



We are very grateful to all those who
have helped make sure that the
Village Show goes ahead this year.
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Cholsey Parish Council

James Gesner Estate Agents

Mr and Mrs Park's Family Butchers



83rd Annual Village Show

Saturday 22nd August 2026

Next to the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

Setting-up Exhibits: 8.00am - 10.45am sharp

Judging: 11am - 1pm

Showground open: 12 noon

Marquee: Disabled & HortSoc Member viewing from 1pm

Public access from 1.30pm



CHOLSEY VILLAGE SHOW COMPETITION JUDGES:

Vegetables	Mr M Bradley
Flowers and Floral Decorative:	Mrs P Seymour
Domestic Produce:	Mrs C Bryers, Mr A King
Eggs:	Mr T Tanner
Handicrafts:	Mrs J Castle
Children:	Mrs H Haigh
Photography:	Mr T Bates

**Entry forms to be completed online or posted in boxes provided
in Cholsey Library or Park's Family Butchers
by Thursday 20th August
(Please see entry form re. late entries)
Show Secretary: Kathy Taylor 07850 951226**



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Cholsey Horticultural Society are very pleased to be bringing you the Cholsey Village Show for 2026.

In order to try and keep the show going it has been decided to reintroduce fees for entries. Adult classes will be 50p and children's classes will remain free.

Please bring cash or card on the day of the show.

This show could only happen with the generous support of our sponsors helping to make the annual show a village event full of fun for all the family, we are very grateful to them for their help and support. Also, many local people give up their time before, during, and after the Show, please feel free to join us and get involved in a great day.

We wish you all a successful Show and look forward to seeing your exhibits.

PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 2026 SHOW

Section	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
A, B, C, D, E, F, H	£2.00	£1.50	£1.00
G	£1.50	£1.00	£0.50
Allotment Collection Palmer Collection	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00

SPECIAL PRIZE: RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL

This medal will be awarded to the competitor who obtains the largest total amount of money in prizes (excluding special prizes) in the Horticultural Classes (Sections A, B, C and Palmer Collection). Any competitor who has won the Banksian Medal in the last two years is not eligible to win the medal this year.

SHOW RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Show will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards contained in the RHS HORTICULTURAL SHOW HANDBOOK, except where, under the schedule, they obviously do not apply.

1. All classes are OPEN (bar the Allotment Collection) i.e. there are no local or novice classes.

2. An exhibitor's card must be placed face downwards with each exhibit after staging and not removed from the exhibit. Every care will be taken of the exhibits, but the Committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

3. An exhibitor may make two entries in one class. Points awarded to both entries will count towards the section cup. Two people may exhibit produce from the same garden in any class but they may only make one entry each in such class. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry.

4. In Sections A, B, and C more than one money prize may be won in a class – all prize money will count towards the total for the Banksian Medal.

5. The marquee will be open for staging at 8.00 a.m. on the day of the Show and staging must be completed by 10.45 am. Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30 pm (and not later than 5pm). Any entries in the Marquee after 5pm may be sold unless specified on the exhibit card NOT FOR AUCTION.

6. Collections of vegetables are to be staged on a space of 80cm x 80cm

7a. All exhibits must be grown in the exhibitor's garden or allotment up to & including Section C. All other exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor & not previously shown in the Society's Shows.

7b. Class F3—Dressmakers dummies may be used to display items, as long as the item is within size allowed – 70cm x 70cm.

8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any exhibitor's garden or allotment.

9. Exhibitors in the Vegetable and Domestic Produce Sections must provide their own display vessels unless otherwise specified.

10. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. sharp! The decision of the judges shall be final.

12. No person other than those appointed by the Committee may be in the Marquee during judging.

13. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st-3 points; 2nd-2 points; 3rd-1 point except for collections of vegetables, where points will be 1st-6 points; 2nd-4 points; and 3rd-2 points.

14. All Challenge Cups are perpetual and cannot be won outright, but must be competed for each year. The holders are responsible for the safe keeping of the cups and must return them in good order not later than the last week of July.

15. An announcement during the afternoon will be made regarding distribution of prizes.

16. Any objections to any exhibitor or exhibit must be made in writing and handed to the Show Secretary not later than 3 pm on the day of the Show.

In order to increase the interest of the Show, exhibitors are requested to attach to their entries, where possible, a label with the name of the variety being exhibited.



Let Summer Take Root



Looking to brighten up your garden this summer? Come and have a wander around our plant area where you'll find plenty of ideas for colourful borders, eye-catching containers, hanging baskets and beautiful bedding plants.

Our roses are looking their absolute best, packed with blooms, full of colour and smelling simply wonderful. We also have a fantastic selection of dahlias, loved for their bold colours, impressive flowers and long-lasting displays. They're easy to grow, brilliant for cutting and will keep flowering well into autumn. Our knowledgeable team is always on hand to offer advice and help you choose the perfect plants for your garden.

Complete your visit with a cold drink or a tasty lunch in our Café or book one of our popular Afternoon Teas, served on the terrace.



Root One - The Gardeners Garden Centre (with a great café too!)

Root One Garden Centre, Brightwell- cum-Sotwell, OX10 0PT

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SECTION A ~ VEGETABLES

🏆 Challenge Cup donated by Mr D. Webb, awarded for most points in the Vegetable section

🏆 Ben Buckingham Cup, awarded to the winner of Class A4

🏆 Fred Pike Tankard, awarded to the winner of Class A16

		Number to be exhibited
A1	Runner Beans	6
A2	Dwarf/French Beans	6
A3	Carrots (tops trimmed to 8cm)	3
A4	Onions (large, any kind)	4
A5	Onions (up to 250g)	4
A6	Shallots	3
A7	Potatoes (one variety)	6
A8	Chillies	3
A9	Tomatoes (calyx included)	6
A10	Cherry Tomatoes (calyx included, can be mixed colours)	6
A11	Full truss of tomatoes (some can be green)	1
A12	Courgettes	3
A13	Beetroot	3
A14	Squash	1
A15	Cucumber	2
A16	Any other Vegetable	2
A17	Collection of Vegetables (4 distinct kinds)	3 of each
A18	Perfect but lonely (Any single vegetable or fruit)	1
A19	Longest Runner Bean	1
A20	Largest Diameter Onion	1
A21	Mixed Herbs	1 vase (provided)
A22	Pumpkin heaviest in the show	1
A23	Oddest Shape Vegetable	1

PALMER COLLECTION

🏆 Silver Challenge Cup, awarded to the winner of the Palmer Collection

A collection to include a vase of flowers, a selection of vegetables and a dish of fruit

NOTE: Number in vase or dish is optional . Space per exhibit 75 x 75cm

ALLOTMENT COLLECTION *(Open to Cholsey Allotment holders only)*

🏆 President's Challenge Cup, donated by Mr C. Bosher, awarded to the winner of the Allotment Collection

A display of least 5 kinds of vegetable, maximum of 3 per kind.

NOTE: These classes will be judged on the general quality of the vegetables and fruit and the overall appearance of the display. Exhibits should be grown primarily for eating.



CHILDREN aged 9 – 15 years

🏆 Buckerfield Tankard, awarded for the most points in the 9-15 yrs section

🏆 Challenge Cup, donated by Mrs Bitmead, awarded to the winner of Class G9

- G9 Miniature Garden, (standard size seed tray, 35x23cm)
- G10 Masquerade Mask
- G11 Drawing or painting – Under the Sea
- G12 Stained Glass Picture
- G13 Muffins any flavour (2)
- G14 Decorated Wellie
- G15 Photograph of Boat(s)
- G16 Any other handicraft

SECTION H ~ PHOTOGRAPHY

All pictures max 12" x 8", preferably 5" x 7"

DISPLAY: Photographs to be printed on photo paper and mounted on card with a 1" border.

🏆 Alice Thomas Challenge Rose Bowl, awarded for most points in the Photography Section

🏆 Members Challenge Cup, awarded to the winner of Class H1

- H1 A set of four prints linked by subject or theme (max 26" x 18")
- H2 Print depicting the colour "Red"
- H3 Print with subject commencing with letter "S"
- H4 Print with theme – "Light & Shade"
- H5 Print with theme - "Dinner Time"
- H6 Print with theme – "My Best Friend"
- H7 Print with theme – "Wellies"
- H8 Print with theme – "Wildlife"

SECTION F ~ HANDICRAFTS

- 🏆 The Wilson Silver Challenge Cup, for most points in Handicrafts section
- 🏆 The I.C.B. Trophy, awarded for to the winner of Class F4

- F1 Any knitted or crocheted item (please state size)
- F2 A hand made quilted item up to 60cm x 60cm (larger items to be folded)
- F3 Any garment, hand or machine made, other than knitted (please state size and note Rule 7b)
- F4 A piece of hand embroidery, cross stitch or canvas work
- F5 A painting (any medium, any subject) up to 60 x 60cm including mounts or frames
- F6 A pencil or pastel drawing (any subject) up to 60 x 60cm incl frame
- F7 Silk Painting 60x60cm
- F8 Hand-made Stained Glass up to 60cm x 60cm
- F9 An item of woodwork (any subject) up to 60 x 60cm
- F10 Hand-Made Jewellery up to 30cm x 30cm
- F11 Any other handicraft

N.B Large items may need to folded.

SECTION G ~ CHILDREN (Aged 15 and under)

CHILDREN aged 8 years and under

- 🏆 Bert Baldwin Challenge Cup, for most points in the Under 8 yrs section

- G1 Painted pebbles – Sea themed
- G2 Paper Plate Self Portrait
- G3 Miniature Garden on a plate (dinner plate, max 30cm)
- G4 Potato Print Picture
- G5 Model of a Sea Creature up to 40 x 40cm
- G6 Drawing or Painting – Seaside Theme
- G7 Cookies – Fish shaped (2)
- G8 Any other Handicraft

SECTION B ~ FLOWERS

- 🏆 Challenge Cup donated by Mr L. Collins, for most points in the Flower section
- 🏆 Harold Cummins Cup, awarded to the winner of Class B1
- 🏆 Collins Memorial Shield, awarded to the winner of Class B2
- 🏆 Maynard Cup, awarded to the winner of Class B4

- B1 Single Rose (own vase allowed)
- B2 Roses - 3 cut blooms
- B3 Annual – 6 stems – one variety
- B4 A vase of flowers – mixed – minimum 4 kinds
- B5 Pelargonium (bedding geranium) 3 cut blooms
- B6 Indoor Pot plant – flowering or foliage (pot not exceeding 20cm)
- B7 Pot Plant – Succulent (pot not exceeding 20cm)

Show Vases to be used unless stated otherwise

Sunflowers – Pot Grown - in collaboration with St Mary's Church

- B8 Tallest
- B9 Largest Head
- B10 Multiple Heads

GUIDE AND HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

A leaflet with some hints for people exhibiting vegetables, soft fruit and flowers is available for download on the village show pages of our website www.cholseyhortsoc.org.uk.

Also available from the Hortsoc Store (Station Road allotments – open Saturdays 10am to 12noon) or contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Taylor 07850 951226.

SECTION C ~ FLOWERS – DAHLIAS

🏆 Challenge Cup, awarded for most points in the Dahlia section

- C1 1 vase of 3 blooms – Medium Decorative – one variety or mixed
- C2 1 vase of 3 blooms – Small or Miniature Decorative
 - one variety or mixed
- C3 1 vase of 3 blooms – Miniature or Small Cactus and/or Semi Cactus
 - one variety or mixed
- C4 1 vase of 3 blooms – Medium Cactus and/or Semi Cactus
 - one variety or mixed
- C5 1 vase of 3 blooms – any other Dahlia – one variety or mixed
- C6 1 Specimen bloom

Vases will be supplied.

SECTION D ~ FLORAL DECORATIVE

🏆 Challenge Cup, awarded for most points in the Floral Decorative section

- D1 Coffee Time-arrangement of flowers in a small coffee cup
(max 23cm x 23cm)
- D2 Long Hot Summer-hot colours of flowers and foliage.
Accessories allowed (max 50cm x 50cm)
- D3 Cottage Garden-arrangement in a Jug (max 40cm x 40cm)
- D4 Corsage (max 10cm x 20cm)

Oasis not to be used for any arrangement.

SECTION E ~ DOMESTIC PRODUCE

🏆 Challenge Cup, awarded for most points in the Domestic Produce section

🏆 Pegasus Cup, awarded to the winner of Class E11

🏆 Robert Head Shield, awarded for most points in the Eggs section

🏆 Women's Institute Challenge Cup, awarded for most points in the Domestic Produce classes E1 - E5

NOTE: In the interests of hygiene, exhibits in any class in this section MUST be protected by a transparent covering. E1 to E5 must be covered by a cellophane top, not a metal lid.

- E1 Jar of Marmalade (any kind)
- E2 Jar of Jam (any kind)
- E3 Jar of Jelly (any kind)
- E4 Jar of Chutney, Pickle (any kind) or Hot Sauce
- E5 Jar of Pesto
- E6 Loaf of Bread – any kind – shaped by hand.
- E7 Showstopper Cake – Impress Us
- E8 Vegetable based Cake – e.g.carrot, courgette
- E9 Spinach and Feta Triangles in filo pastry - 4
- E10 Blondies – 4
- E11 Bottle of home-made spirit-based drink (i.e. Sloe Gin/ Cherry Brandy)
- E12 Bottle of home-made Cordial, any flavour

EGGS: display containers provided

- E13 2 matching hen's eggs
- E14 1 large-hen egg (the hen is large)
- E15 1 hen's egg judged on content (1-3 days old)
- E16 3 hen's eggs of matching size (any colour)