

Entrance £1
Exhibitors Free

Harlow & District Gardening Club

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President: Colin Lincoln

Annual Show

Saturday 22 August 2026
Old Harlow W.I. Hall CM17 0AT

Exhibitor entry from 8 to 11.45am
Show open to the public at 1.30pm

Exhibits
Raffle
Plant Stall
Refreshments
Auction of produce



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Royal Horticultural Society



Harlow and District Gardening Club Calendar 2026

24 February 2026	'The Greening of London' with David Williams
31 March 2026	'Dazzling Dahlias' with Nick Dobson
28 April 2026	'Propagation' with Kate
26 May 2026	A trip to The Mount Epping Road, Roydon
30 June 2026	A trip to Jean's allotment
28 July 2026	<i>Our AGM, show preparation with strawberries and cream and our potato competition weigh in.</i>
22 August 2026	<i>The Summer Show at the WI Hall</i>
29 September 2026	'Rivers Orchard' by Elizabeth Lanier Pole of RHSO
27 October 2026	'Epimediums - Great plants for shady places' with David Sisley of Straight Mile Nursery
24 November 2026	'All about Roses' with Jacqueline Aviolet

Rules

A donation to the Club is requested from all participants in lieu of a set fee per entry.

- 1 All open classes.
- 2 £1 will be awarded to the winner of each class, except where otherwise stated.
- 3 The Perpetual Shield or Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of divisions A, B, C, D and E.
- 4 All horticultural exhibits must have been grown by their exhibitors, except in division C.
- 5 For division E all entries must be produced by the exhibitor and not have been previously entered at this show.
- 6 One entry only per exhibitor per class, except in Division F where two entries per class are allowed.
- 7 All entry forms to be with the Show Secretary by 11.30 am on show day.
- 8 All entries to be staged by 11.45 am on show day.
- 9 Judging to commence at noon.
- 10 Only the Show Secretary or stewards may move an exhibit after staging.
- 11 The judges' decision is final.
- 12 Vases and society boxes will be provided.
- 13 All exhibits not for auction must be removed by 4pm or they will be disposed of.

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Exhibitors will be given free admission to the show on request from 1.30pm.

Division A

Vegetables and Fruit

- A1 Four onions (dressed)
- A2 Nine shallots
- A3 Four carrots with three inches of foliage
- A4 Four beetroots with four inches of foliage
- A5 Four courgettes, five to eight inches long
- A6 Two parsnips with three inches of foliage
- A7 Four tomatoes with calyces
- A8 Nine cherry tomatoes with calyces
- A9 One truss of tomatoes
- A10 Four potatoes (any single colour)
- A11 Six French beans (dwarf or climbing), with stalks
- A12 Six runner beans, with stalks
- A13 The longest runner bean, with stalk
- A14 Four varieties of herbs (named and not in flower)
- A15 A plate of three different soft fruits, three specimens of each (nine total)
- A16 A plate of six dessert apples
- A17 A plate of six plums
- A18 A vegetable tray of six different vegetables
One of each, cleaned and dressed if appropriate, to fit within maximum size 14 by 10 inches, for example a seed tray

NB: Tomatoes can be any uniform colour

Children's Corner

Up to 11 years

Floral item made or grown by a child

Exhibits by children are also welcome in any of the main divisions.

Division B

Flowers

- B1 Vase of three different annuals (one stem of each)
- B2 Vase of three different perennials (one stem of each)
- B3 Vase of three antirrhinums (Snap dragons)
- B4 One specimen bloom rose
- B5 Vase of three stems of Hybrid Tea rose (one variety)
- B11 Six different fuchsia blooms (in a society box supplied by the show)
- B15 A growing planted arrangement in an unusual container (15 inch max width)
- B13 One potted fuchsia (nine-inch pot max)
- B16 One potted house plant (nine-inch pot max)
- B17 Any potted plant (other than the above nine-inch pot max)
- B18 Vase of three dahlias, bloom under five inches
- B19 Vase of three dahlias, bloom over five inches

Plants in this division may have been bought but must have been in the care of the exhibitor for a least three months prior to showing and not shown previously.

Division C - Floral Art

We no longer require that all exhibits must be arranged in the show hall. They can be brought to the show pre-arranged.

No oasis may be used and no arrangement shall exceed a width and depth of 18 inches.

- C1 A flower arrangement on the theme of the coast
- C2 A flower arrangement based on a nursery rhyme
- C3 An arrangement of dried flowers and/or seed heads

Division D - Domestic

- D1 Six shortbread biscuits
- D2 Six cheese scones
- D4 Six sausage rolls
- D7 A chocolate cake
- D8 A lemon drizzle cake
- D9 Four decorated cup cakes
- D10 Sponge cake with jam and cream
- D11 A vegetarian dish
- D12 A jarred preserve (any food prepared to stop or slow down spoilage)

Division E - Handicraft

- E1 A picture in any medium
- E2 A knitted item
- E3 A small quilted item

Division F - Photography

Two entries per category are allowed in this division only. Entries from amateur photographers, which must be entirely your own work. No copying of others work will be acceptable, altered or not.

- F1 Wildlife in your garden (unframed, max six by eight inches)
- F2 Wildflowers (unframed, max six by eight inches)

Trophies



Ernest May Cup

For the exhibitor with the most points in the show



Frank White Trophy

For the Club member with the most points in the show



Banksian Medal

For the most points in Divisions A and B (Flowers and vegetables)



Old Harlow Gardening Club Vegetable Trophy

For the exhibitor with the most points in Division A (Vegetables)



National Westminster Bank Cup

For the exhibitor with the most points in Division B (Flowers)



Betty Whiting Cup

For the exhibitor with the most points in dahlia classes.



Anita Flateau Cup

For the exhibitor of the best specimen rose



Derek Arden Shield

Given in memory of his wife Ivy Arden, for the exhibitor with the most points in Division C (Floral Art)



Harlow Horticultural Society Cup

For the exhibitor with the best exhibit in Division C (Floral Art)



Colin Lincoln Trophy

Awarded to the winner of Division F1 for wildlife in your garden.

A cup for the most points in the Domestic Division and a trophy for the most points in Handicraft Division.



A donation is requested from participants in lieu of a set entrance fee per class.
Any spare plants or produce would be appreciated for the plant stall.