

## Flower Show Rules

1. To enter you must be at least **one** of the following:
  - A resident of Sway
  - A paid up member of Sway Gardening Club
  - A member of Sway Allotment Holders
  - Under 18 years and living in Sway, going to school in Sway or visiting relatives in Sway
  - Sway Flower Club Members can compete in Floral Art (Section D)
2. Entry fee: 20 pence per entry to be included with entry form. Junior entries are free.
3. You can only put one exhibit in each class.
4. All plant exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor (except in Floral Art).
5. Flower, plant and vegetable classes are judged to current RHS rules.
6. A Pot Plant must have been owned for least three months.
7. An annual is a flower raised from seed during the 12 months preceding the show.

### How to enter

Put your entry form and fees in an envelope and take them to Sway Newsagents:

- by 4pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for the Spring Show
- by 4pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 for the Summer Show
- We will accept one late entry per person on the day.

The Village Hall will be open between 8am and 10.30am on show day for you to bring your entries. Judging starts at 11:00 a.m. The show opens to the general public at 2:00 pm (Admission £1). Trophies will be presented at 3:30 pm.

Please don't take your entries home until the end of the show.

### **Judges' marking**

1st place	4 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	2 points
Highly Commended	1 point

(Double points for the President's class at the Spring Show and for classes 17, 18, 48 and 49 at Summer Show.)

### **Awards**

Certificates are awarded and 1st place card holders can collect £1 prize money from the club treasurer at the end of the show.

### **Trophies awarded at the Spring Show**

Doris Livingstone Trophy to the person with the most points overall

King Trophy to the person with the second most points gained overall

Ingrem Bowl to the person with the best Floral Art exhibit

Judy Scotts Cup to the child with the most points in the Junior section

### **Trophies awarded at the Summer Show**

Eric Griffin Shield to the Sway Gardening Club member with most points in vegetable, fruit and flower sections

President's Vase for best exhibit in vegetable, fruit and flower sections

J.A. Gibson Challenge Trophy to the Sway Gardening Club member with most points in vegetable and fruit sections

Peter Watson Runner Up Shield to the Sway Gardening Club member with second most points in vegetable and fruit sections

Judy Scott Plaque to the Sway resident (not a club member) with most points in vegetable and fruit sections

Frank Wright Challenge Bowl to the Sway Gardening Club member with most points in flower section

Peter Watson Runner Up Shield - to the Sway Gardening Club member with second most points in flower section

Jack Gow Rose Bowl - to the Sway Gardening Club Member for best rose exhibit

Diane Gurney Memorial Vase - to the Sway Gardening Club Member for best vase of herbaceous perennials

R.H.Filtness Plaque for best floral art entry

Iris Gosling Vase - to member of Sway Gardening Club or Sway Flower Club with most points in floral art section

Ken Lovelace Challenge Trophy - to Sway Gardening Club Members with the most points in Home Produce.

Junior Cup – for most points in junior (up to 12 years) section

Secretary's Cup – for most points in main categories (under 18's)

### **Some tips about entering**

Some people grow things especially for the show and it is great to see their skill and persistence rewarded in their wonderful displays. But don't be put off if that is not you, your garden could well contain some lovely flowers or vegetables that we would all like to see! So read about what you can enter and take a walk round your garden in the week before the show to see whether anything growing could be put in the show.

Flowers are best cut on the evening before or first thing in the morning. Bring them to the hall with suitable vases. You can make them stand up nicely by using some Perlite, Oasis or scrunched up newspaper to hold the stems in place. Vegetables and fruit are usually shown on a plate; some dry sand will hold small things steady. Check you have the right number of items and remove any damaged bits. If you know the name of the cultivar make a label for it, everyone likes to know the name. There will be stewards and experienced people in the hall on the day who will help you if you are not sure what to do.