

Bathford Flower Show 2026



Bathford School Hall
Saturday 5th September 2.30-4.30pm
Admission £2 Children free

*Hand in your entry forms at the Parish Hall
on Wednesday 2nd September 5.00-7.30pm*

*Entries: 30p each, 15p for children
(Cash or card payments; cash preferred)*



Bathford Flower Show

An annual Show has been held in Bathford for over one hundred years (apart from during the war years and the Covid pandemic). The 2026 show will be its 114th year.

Please enter the wide range of classes available, and then join us on Show Day. Its success depends on both a good number of entries and support on the day. We would also be grateful for help 5-7pm on Friday 4 September, when the Hall is being prepared, or on the day itself. If you are able to assist please contact the Chairman, Kevin, or Show Coordinator, John (01225 858206).

Refreshments will be served from 2.30pm including tea, coffee and home-made cakes.

The Show is organised by a Committee formed annually in the autumn of the previous year. The 2026 members are listed below. We would like to thank all the advertisers in this Schedule, and we encourage you to support them. We also thank all donors of raffle prizes, and Portals for their continuing and valued support. Show expenses include printing Schedules and Prize Cards, insurance, engraving cups, prize money and hiring the venue for meetings and the Show.

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Mrs Jo Harris	Ms Keri Hendy	
Mrs Heather Lord Carter	Mr John Smart (Show Coordinator)	
Mrs Sally Taylor		
Associate committee members		
Mr Mark Palmer	Mrs Ann Smart	

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Show Programme

Wednesday 2nd September

5-7.30pm

Entry forms to be handed in at the **Parish Hall**.

Cash or card payments; cash preferred.

The Committee then prepares exhibit cards ready for the Show.

Saturday 5th September

8-11am

School Hall open for staging exhibits – bring along your entries

11am-2.30pm

School Hall closed for judging exhibits

2.30pm

Show opens

3.45pm

Sale of raffle tickets ends

4pm

Presentation of trophies

4.15pm

Collection of Prize money and raffle prizes
Auction of donated exhibits.

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Show Judges

Sections A, B, C, and J	Mr J Tucker
Section D (Floral Arrangements)	Mrs R Stevens
Section E (Homecraft)	Mrs S Rogers
Section F (Handicraft)	Mrs H Bell
Section G (Photography)	Mr R Lambert
Sections H & I (Children)	Miss A Watts

Show Trophies & Prizes

- Cup for the highest number of points in Sections A, B & C (Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables)
- Cup for the runner up in Sections A, B & C (Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables)
- Colegate Cup for the Bathford Allotment holder winning the highest number of points in Sections A, B & C (Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables)
- Jean Law Cup for the highest number of points in the show
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section D (Floral Arrangements)
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section E (Homecraft)
- Cup for the runner up in Section E (Homecraft)
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section F (Handicraft)
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section G (Photography)
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section H (Children under 10)
- Cup for the highest number of points in Section I (Children under 15)
- Rose Bowl for the Best Exhibit in Sections A, B & C (Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables)
- Rose Bowl for the Best Rose in Section A (Flowers)
- Rose Bowl for the Best Flowering Plant in a Pot (Class 15)

Prize money (each Class): First - £1.00. Second - £0.50. Third - £0.30

Prize money unclaimed at the end of the Show will be treated as donations

Suggestions & Advice for Exhibitors

The Flower Show Committee is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for 2026. The RHS produces a guide to organising, judging and competing in Flower and Vegetable Shows. The most recent guide and pictures of vegetables prepared for showing will be available in the **Parish Hall** on Wednesday 2nd September between 5-7.30pm, while entries to this year's Show are being accepted. Some suggestions are given below.

Flowers

An exhibit is in good condition when it is fresh and free from damage due to weather, pests, diseases, or faulty handling. For a detailed description of points of merit and deficiency for individual plants, consult the RHS guide.

Vegetables

Beetroot: 3 uniform roots of dark colour with foliage trimmed to 75 mm and tied: with a tap root

Carrots: roots to be of good shape, colour and size, free of blemish and side roots: foliage should be trimmed to 75 mm

Corn on the Cob (Sweet Corn): the corn should be open to view

Courgettes: A collection of 3 uniform courgettes, with or without flowers

Leeks: Leaves should not be cut, but turned back and tied with raffia

Lettuce: fresh, firm but tender hearts free of blemish and of good colour

Onions: large, firm bulbs, thin necks, skins should not be broken or marked: the stem should be turned down and tied with raffia

Potatoes: there are two classes for potatoes, white, and other colours: exhibits should consist of 5 uniform tubers, with few, shallow eyes, and clean skins

Parsnips: foliage should be trimmed to 75 mm: roots to be well developed, with good shoulders and an attractive shape, white and free of blemishes and side roots

Runner beans: a uniform collection of 5 specimens, with stalks, straight, fresh, with good colour and no seed bulges

Fruit

All fruit should be ripe, except late-maturing apples, and of a good size, although not enormous. Fruit in a dish or basket should be uniform in size, shape and colour. Fruit should be naturally coloured and not polished

Apples: 5 apples of optimum and uniform size and shape, with stalks intact and unblemished skin

Blueberries: fruit should be large, ripe and of good colour and bloom. The fruit should be shown as stalked bunches

Blackberries: fruit should be of good and uniform size, in good condition with stalks intact

Plums: Should be large, firm, ripe fruits of good colour and carrying perfect bloom, with stalks

Raspberries: as for blackberries, above, and with stalks intact

Bathford Flower Show Entry Form

Please use a separate form for each entrant

NAME

TEL/EMAIL

Allotment plot number, if appropriate

For classes H and I please state child's age on day of show

These details will be used only to identify prize-winners, whose names may be published in the Bathford Bulletin

CLASS	<u>EXHIBIT</u>	FEE
	TOTAL	

***Please hand in your entry forms at the Parish Hall between 5-7.30pm
on Wednesday 2nd September***

Entry form continuation

CLASS	<u>EXHIBIT</u>	FEE
	TOTAL	

Schedule of Classes

Section A (Flowers)

- 1 1 Vase flowers (minimum 5 kinds)
- 2 3 Chrysanthemums (3 stems)
- 3 3 Spray Chrysanthemums (3 stems)
- 4 1 Rose
- 5 3 Roses
- 6 1 Vase mixed roses
- 7 5 Dahlias, pompom
- 8 5 Dahlias, not pompom
- 9 5 Sweet peas
- 10 5 Antirrhinum
- 11 5 Asters, single or double
- 12 5 Cosmos (5 stems)
- 13 1 Vase any other annual (5 stems)
- 14 3 Vases of any varieties of flowers (other than the varieties mentioned above)
- 15 1 Flowering plant in a pot
- 16 Foliage plant in a pot

Section B (Fruit)

- 17 5 Apples, dessert (with stalks)
- 18 5 Apples, cooking (with stalks)
- 19 5 Plums or 5 damsons or 5 greengages (with stalks)
- 20 1 Dish/basket of cultivated blackberries (with stalks)
- 21 1 Dish/basket of raspberries (with stalks)
- 22 1 Dish/basket of any other fruit (with stalks)

Section C (Vegetables)

- 23 5 Runner beans (with stalks)
- 24 5 French beans (dwarf or climbing, with stalks)
- 25 2 Cobs sweet corn (opened to show corn)
- 26 3 Carrots, long pointed variety (to be trimmed to 75 mm)
- 27 3 Carrots, other than long pointed variety (to be trimmed to 75 mm)
- 28 3 Onions weighing less than 250g (turned and tied)
- 29 3 Onions weighing 250g or more (turned and tied)
- 30 3 Beetroot, long or globe (to be trimmed to 75 mm)
- 31 1 Lettuce
- 32 10 Shallots, pickling (less than 30mm diameter; turned and tied)
- 33 10 Shallots, large (turned and tied)
- 34 5 Potatoes (white)
- 35 5 Potatoes (other than white, any shape)

- 36 5 Tomatoes, standard (with calyx)
- 37 5 Tomatoes, cherry (round or plum, with calyx)
- 38 3 Courgettes (with or without flowers)
- 39 1 Cucumber
- 40 1 Cabbage (50 mm stalk)
- 41 3 Leeks (turned and tied)
- 42 3 Parsnips (trimmed to approx. 75 mm)
- 43 1 Container of herbs (at least 4 kinds)
- 44 Any other vegetable not already mentioned
- 45 Collection of 4 kinds of vegetables in a space 450mm wide x depth of the table
- 46 Collection of 4 kinds of vegetables within the confines of a standard seed tray

Section D (Floral arrangements)

- 47 An arrangement in a china cup and saucer
- 48 A buttonhole or corsage
- 49 The glory of summer
- 50 An arrangement of flowers in red, white and blue
- 51 'Fabulous Foliage - from Greens to Autumn Glow' (berries or fruit preferred)

Section E (Homecraft)

Baked exhibits need to be covered with clingfilm or equivalent. Jars are to be loosely covered with a new lid or a waxed disc and cellophane

- 52 1 Chocolate cake (top decoration only)
- 53 1 Victoria sandwich
- 54 1 Fruit cake
- 55 1 Cake to the Judge's recipe given below *
- 56 5 Biscuits
- 57 5 Brownies
- 58 5 Scones
- 59 1 Savoury flan
- 60 A loaf of hand-made bread
- 61 A plaited or decorative loaf of bread, or bread art
- 62 1 Pot of jelly
- 63 1 Pot of jam
- 64 1 Pot of marmalade
- 65 1 Pot of chutney
- 66 An illusion cake: a cake that's been designed to look like anything *except* a cake

***Judge's recipe for No 55 Cake:**

Cherry Cake Ingredients 200g glace cherries 1 tblsp plain flour 200g butter/margarine 175g castor sugar 4 eggs 1 tsp vanilla or almond essence 250g SR flour 1 tsp baking powder 75g ground almonds 2 tblsp milk 25g flaked almonds Preheat oven. Fan 160C, Gas 4 and line 900g/2lb loaf tin	Method 1. Halve the cherries, rinse in hot water, dry. 2. Coat cherries in 1 tblsp plain flour. 3. Mix SR flour, ground almonds and baking powder. 4. Cream sugar and butter. 5. Whisk in eggs and essence. 6. Fold in flour mix. 7. Fold in cherries. 8. Fold in milk to dropping consistency. 9. Spoon mixture into loaf tin. 10. Scatter surface with flaked almonds. 11. Bake for 1 hour.
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Section F (Handicrafts)

No exhibit may be larger than 60cm/24ins in any direction. No kits, please, and items should not have been previously shown

- 67 A watercolour painting
- 68 An oil, acrylic, or mixed media painting
- 69 A picture in any dry medium, e.g. pencil, coloured crayons, charcoal, chalks or pastels
- 70 A holiday postcard (6x4ins/15x10cms) in watercolour or line & wash
- 71 An item of hand knitting, crochet or weaving
- 72 An item of needlecraft, including patchwork, appliqué, embroidery or textile art
- 73 An upcycled object, to be made from any recyclable objects
- 74 An item of handicraft, including jewellery, not already mentioned

Section G (Photography)

Entries are limited to 2 per exhibitor per Class. Photographs should be unmounted, unframed and no more than 6 x 8 inches/15 x 20 cm

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| 75 Humour | 82 People |
| 76 Child or children | 83 Landscape |
| 77 Flowers | 84 Seascape |
| 78 Trees | 85 Bathford village life |
| 79 Shadows | 86 Colours of summer |
| 80 Reflections | 87 Architecture |
| 81 Animals and insects | |

Children's categories H and I
(All children are welcome to enter adult classes)

Section H – Children aged under 10 on the day of the Show

- 88 1 Jam jar of mixed flowers
- 89 Animal using vegetables, fruit, flowers (cocktail or match sticks may be used)
- 90 5 Sweet biscuits, cookies or cup-cakes
- 91 A Hard-boiled egg, decorated

Section I - Children aged under 15 on the day of the Show

- 92 1 Vase of mixed flowers
- 93 Animal using vegetables, fruit, flowers (cocktail or match sticks may be used)
- 94 A miniature garden in a standard seed tray using mostly natural materials
- 95 5 Sweet biscuits, cookies or cup cakes
- 96 A miniature scarecrow (not exceeding 20 cm high)
- 97 1 Photograph of animal(s) or insect(s)
- 98 1 Hand-made greetings card
- 99 1 Pizza decorated with a World cup theme, with a bought or home-made base
- 100 A mask for a fancy-dress party

Bathford Primary School, special category

Open to all pupils. An original painting or drawing showing the Moonshot. Size: A4 or A5.

Section J (Novelty) – for entrants of any age

- 101 Odd shaped vegetable
- 102 Longest runner bean
- 103 Heaviest potato
- 104 Largest sunflower head
- 105 An ice-cream tub of own made compost
- 106 6 Home-produced eggs

Rules

1. Entry forms are to be handed in at the **Parish Hall** between 5-7.30pm on the Wednesday before the Show. This enables the Committee to prepare exhibit cards and scoresheets in good time.
2. The Entrance fee is 30p for each entry in all Classes except H & I (Children) in which the fee is 15p.
3. The **School Hall** will open for staging exhibits at 8am on the day of the Show and all exhibits are to be staged by 11am.
4. All exhibits must be *bona-fide* exhibitors' produce or have been in their possession for at least 2 months before the Show, except in Section D (Floral arrangements).
5. Every exhibit must be by a single individual and each exhibitor must use a separate entry form: no joint, combined or family entries will be accepted.
6. Exhibitors must provide their own vases or containers.
7. No exhibit may be moved, except by Stewards.
8. After staging, the Committee may inspect any exhibit.
9. The Committee accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitors' or visitors' property during the Show.
10. No exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in any one class, and in Sections A, B, and C only one prize will be awarded to entries from the same allotment or garden.
11. The Judges are empowered to make an inferior or no award when exhibits do not in their opinion possess sufficient merit or, when the number of entries is not sufficient.
11. The decisions of the Judges are final.
13. Exhibits will remain on show until after the Presentation of Cups. Prize money may be claimed after the Presentation of Cups.
14. Cup winners are responsible for the care and condition of the Flower Show Committee's silverware and should return Cups to the Show Co-ordinator no later than 1st August 2027.



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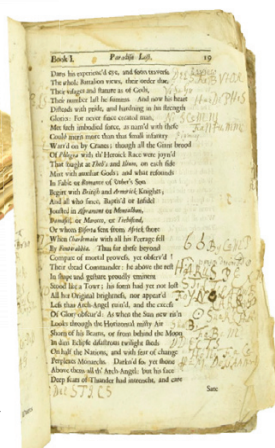
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