

2017 WITNESHAM AND SWILLAND VILLAGE SHOW – RULES

1. Unless otherwise stated all exhibits must be the property of the Exhibitor. All flowers, fruit and vegetables must have been grown by the Exhibitor. Entries in the cookery and handicrafts sections must be the Exhibitor's own work.
2. The committee reserve the right to refuse any exhibit, and in the event of such a refusal, it is not required to give any reason or explanation. Any exhibit which does not conform to the wording of the schedule shall be disqualified, and the entry card marked accordingly.
3. Where the number or quantity of plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables is specified in the schedule for a class, any exhibit with more or less than the specified amount will be disqualified.
4. Wherever possible exhibits should be correctly named BUT no one should be deterred from entering because the name is unknown. Errors in name will NOT disqualify, but the judges should regard correctness and clearness of naming as telling in favour of an exhibit in a close competition. Name cards will be supplied.
5. **Exhibitors are only allowed ONE exhibit in any one class.**
6. Any award may be withheld if the exhibits are considered unworthy.
7. The decision of the judges, including matters not covered by these rules, shall be final.
8. Although every care will be taken to safeguard exhibits, the committee will not be responsible for losses and damage.
9. Exhibitors must supply their own vases for flowers and containers or vases for flower arranging. In the fruit and vegetable classes Exhibitors must supply their own plates, dishes or containers. Cookery items should be on the Exhibitor's own plates.
10. All exhibits must be staged between 9.00 and 11.00am. Exhibitors to leave the hall at 11.00am, when judging will take place. The hall will then reopen for viewing at 2.00pm. No exhibit or part of any exhibit may be altered or removed before 4.00pm.
11. Schedules are available from The Barley Mow, Witnesham Post Office (Baptist Church), Witnesham School, the Parish Website or by calling Liz Farrow 785421 or Nick Stanley 785585
12. All entries are free and entry forms MUST be submitted to arrive by 5.00pm Thursday July 6th.

BY POST or by HAND –completed entry form may be posted to Nick Stanley, Newlands, Hall Lane, Witnesham or placed in boxes in The Barley Mow, Witnesham Post Office (Baptist Church) Skoobs Shop on Upper Street or Witnesham School.

HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors should read the schedule and rules carefully, as deviation may result in disqualification.

VEGETABLES

Always check the correct number exhibited against the schedule.

Vegetables should be washed carefully, using a sponge rather than a brush. Leaves of beetroot, carrots, parsnips etc. should be removed leaving not more than 8cms (3 inches) of leaf stalk. Side roots may be trimmed off. Potatoes should be of uniform medium size, carefully washed, avoiding broken skin.

Onions should have the tops cut about 5 cms (2 inches) from the bulb and tied neatly. Do not skin excessively. Rings or collars may be used for support. Runner beans should be long, straight, fresh, plump and brittle, with little outward signs of seed. A small amount of stalk should remain. Tomatoes should be firm and ripe with stalks attached. Rhubarb should have leaves removed to within 8cms (3 inches) of the stalk.

FRUIT

Gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries and other soft fruit should be shown with stalks attached.

FLOWERS

Observe stem and bloom quantities carefully.

For freshness cut your blooms either in the evening or early morning and stand up to their necks in water in a cool place before exhibiting. Please supply your own vases. Newspaper etc. may be used as an aid to arranging the blooms. All stems must be in water.

COOKERY

Observe carefully descriptions, quantities and sizes. All cakes, scones etc. may be displayed on your own plates, with doilies if desired, and covered loosely with cling film.

For jams etc. use plain jars, filled to the top, with cellophane covers and elastic bands and a waxed disc inside. No proprietary names allowed on the jar or lid. Use small plain white labels with contents and the date. Please remove all stones from stone fruit jam.

For chutneys etc. use plain jars and label as above. Cover as above or use a new plastic clip-on or screw-top lid with plastic coating to prevent corrosion.

PHOTOGRAPHY & ARTS AND CRAFTS

Ensure photographs do not exceed maximum allowed size and are NOT digitally enhanced.

Please ensure your names are not displayed on the front of your artwork.

CHILDREN

The exhibit should be the child's own work but adults may help with the staging of the entries.