

Autumn and Dahlia Show Schedule 2026

Notes National Dahlia Society approved rings are available and may be used by Members wanting to check their dahlia exhibits. The vases belonging to the Society are to be used in all appropriate Classes. Classes 32+33 will be viewed from the front.
Artificial flowers are NOT permitted. All cut stems to be in water or water-retaining material etc. but not floral foam (Oasis). Floral art materials may be purchased and need not be home grown.

Classes

- 1 Tomatoes on a plate, 5 standard, one variety.
- 2 Tomatoes on a plate, 10 cherry, one variety (35 mm diameter maximum).
- 3 4 Onions, tops tied.
- 4 1 Cucumber.
- 5 3 Potatoes, one variety.
- 6 Heaviest Pumpkin – seeds provided at the Spring Show.
- 7 Any other vegetable(s) (excluding Classes 1 to 5), one variety.
- 8 Ugliest Vegetable (any peculiar-shaped specimen).
- 9 Eating Apples, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 10 Cooking Apples, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 11 Pears, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 12 Any other fruit, suitably presented (excluding Classes 9 to 11).
- 13 Dahlias, medium, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (170-220 mm).
- 14 Dahlias, small or miniature decorative, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 170 mm)
- 15 Dahlias, small or miniature, cactus and/or semi-cactus, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 170 mm).
- 16 Dahlias, waterlily, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
- 17 Dahlias, pompon, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 52 mm).
- 18 Nine Dahlias to be staged for frontal effect in own container.
- 19 Dahlias, 3 blooms, can be mixed (excluding Classes 14 to 18).
- 20 Annuals, 5 stems, can be mixed.
- 21 A vase of up to 5 Chrysanthemums either single blooms or sprays.
- 22 Vase of mixed cut flowers.
- 23 One Rose bloom.
- 24 One spray of flowering shrub.
- 25 One spray or stem of shrub with decorative fruit / berries.
- 26 Shrubs, 3 sprays, mixed, judged for foliage.
- 27 Pot plant – flowering, maximum 200 mm internal rim diameter pot.
- 28 Pot plant – foliage, maximum 200 mm internal rim diameter pot.
- 29 Culinary herbs – four varieties in a vase, no flowers.
- 30 A Craft item not previously exhibited (maximum 700 mm overall).
- 31 A photograph of 'Fungi'.
- 32 A dried floral arrangement not to exceed 600x600mm.
- 33 A flower arrangement in a candle stick.
- 34 Longest loofah – plants available at the Spring Show.

Young people under 16

- 35 Heaviest Pumpkin – Seeds available at the Spring Show.