prize – £50

2nd Prize – £40

3rd Prize – £30

Prize monies and allowances will be paid via BACS within one month of the show closing using the details provided on your entry form. To ensure timely payment, please check all submitted details are correct.

Presentation of Trophies

The presentation of trophies for Floral Art will take place in the Floral Art Pavilion on Sunday 26 April at 4:30pm.

Trophies won at the 2025 Harrogate Flower Show should be returned by the winner to the Show Office before the 2026 show.

Additional Information

Please note that, whilst care is taken for the protection of all exhibits, the Society will not in any case hold itself responsible for loss or damage to exhibit or accessory.

This includes any damage sustained on way to or from or during the show. All items are required to be insured by the competitor.

Judges' comment cards and award cards must be left by exhibits until close of show on Sunday 26 April.

All drapes and backgrounds must be supported independently on stands provided by competitor and must not predominate.



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