

## GENERAL SHOW RULES

- 1 All exhibits must have been grown by (or where applicable made by) the exhibitor personally. In the Flower Arrangement Classes purchased materials may be used. Pot plants must be in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months before the show date.
- 2 (a) in the Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Flower Arrangement Sections, an exhibitor may make only one entry per class. For this purpose the term 'Exhibitor' includes all members of the family unit living at the same address. Multiple entries will result in disqualification (see 3).  
  
(b) in the Domestic and Handicraft Sections, entries may be from any members of the family unit provided the work is genuinely that of the person named on the entry form. An exhibitor may only make one entry per class.  
  
(c) in the Young Exhibitors' Classes, the work must be the effort of the exhibitor. No assistance should be given in constructing or assembling the entry.
- 3 Family Collections are classes which include the produce of two or more individuals from one household. They are not judged under RHS rules and points from these classes do not count towards other prizes or trophies.
- 4 A novice is an exhibitor who has not won three 1<sup>st</sup> prizes against competition in previous WHA shows in an individual class or group of classes. Points from novice classes only count towards novice awards. They do not count towards other trophies. The novice descriptions relate to individual or groups of classes not to the show as a whole. Examples are listed below:
  - a) exhibitors may enter any of the novice classes for roses if they have not won three 1<sup>st</sup> prizes for roses (against competition) in previous shows. Prizes in both open and novice classes are covered in this ruling.
  - b) exhibitors may enter the novice class for collections of vegetables if they have not won three 1<sup>st</sup> prizes for collections of vegetables (against competition) in previous shows. Prizes in individual vegetables classes, e.g. beetroot, potatoes, do not count.
- 5 Classes are open unless otherwise stated.
- 6 Exhibit cards must be placed face down on the show bench under the Class Section by the end of staging time. Exhibitors who want to keep the exhibit should mark their card 'Not For Sale'. Exhibitors are asked to identify **on the exhibit card** those exhibits they are allowing to be auctioned at the end of the Show – all monies will go to WHA funds.

- 7 No exhibit may be removed before the presentation of trophies, auction & raffle, normally at 4.30 pm on show days.**
- 8 The judge's decision is final.
- 9 Points awarded will be:  
1<sup>st</sup> 4 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> 2 points  
*and at the discretion of the judge*  
4<sup>th</sup> 1 point.
- 10 All cups and trophies are perpetual to the WHA. They shall be returned to the Show Secretary in good clean condition seven days prior to the show day when required.
- 11 In the event of a tie, the greater number of 1<sup>st</sup> prizes will decide.
- 12 Association vases must be used unless otherwise stated. Vases are available from 8.30am on the day of the show.
- 13 Wokingham Horticultural Association (WHA) is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and the exhibits will be judged under RHS Rules unless otherwise stated in the schedule. Young exhibitors' classes are not judged under RHS rules.  
If a horticultural term is not defined within the schedule then the definition found within the current edition of the 'Horticultural Show Handbook' published by the Royal Horticultural Society will be followed.
- 14 The Committee will not accept liability for any accident, loss or damage that may occur.
- 15 If there is a dispute over entries which cannot be resolved before judging commences, then the Show Secretary has the right to annul the class. The exhibits may remain on the show bench but will not be judged.

**The Show Secretary will be the sole arbiter in matters appertaining to the application of the above rules.**

## **FLOWER ARRANGEMENT RULES**

- 1 All exhibits to be staged in spaces 790mm high x 610mm wide x 460mm deep (31"x24"x18") unless otherwise stated.
- 2 The table covering will be black.
- 3 Artificial plant material must **not** be used unless otherwise stated.

- 4 An exhibit is composed of natural plant material; one or more placements with or without accessories contained within a space as specified in the show schedule.
- 5 Accessories are candles, figurines, stones, shells, etc.; i.e. anything that is non-plant material.
- 6 Bases, drapes, mechanics, containers and exhibit title cards, are **not** accessories and can always be used, unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.
- 7 Natural plant material should always predominate in an exhibit

## **Photography**

All exhibits must have been photographed by the exhibitor personally. It must be a photograph, no other medium allowed.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES**

Exhibitors should complete an entry form and send it with the entry fee to the Show Secretary, or leave it in a sealed envelope at Country Dry Cleaners, 6 Denmark Street, Wokingham. A fee of 30p is payable for each class entered except in the Young Exhibitors' Sections for which there is a flat fee of 30p, no matter how many YE classes are entered.

**There is a surcharge on late entries, see below.**

All entries should be submitted by 4pm on the Thursday prior to the Show. Late entries will only be accepted by the Show Secretary until 1pm on the Friday preceding the Show.

**Any entries submitted after the Friday deadline will only be accepted at the discretion of the Show Secretary and will attract a surcharge equal to the entry fee, i.e. total fee per item will be 60p.**

### **YOUNG EXHIBITORS**

Special classes are provided for exhibitors aged 16 years and under. The exhibitor's age is that on the day of the show. Young exhibitors are not restricted to these classes and may enter adult classes. Any young exhibitor entering an adult class must pay the fee for entry to that class.

### **CLASS AWARDS**

WHA Certificates of Merit will be awarded at the judges' discretion to outstanding exhibits.

### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CUPS**

These trophies are awarded for aggregate performance over the year and will be presented at Autumn & Winter Shows.

## PRIZE SCALES & MONEY

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Scale A</b>	£1.00	£0.70	£0.50
<b>Scale B</b>	£1.25	£1.00	£0.80
<b>Scale C</b>	£1.50	£1.25	£1.00
<b>Scale D</b>	£2.50	£2.00	£1.50

Awards are at Prize Scale 'A' throughout unless otherwise stated.

**Prize money may be collected from the Show Treasurer between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on the day of the Show. Any prize money not claimed by 3.30pm will be returned to WHA funds.**

## VISITORS' CHOICE

Visitors to the show are able to vote for their favourite exhibit. Voting slips will be available at the show entrance and completed slips should be dropped into the 'Visitor's Choice' ballot box. The winner will be announced at the end of the show and receive a certificate.

## RAFFLE & SALES TABLES

Donations for raffle prizes and gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, preserves, cakes etc. for the sales table are much appreciated at all shows.

## Hints for Exhibitors

The following hints may be of use to exhibitors in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes:

- Allow time to stage exhibits and check that the number of specimens is correct.
- Exhibits should be staged as attractively as possible.
- In a close competition, arrangement may be a deciding factor and a judge is usually favourably influenced by good presentation.

In assessing merits, the following features are usually considered:

### VEGETABLES

These should be properly prepared; i.e. roots should be washed with a soft sponge and plenty of water to prevent skin damage.

Beans, French

Straight, fresh tender pods no outward sign of seeds. Exhibit as for peas.

Beans, runner

Long, slender, straight fresh pods with no outward sign of seeds.

Beetroot

Spherical with small tap roots, medium size, fangless with smooth, clear skins and flesh uniform in colour. Before selection, cut two roots to ensure colour uniform with no white zones. Remove leaves as for carrots.

## Cabbage

Shapely, fresh solid hearts with perfect surrounding leaves. Remove discoloured outer leaves and avoid split and pest damaged specimens.

## Carrots

Tender, good shape, free from side roots, skins and colour clear and bright. Size according to cultivar. Avoid pale colour and those green near the top. Leaves should be removed, with not more than 75mm (3") of leaf stalk remaining.

## Courgettes

Young, tender, shapely specimens, 100–150mm (4-6") in length, any colour but well matched.

## Cucumbers

Fresh, young, green, tender, straight specimens of uniform thickness with short handles.

## Lettuces

Firm, tender, unbroken heads of good colour.

## Marrows

Young, tender, shapely, of any colour, well matched where more than one specimen required.

## Onions

Firm, thin necked bulbs. Size according to cultivar and of good colour. Avoid soft, stained onions with poor quality necks. Stage without tops on rings or collars in 'V' (3, 2, 1) formation.

## Parsnips

Long, well-developed, well-shouldered, shapely, white roots, smooth skinned, free from side roots or blemishes.

## Peas

Large, fresh pods, deep green with bloom intact – handle by stems. No disease or pest damage and well filled with tender seeds. Stage on plate in circular formation – tail ends of pods outwards.

## Potatoes

Medium sized, shapely, clean clear-skinned tubers with few and shallow eyes. Arrange on a plate.

## Shallots

Round, solid, well ripened with thin necks. Pickling shallots should not exceed 25mm (1") diameter, large bulbs preferred for culinary purposes. Stage as separate bulbs on fine sand.

## Tomatoes, large (e.g. beefsteak)

Large substantial fruits with a minimum diameter of 75 mm (3"); ripe but firm, shapely according to cultivar, well-coloured fruits with fresh calyces attached.

## Tomatoes, medium

Fruits approximately 65mm (2.6") in diameter, ripe but firm and of good shape. Richly coloured with fresh calyces attached.

## Tomatoes, small-fruited and cherry

Size appropriate to cultivar but not exceeding 35mm (1.4") in diameter. Fresh, ripe but firm well-developed fruits, blemish-free and with fresh calyces attached.

## **FRUIT**

Cultivars in season, which are ripe, are usually preferred to others, which have been picked prematurely. Condition, size, colour, uniformity and quality are features of assessment. Apples which are suitable for both dessert and cooking (dual-purpose cultivars) are classified by size. Those over 80mm (3.2") in diameter should be exhibited in the cooking apples class, others in dessert apples.

Apples, cooking

Large, shapely, solid fruits with stalks intact and clear unblemished skins.

Apples, dessert

Shapely, solid fruits with stalks intact and clear unblemished skins

Blackcurrants

Strings with full complement of berries. Berries large, ripe and of uniform, bright, jet black colour. Stalks fresh.

Gooseberries

Large, ripe or unripe fruits (appropriate to the season), uniform and unblemished, of good colour, complete with stalks.

Pears, dessert

Large for the cultivar, shapely fruits with undamaged eyes, stalks intact and clear unblemished skins of the colour characteristic of the cultivar.

Quinces Large, shapely fruits with eyes and stalks attached and unblemished skins.

Raspberries & strawberries

Large, ripe fruits, of good colour, free from blemishes, in good condition and having stalks.

## **FLOWERS**

Good fresh condition with approximately 70% of flowers fully developed. The foliage should be clean, healthy and undamaged by weather or pests.

Daffodils (Narcissus)

Flower carried at nearly a right angle to the stem except in species and hybrids where a pendent flower is typical. Perianth (calyx & corolla) of smooth texture. Corona or crown of good colour, texture and in proportion to the perianth. Stem, straight and strong and in proportion. Perianth and corona symmetrical. In double cultivars, segments and colour symmetrically arranged. See pages 8 and 9.

Dahlias, small decorative

Have fresh clean blooms with florets attached, blooms poised at an angle not less than 45deg to the stem. Arrange so that blooms face the same way and clear of each other.

Dahlias, decorative

Have fully double blooms showing no disc. The ray florets are generally broad and flat and may be rolled inward at the margin for no more than 75% of their length or slightly twisted, and usually bluntly pointed.

### Dahlias, Ball

Have fully double blooms, ball shaped or slightly flattened. The ray florets are blunt or rounded at the tips, with margins spirally arranged and rolled inward for at least 75% of their length.

### Dahlias, Pompom

Have fully double spherical blooms with the margins of the ray florets rolled inward for the whole of their length.

### Dahlias, Cactus

Have fully double blooms, the ray florets are usually pointed, and the margins rolled downward for 50% or more of their length.

### Dahlias Semi-cactus

As cactus but the margins of the ray florets are rolled downward for more than 25% and less than 50% of their length.

### Fuchsias

A vigorous, symmetrical, floriferous plant, well furnished with clean foliage and fresh blooms of good colour. Support and ties (if any) neat and unobtrusive.

### Fuchsia Heads

Fresh, then perfection – every petal should show no signs of decay, damage or discolouration. Symmetry between each head and as a collection.

### Roses

Specimen bloom: Fresh, no blemishes, full size for cultivar. Petals regularly arranged within circular outline, well-formed centre. Colour, bright and brilliant.

Other than specimen bloom: As for specimen, but additionally well-formed foliage of good size and texture. Strong stems.

### Sweet peas

Strong spikes with well-spaced blooms. Top blooms well expanded, bottom blooms still good. large flowers with erect standards, rigid wings and keel closed, free from colour-running or spotting. Long straight stems.

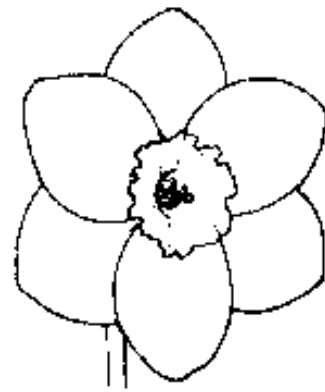
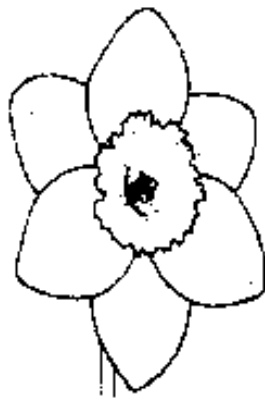
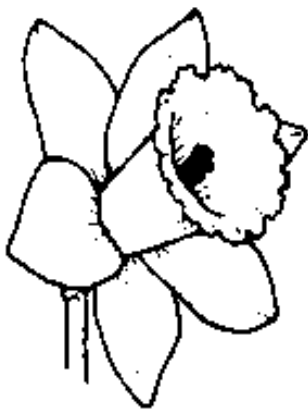
### Tulips

Flowers in good condition, unblemished, of good colour and smooth texture. Stems must be stiff and strong enough to carry the flowers.

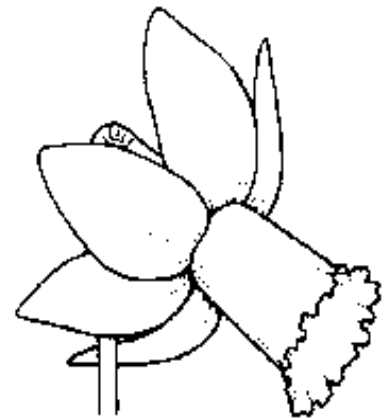
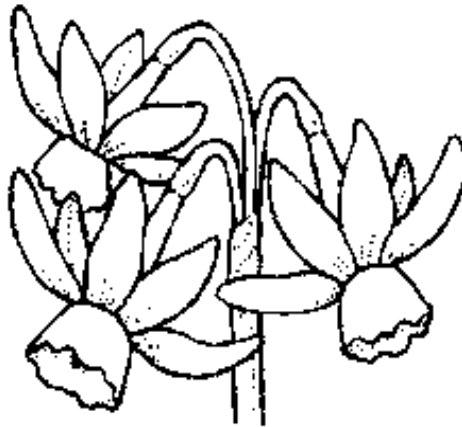
### Pot plants

Clean pots, neat staking. Preference given for decorative rather than botanical value. Shapely plant with healthy unblemished foliage with flowers of good size and colour.

Plants that are usually grown for their ornamental foliage are not debarred from foliage plant classes if they are in flower at the time of the competition. They can also be considered for entry into flowering plant classes. However in judging a foliage class, no account will be taken of any flowers on the plant.

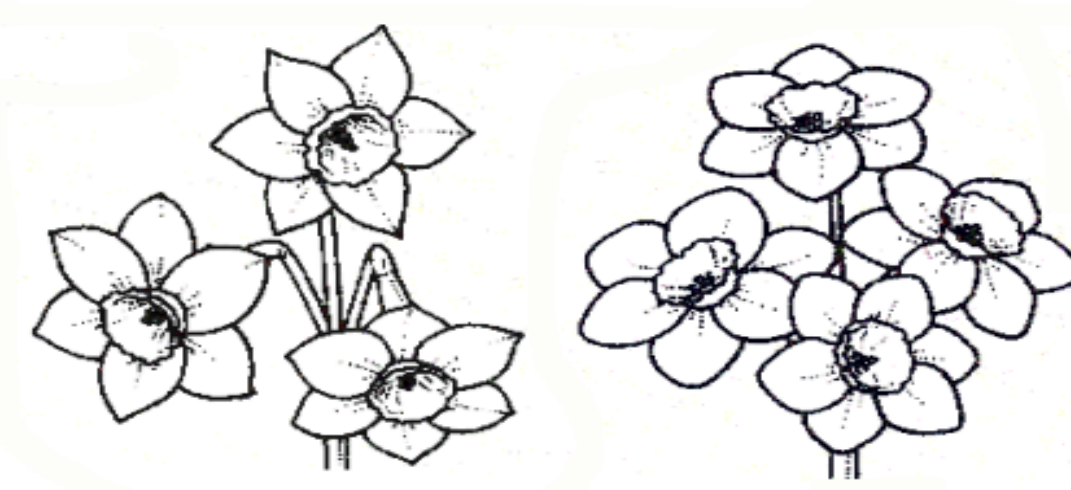


<b>Division 1: Trumpet Daffodils</b>	<b>Division 2: Large-Cupped Daffodils</b>	<b>Division 3: Small-Cupped Daffodils</b>
One flower to a stem. Trumpet/cup (corona) as long as or longer than the petals (perianth segments).	One flower to a stem. Trumpet/cup (corona) more than one third but less than the length of the petals.	One flower to a stem. Trumpet/cup (corona) less than one third the length of the petals.

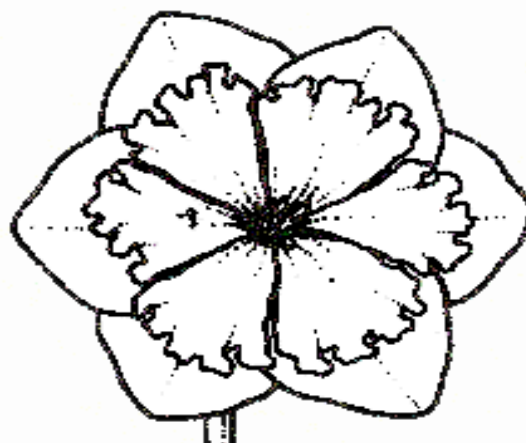


<b>Division 4: Double Daffodils</b>	<b>Division 5: Triandrus Daffodils</b>	<b>Division 6: Cyclamineus Daffodils</b>
One or more flowers to a stem. Doubling of the trumpet or petals or both.	Usually 2 or more pendant flowers to a stem. Petals reflexed.	Usually one flower to a stem. Flower at an acute angle to the stem. Very short neck (pedicel)

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<p><b>Division 7: Jonquil Daffodils</b></p>	<p><b>Division 8: Tazetta Daffodils</b></p>
<p>Usually 1 to 3 flowers to a rounded stem. Leaves are narrow &amp; dark green. Petals spread or reflexed. Flowers are fragrant.</p>	<p>Usually 3 to 20 flowers to a stout stem. Leaves are broad. Petals spread not reflexed. Flowers are fragrant.</p>



<p><b>Division 10: Species</b></p>	<p><b>Division 11: Split Corona Daffodils</b></p>
<p>Wild variants and hybrids</p>	<p>Trumpet/cup (corona) split for more than one half of its length</p>

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# **WOKINGHAM HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**[WWW.Wokingham-Horticultural-Association.org.uk](http://WWW.Wokingham-Horticultural-Association.org.uk)**

The WHA is the local club for those interested in gardening, horticulture and allotments – anything to do with growing plants, flowers, vegetables etc.

We welcome members of all levels of skill and experience, from the inexperienced gardener to the experienced vegetable grower.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Ormonde Road **Trading Store** stocks a selection of horticultural items such as composts, fertilisers, pesticides, gardening tools and sundries. In season, seed potatoes, onion sets, bulbs etc are stocked. The aim is to provide members with good quality supplies at very competitive prices.

**Gardening Talks** from autumn to spring on a wide range of subjects of interest to gardeners. The talks are held at the Methodist Centre in Rose Street and details are on your membership card, on our web site and in the local newspapers.

**Horticultural Shows** – four times a year. Your chance to show off your expertise – be you a novice or an experienced exhibitor! There are special classes for young exhibitors. Shows are held at St Paul's Parish Rooms. The show schedule(s) can be downloaded from our web site.

**Organised Visits** to beautiful gardens by coach in Spring and Autumn – at very reasonable prices.

**Children's Allotments** – WHA has small allotments at Ormonde Road for children to try their hand at growing flowers or vegetables.

**Association Newsletter** – three times a year – to keep you up to date on WHA affairs. Available on paper or via e-mail.

**Annual Subscription** – Under 60 family membership: £6

Over 60 families, senior citizens & students: £4

Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December

Joining details are on the inside back cover.