



Martock and District Gardening Society

136th Annual Show 2025

Flowers, Plants, Vegetables, Fruit,
Cookery, Photography, Crafts and
Children's Creations

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Saturday 23rd August 2025
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We are delighted to be holding the Show at Martock Parish Hall again this year. Martock and District Gardening Society is one of the oldest established Gardening groups in Somerset. We can trace our origins back to 1890 when Martock's first Show took place. Since then Shows have been held regularly and we are delighted to be continuing the tradition this year. Our Show is a wonderful traditional community event and long may it continue to be so.

We offer a wide choice of classes and hope that this encourages people to enter. The more exhibits that we have on display, the more colourful and vibrant the Show will be. It is an amateur Show, it is easy to enter and all entries are free, so don't be afraid of having a go this year.

Running alongside the Show, we are holding a Flowerpot Person competition and the Jubilee Cup will be awarded to the winner of this contest. Anyone who displays a flowerpot person in their front garden or a place where it is open to public view can enter. We hope that there will be lots of Flowerpot people around the village this summer!

We would like to thank all of the businesses who place advertisements in this programme for their support. We also take this opportunity to thank everyone who takes part in or helps with the Show for getting involved. The success of the Show is dependent on community involvement and we thank you all for your support. There will be an opportunity to make donations towards our running expenses at the Show, but any donations are voluntary and we are pleased to confirm that the Show is a free community event.

As well as organising the Show, our group has an interesting programme of talks and garden visits throughout the year. New members and visitors are always welcome and annual membership is only £10 a year. For further details you can contact me at garethisaac2003@yahoo.co.uk or follow our group on Facebook. Details of our events are also posted on martock.org.uk

Gareth Isaac

Schedules available at martock.org.uk and at Martock Library

How to Enter the Show

To enter the Show you just need to send an e-mail to:

martockgardensoc21@yahoo.com
or a text message to 07532 207605

with details of your name, a contact telephone number and the class or classes you wish to enter. We will acknowledge all entries to validate your entry. Please contact us by telephone or text on one of our helpline numbers below if you have not received an acknowledgment.

If you do not have access to a computer or need help in submitting an entry online please contact us on one of our telephone helpline numbers and we will help you to submit your entry.

The helpline numbers are 07855 056600 or 07532 207605
All entries are free.

Rules

1. All entries must be submitted by 9.00pm on Thursday 21st August.
2. All entries must be staged at Martock Parish Hall between 6.30pm and 8pm on Friday 22nd August or between 9am and 10am on Saturday 23th August.
3. All exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor except in the flower arranging classes.
4. Pot plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
5. An exhibitor may only exhibit one entry in each class.
6. Points for deciding awards will be calculated on the basis of 3 points for 1st prize, 2 points for 2nd prize and 1 point for 3rd prize. In the event of a points tie the exhibitor with the most first prizes will win the trophy.
7. The Show Secretary's decision is final on all matters

Helpful Hints for Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables

Quality, beauty and appearance are foremost. Lusciousness, radiance, freshness, size and uniformity make a big impact on the judge. Only if there are equally good exhibits in the same class does the presence of bent petals, spots and scars affect your chances.

Good presentation always helps. Three beetroot with carefully washed skins, or a bunch of sweet peas elegantly arranged and composed in a pretty vase will be awarded more points than an entry that is all bashed up and bruised.

It is all common sense but please ring Fergus Dowding on 07517 034533 if you feel you would like to clear up any uncertainties. Always worth checking.

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2024 Show Schedule

Children's Classes

Cash prizes of £5, £2 and £1 for the first, second and third prizes in each of the Children's Classes and the Lippett Prize (£20) to the best overall entry in the Children's Classes

Classes for children under age 8 at the date of the Show

1. A decorated flowerpot
2. A painting or drawing of a flower

Classes for children under age 12 at the date of the Show

3. A decorated flowerpot
4. A painting or drawing of a flower

All other classes in the Show are open to everyone regardless of age

Craft Classes

5. Anything made principally from wood
6. Anything made principally from metal
7. An item of pottery or clay
8. A craft item made from any other one material or mixture of materials
9. An item of knitting or crochet
10. An item of any other needlecraft (not knitting or crochet)
11. A home-made greetings card (maximum size A5)
12. A painting or drawing of a flower(s)

Photography Classes

No mountings please (maximum size 7 inches by 5 inches)

13. A vegetable
14. Coast
15. Laugh out Loud
16. Transport
17. Arches
18. Martock, All Saints Church or Churchyard

Flower Classes

19. 3 dahlias (same variety)
20. 3 dahlias (different varieties)
21. My best dahlia (one flower only)
22. 3 roses (same variety)
23. My best rose (one flower only)
24. Best scented rose
25. 5 fuchsia flower heads
26. A vase of sweet peas
27. 3 of any one flower not scheduled in another class
28. 6 stems of flowers of herbaceous perennial (at least 3 varieties)
29. 1 stem of flowers (any number of flowers but a single stem)

Pot Plant Classes

- 30. An orchid
- 31. A cactus or succulent
- 32. A carnivorous plant
- 33. A foliage plant
- 34. A flowering plant not scheduled in another class

Flower Arranging Classes

Foliage may be included in all of the Flower Arranging Classes

- 35. A miniature flower arrangement (not exceeding 150mm in any direction)
- 36. An arrangement of flowers in a vase
- 37. An arrangement of seed heads
- 38. An arrangement of herbs

Vegetables and Produce Classes

- 39. 3 leeks (same variety)
- 40. 3 potatoes (same variety)
- 41. Heaviest potato
- 42. 3 carrots (same variety, with approximately 10cm stalk attached)
- 43. 3 beetroot (same variety, with approximately 10cm stalk attached)

- 44. 3 onions (same variety)
- 45. 5 shallots (same variety)
- 46. 5 tomatoes (same variety)
- 47. 5 cherry tomatoes (same variety)
- 48. Heaviest tomato
- 49. 1 greenhouse cucumber
- 50. 1 ridge cucumber
- 51. 3 courgettes (same variety, maximum length 15cm excluding stalk)
- 52. 2 squash (same variety)
- 53. Heaviest marrow or courgette
- 54. A pumpkin
- 55. 5 french beans (same variety, with stalks attached)
- 56. 5 runner beans (same variety, with stalks attached)
- 57. Longest runner bean
- 58. 3 Chilli peppers (same variety)
- 59. A freak vegetable
- 60. 3 poultry eggs
- 61. An arrangement of seasonal produce

Fruit Classes

- 62. 3 cooking apples (same variety)
- 63. 3 dessert apples (same variety)
- 64. Heaviest apple
- 65. 3 pears (same variety)
- 66. A bunch of grapes
- 67. 9 raspberries
- 68. 3 of any one type of fruit not scheduled in another class

Cookery and Preserves Classes

- 69. A jar of jam
- 70. A jar of jelly
- 71. A jar of marmalade
- 72. A jar of lemon curd
- 73. A jar of chutney
- 74. A 3 egg Victoria sandwich - no topping - only jam in the filling
- 75. 5 scones
- 76. 5 shortbread
- 77. A loaf of bread
- 78. A sausage roll (meat or meat free version)

Drinks Classes

- 79. A bottle of home-made cordial or squash
- 80. A bottle of home-made cider
- 81. A bottle of home-made wine
- 82. A bottle of home flavoured fruit liqueur (gin based)
- 83. A bottle of home flavoured fruit liqueur (based on any other spirit)

It is easy to enter the Show and all entries are free. See How to Enter the Show and Rules Sections on page 4 for details of how to submit an entry, the deadline for submitting entries, and the times when you should bring your exhibits to the Parish Hall.

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Millenium Cup

For the best entry in the Craft Section

Martock Plate

For the best entry in the Photography Classes

Society's Shield

For the winner of most points in the Flower and Pot Plant Section

Geoff Belben Trophy

For the best entry in the Flower and Pot Plant Section

Alfred Brooks Cup

For the most outstanding Flower Arrangement

Centenary Cup

For the winner of most points in the Cookery and Preserves Section

Mrs Hodges Cup

For the best entry in the Cookery and Preserves Section

Chairman's Cup

For the non-member winning most points in the Show

Ian Baker Plate

For the best entry in the Vegetable, Fruit and Produce Section

Hungerford Jackson Cup

For the winner of the most points in the Vegetable, Produce and Fruit Sections (open to Gardening Society members only)

Jubilee Cup

For the winner of the Flowerpot Person competition

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