

Kirtling and Upend Produce and Craft Show 2026 Class guidelines

To avoid disqualification and disappointment please read all the rules and display your item in the correct class showing your unique show number and not your name. Judges prefer to be strict!

Section A Fruit & Vegetables

General Points

- All fruit and vegetables will be judged according to the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook.
- Where multiple items are requested, they should be as similar as possible.
- All vegetables must be fresh and blemish-free, and not overgrown or coarse.
- Root vegetables must be washed.
- Tomatoes and fruit should have calyces or stalks intact, and be clean but not polished.
- Extra marks will be awarded for the difficulty in growing.

Specific Points

Classes

- 1-2. Potatoes: white or coloured: medium-sized tubers, ideally approx. 175-225g each; clear-skinned with few eyes.
3. Carrots: skin clear and bright; foliage trimmed to approx. 75mm.
4. Beetroot: globes ideally 60-75mm diameter; cylindrical, ideally 150mm long; foliage trimmed to 75mm.
5. Leafy brassicas: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale or oriental brassicas e.g. pak choi.
6. Runner beans: long, uniform and straight with stalks; no outward signs of seeds; one will be snapped.
7. Dwarf beans: straight with stalks, good colour; no outward signs of seeds; one will be snapped.
8. Leeks for the table: clean, firm and solid with all their foliage intact.
9. Courgettes: young and tender; ideally about 150mm long and 35mm diameter or 75mm diameter if rounded.
10. Squash: young, tender, shapely.
11. Onions: red or white: firm with thin necks and unbroken skins; necks can be tied neatly with raffia.
12. Shallots: as onions.
13. Spring onions (green salad onions): young and tender; non-bulbous with white bases and clean roots attached.
14. A truss of tomatoes: ideally all ripe, although this is not essential.
15. Tomatoes any variety, not mixed: ripe but firm with fresh calyces attached, exceeding 35mm diameter.
16. Tomatoes cherry: ripe but firm with fresh calyces attached, not exceeding 35mm diameter.
17. Cucumber: blemish-free and of uniform length; with or without flowers attached. Please state whether grown indoors or outdoors.
18. Green peppers: uniform, fresh and with bright clear skins.
19. Chillies: as peppers.
20. A head of lettuce any variety: fresh, tender, unbroken, blemish-free and of appropriate colour.
21. A basket of six different vegetables: may have multiple specimens of smaller vegetables.
22. Collection of herbs attractively displayed: fresh, healthy, clean and blemish-free; may carry flowers.
24. Plums with stalks: large, ripe, of good colour with bloom and stalks intact.

25. Raspberries with stalks: large, ripe fruits with good colour and having fresh calyces and stalks.
27. Eggs from your own hens: attractively displayed; one egg will be cracked open and inspected.

Section D Kitchen produce

All food to be homemade, presented on a plate and covered with clingfilm. Do not use cake liners or mark cakes using drying racks.

Classes:

- 54-55. Preserves must be in unbranded clear glass jars, sealed whilst hot with a new twist top lid. All preserves must have a full date of manufacture.
56. Curds must be made at the last minute, sealed with a wax disc and cellophane lid and kept refrigerated.
57. Loaves may be hand-made or machine-made.
66. Traybake to be cut into evenly sliced pieces but exhibited whole.
67. Victoria sandwich, made by the creaming method, filled with raspberry jam and sprinkled with caster sugar.

FAQs

Who can enter?

Anyone! All classes are open to residents and non-residents unless otherwise stated.

What can I enter?

You may enter one entry per class. All exhibits must be the property and unaided work of the exhibitor and no entry previously shown in the Kirtling Show will be accepted. The committee has the right to enquire into the source of any exhibit. Children under the age of 14 may enter both the children's and adult classes if they wish.

How can I enter?

Firstly, complete your entry form and deliver it to one of the addresses on the form by 6pm on Thursday 6th August. No new entry forms will be accepted on the morning of the show. Drop your entries off at the Village Hall, either on Friday 7th August from 5pm until 6.30pm, or Saturday 8th August from 8am until 9am. Entries cannot be accepted outside of these times. You will be given a paper slip with your competitor number and name on for each class you enter for you to display with your entry. Remember to place your slip with the relevant entry - your name must not be displayed until after the judging. If you are unable to get your entries to the Village Hall yourself at the stated time, you may ask someone to do this on your behalf. Committee members do not accept entries and the committee cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any property of any exhibitor at or in transit to and from the show.

How will my entry be judged?

The committee appoints independent judges whose decision is final. All entries remain anonymous until after the judging. Each class will be judged 1st (3 pts), 2nd (2 pts) and 3rd (1 pt) and Highly Commended, if the judge sees fit. Please note that entries will be disqualified if they do not meet the specifications in the class description (pages 3-7) and may be marked down if you have not followed the general guidance. (pages 8-10). Any queries should be made to a committee member on the day. Any objection must be given in writing to the committee before 15th August 2026 accompanied by a deposit of £1, which will be refunded if the complaint is upheld.

Will I get my entries back?

Yes, but exhibits must be removed by 5pm on 8th August 2026. Unclaimed exhibits will be disposed of as the committee sees fit.

Show Timetable	
Thursday 6th August	
Deadline for receipt of entry forms	6pm
Friday 7th August	
Village Hall open for public to display entries	5pm - 6.30pm
Saturday 8th August	
Village Hall open for public to display entries	8.00 - 9.00am
Village Hall closed to public	9.00 - 2.00pm
Show and Village Hall open to public	from 2.00pm
Presentation of prizes and trophies	from 4pm
Raffle	after presentation
Removal of exhibits by exhibitors	by 5pm