

# Beckley Horticultural Society



(affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)  
<https://beckleyhorticulturalsociety.org>

## Show Schedules & Events for 2025

**SPRING HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**  
TBA

**EARLY SUMMER SHOW**  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 2pm

**Plant Stall@ FOBC coffee morning**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**SUMMER HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**  
TBA

**SOCIETY OUTING**  
RHS Hyde Hall TBC

**CHURCH FETE** Glebe Field, All Saints Church, Beckley  
25<sup>th</sup> August

**AUTUMN HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> October Dean Charlton

**AUTUMN SHOW**  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 2pm

**Quiz & AGM**  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm

All events to be held at Beckley Village Centre (unless stated otherwise)

## From Your Committee

Dear Members,

Welcome to a new year of gardening.

I have just reread what I wrote last year about what a difficult gardening year 2023 was! 2024 has been just as difficult. The seasons that were once reliable divisions of the year have all muddled up. But still as gardeners we carry on, ever hopeful. The very act of planting a seed is a hopeful one.

However for Beckley Horticultural Society it has been a very good year.

- Membership is growing and its great to see more younger people/families joining.
- We had a fabulous outing to Beth Chatto's garden in July which everyone enjoyed very much. Thank you Kate for organizing this so brilliantly.
- The 2 talks by Chelsea Gold Medal winner Steven Edney were very well attended and really entertaining and enjoyable. It was also full house virtually for Dean's talk and it was great to see him again. His nursery looks wonderful and well worth a visit to Rotherham. Our final talk of the year from Christopher Broadbent was a really practical and helpful guide to developing a wildflower meadow and this again was a lovely relaxed evening and a good opportunity to ask lots of questions.
- And finally, the 2 Shows Spring and Autumn were the best shows ever! The Hall looked stunning, full of colour. There were more entries in every class than ever before and the standard was very high. Well done everyone.

There are some hard financial facts to face however. The committee has had to make some changes. To inscribe the cups and trophies in 2023 cost us over £300 and some of the trophies are looking very shabby with their silver plating wearing off. To have them replated would be prohibitive. So we have taken the decision to retire the trophies and award certificates in future. We are hoping we will be able to display the trophies as part of Beckley Village history.

The reason for the change is that we want to continue to provide a variety of speakers and subsidized trips in future which is in accordance with the society's aim of educating and entertaining our valued members.

Happy Gardening

Angie Lewis

**Membership of the Beckley Horticultural Society (BHS) – All Welcome , not just Residents of Beckley**

Individual £6      Family £10

## **OFFICERS & COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY**

President	Anne Bowler
Chairman	Angie Lewis – <a href="mailto:angie@alewis247.plus.com">angie@alewis247.plus.com</a>
Club Secretary	Alice Bolton
Treasurer	Zoe Gleisner
Membership Secretary	Kate Joyner – <a href="mailto:katejmjoyner@gmail.com">katejmjoyner@gmail.com</a>
Show Secretary	Fiona Doran - <a href="mailto:fjdoran@live.co.uk">fjdoran@live.co.uk</a>
Ordinary members	Sarah Batehup, Sue Tapsell, Laura Andrew

## **SOCIETY DISCOUNTS with local nurseries**

Please show your membership card to get a discount on plants with:

Ed's Nursery, Staplecross 10%

Great Dixter Nursery 10%

Laurels Nursery, Benenden 10%

Planters (A21) 10%

Ripley's Garden Centre 10%

Rotherview Nurseries 10%

The Old Rose Nursery (Northiam) 10%

Cherry Garden Nursery, Rolvenden

## **OTHER 2025 INFORMATION**

Refreshments and a plant and produce sale table will be available at all shows.

Completed show entry forms and fees can be delivered to Show Secretary (Fiona Doran, Escheatlands Farm, Furnace Lane) up to 3 days in advance of each show or can be brought to the village centre on the day of the show.

Exhibits must be delivered to the village centre between 10.00 am and 11.00 am for judging. Entrance to the shows will be from 2.00 pm after judging has been completed.

**Plant sale at the Friends of Beckley Church coffee morning:** come and stock up your garden at a fraction of the cost of a nursery! Bring your friends and meet other members.

**AGM:** Presentation of Certificates will be made at the AGM. The AGM is when you can have your say about your horticultural society as well as a social event.

Further information can be found on our website-

[www.beckleyhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.beckleyhorticulturalsociety.org) and through our FaceBook page (Beckley Horticultural Society )

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**Schedule of classes Early SUMMER show – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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**FLOWERS**

- Class 101**      A vase of Tulips – single or mixed variety
- Class 102\***     A single Peony bloom
- Class 103**      A vase of Sweet Peas – same or mixed colours
- Class104\***     A single Rose bloom
- Class 105**     3 Rose blooms – any variety
- Class 106**     3 Rose blooms – same variety
- Class 107**     Vase of Annuals/Biennials - single or mixed variety
- Class 108**     Vase of Perennials – single or mixed variety
- Class 109**     1 Allium bloom
- Class 110**     Any bulb blooms – single or mixed variety
- Class 111**     A flowering house plant
- Class 112**     A foliage house plant
- Class 113**     3 stems of a shrub or tree in bloom
- Class 114**     3 floating pansies

**VEGETABLES**

- Class 115**     3 Sticks of Rhubarb
- Class 116**     Any leafy vegetable (eg Lettuce, Kale, Chard )
- Class 117**     A Spring Cabbage
- Class 118**     5 Pods of Broad Beans
- Class 119**     3 Pods of Peas
- Class 120**     A display of herbs
- Class 121**     Any other vegetable

**DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGMENTS**

- Class 122**     A Floral Feast (edible flower arrangement), Max 40x40cm,
- Class 123**     A Tea Party Miniature arrangement – Max 15cm x 15cm
- Class 124**     A Country Meadow – Max 50cm x 15cm

## **EARLY SUMMER show continued**

**HOME PRODUCE – please cover all produce, see point 9 page 13**

- Class 125** Jar of marmalade - any flavour
- Class 126** A fruit Jam
- Class 127** Brioche
- Class 128** Jammy Dodgers
- Class 129** Parents & Childrens' Class – a Tray Bake (any Flavour) decorated with Hundreds and Thousands
- Class 130** A Marble Cake ( any Flavour or Shape )

### **PHOTOGRAPHY Max A4 including mount**

- Class 131** Reflection
- Class 132** "From my Back Door"
- Class 133** Creepy Crawlies

### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

- Class 134** A piece of Origami
- Class 135** A pencil sketch
- Class 136** A Pin Cushion

### **CHILDREN'S CLASSES (FREE ENTRY)**

A jam jar of flowers

- Class 137** Infants (Reception, years 1 & 2)
- Class 138** Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- Class 139** Preschool

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## Schedule of classes **AUTUMN show** – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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### VEGETABLES

<b>Class 101</b>	3 potatoes – red or white
<b>Class 102</b>	3 leeks
<b>Class 103</b>	3 onions
<b>Class 104</b>	3 garlic bulbs
<b>Class 105</b>	1 cabbage
<b>Class 106</b>	3 beetroot
<b>Class 107</b>	3 carrots
<b>Class 108</b>	5 runner beans
<b>Class 109</b>	5 French beans (dwarf or climbing)
<b>Class 110</b>	3 courgettes
<b>Class 111</b>	2 sweetcorn
<b>Class 112</b>	1 pumpkin/squash
<b>Class 113</b>	1 marrow
<b>Class 114</b>	2 sweet peppers – any colour
<b>Class 115</b>	3 chilli peppers – single or mixed variety
<b>Class 116</b>	5 small/cherry tomatoes – any variety
<b>Class 117</b>	5 tomatoes – any variant not inc above
<b>Class 118</b>	Any big vegetable
<b>Class 119</b>	Any misshapen vegetable
<b>Class 120</b>	Any other vegetable not listed above
<b>Class 121</b>	A collection of vegetables on a tray max 60x50cm

### FRUIT

<b>Class 122</b>	5 cooking apples
<b>Class 123</b>	5 eating apples
<b>Class 124</b>	3 pears
<b>Class 125</b>	5 of any other top/tree fruit
<b>Class 126</b>	5 of any soft fruit on a plate
<b>Class 127</b>	Any other fruit

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## AUTUMN show continued

### FLOWERS

- Class 128** 5 chrysanthemums
- Class 129** Any pot plant
- Class 130** 3 blooms of orange-coloured flowers
- Class 131** Any large bloom
- Class 132\*** 3 dahlias – single variety
- Class 133** A begonia in bloom
- Class 134** Vase of mixed dahlias
- Class 135** 5 Fuchsia on a plate
- Class 136** Vase of 3 Gladioli – single or mixed variety
- Class 137** Vase of Roses – single or mixed variety, maximum 5 stems
- Class 138** Vase of Asters
- Class 139** A seed head
- Class 140** Vase of Grasses – single or mixed variety
- Class 141** Vase of Annual flowers – single or mixed variety
- Class 142** Vase of Perennial flowers – single or mixed variety
- Class 143** Vase of any shrub or tree stems

### DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

- Class 144** “A Hidden Secret” 40cm x 40cm
- Class 145** “Bringing in the Harvest” max 50cms x 50cms
- Class 146** A Floral Candlestick – an arrangement on top of or around a candlestick.

### HOME PRODUCE – please cover all produce, see point 9 page 13

- Class 147** Jar of Chutney- any kind – at least 3 months matured
  - Class 148** Jar of Curd
  - Class 149** A Savoury jam eg Chilli, tomato
  - Class 150** An Apple Turnover
  - Class 151** A Cake using vegetables ( any recipe)
  - Class 152** Savoury Biscuits
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**AUTUMN show continued**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

- Class 153** An Abstract painting  
**Class 154** A sock Puppet  
**Class 155** A piece of pottery

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Max A4 including mount

- Class 156** Raindrops on ....  
**Class 157** Shadows  
**Class 158** My Pet

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES, OPEN TO ALL**

A painting of autumn Trees

- Class 159** Infants (Reception + years 1 & 2)  
**Class 160** Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)  
**Class 161** Preschool.

## SPRING SHOW 17TH May 2025

### ENTRY FORM

All classes are open to all ages, except where otherwise indicated.

Please tick the classes for which you wish to enter, sign and enclose fees.

All exhibits must be delivered to the Village Centre on the day of the show between 10.00 am and 11.00 am and must not be removed until after prize giving. Entrance to the show will be from 2.00 pm after the judging has been completed. Classes with an asterisk beside the number will have a Bikini vase provided.

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee for each exhibit:** Members 25p      Non-members 40p

Total number of entries  Entry fees enclosed £

With the exception of classes listed under the heading 'Decorative Flower Arrangements' all fruit, vegetable and flower exhibits at the Society's shows must have been grown by exhibitors. Arts and crafts exhibits should be original and not previously exhibited. See rules.



# AUTUMN SHOW 29th September 2025

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## SHOW RULES

1. No change to the position of exhibits on the tables to be made other than with the permission of a committee member.
2. Exhibits must not be removed until after prize giving.
3. Only one entry per class allowed
4. To avoid disqualification, exhibitors must adhere to the specified sizes of exhibits.
5. All produce and flowers must be home grown by exhibitors except as in 6. below.
6. In the decorative flower arranging classes plant material may be purchased. **The exhibit must be contained in the space specified in the show schedule.** Exhibits may include any fresh, dried, preserved or painted natural plant material. Accessories (see definition in 7 below) may also be used unless otherwise stated. All measurements metric.
7. Accessory: anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as feathers, shells, stones, wax candles, figurines of animals, insects or humans.
8. All exhibits should be original and not previously shown.
9. In the interests of hygiene and freshness please ensure all displayed food is covered with cling film or similar.
10. Classes with an asterisk\* will have a bikini vase provided.

## CERTIFICATES PRESENTED AT THE AGM

Exhibitor with the highest total of points in both shows

Highest total points in both shows for vegetable classes

Highest total points in both shows for all flower classes & decorative arrangement classes

Highest total points in both shows for Home Produce

Highest total points in both shows for Arts and Crafts classes

Best in Show (Spring).

Best in Show (Autumn)

Chairman's Choice

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Unless otherwise shown prizes for all shows are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize:</b>	£1.00 and Presentation certificate
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>Highly Commended:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>Best in Show:</b>	Rosette