

Top tips for exhibitors:

We use experienced, qualified judges for the show who need to maintain exhibition standards. Don't let this put you off – it's not difficult to enter. We have put together some advice to help you get the best out of your exhibits.

- Get your entry form in on time (Thursday 1st August, 17:30 to the Post Office or 4 The Cottages, Four Forks). We're really sorry, but to be fair to all, we cannot accept any late entries
- Get the right number of items in each class, eg: 5 tomatoes means 5 tomatoes!
- Wash your vegetables carefully.
- If the class specifies a container for displaying then check the dimensions carefully.
- For flowers, a bud does not count as a bloom but you can remove buds to give the correct number of blooms on a stem.
- For flowers a vase is an upright vessel a bowl is wider than it is tall.
- For any exhibit where more than one is required in a class, choose exhibits of similar shape, size and colour.
- Take time to "stage" your exhibit to show it off proudly.

Know your roses

Hybrid Tea rose: normally a vigorous bush with individual blooms born on a stout stem and displayed as a single bloom.

Floribunda rose: normally a vigorous multi-headed bush with anything from three to twenty blooms mounted on a stout stem and cut as a flower head.

Specimen rose: a bloom that is fresh, free from any blemish and in its most perfect phase and is half to three quarters open.