

WEST HADDON COMMUNITY SHOW



To be held at **West Haddon Village Hall**
and

All Saints' Church

Sunday 27th September 2026

Admission:	50p Children free (includes raffle entry)
Staging of Exhibits	9:00 to 11:30am
Judging	11:30am to 1:30pm
Doors open to Public	2:00pm
Presentations and raffle	4:30pm at West Haddon Village Hall

Refreshments available at West Haddon Village Hall and
All Saints' Church 2pm to 4:30pm

Guidance

A and B classes: in general, judges are looking for exhibits which are clean, even in size, and free of blemish.

- Carrots and beetroot: trim the tops to 5cm.
- Carrots, beans and courgettes: the straighter, the better.
- Leafy brassicas: remove outer leaves.
- Culinary herbs: label either individually or with a list.
- Chilli plant: use an appropriately-sized, clean pot, with no roots visible. Judges are looking for healthy leaves and fruit.
- Impressive weed: leave the roots on.

C class: Judges will inspect all allotments on the same day, judging on absence of weeds, tidy edges, variety and health of produce, and overall tidiness. No penalty for empty beds/rows where these are tidy.

D classes: D1 Judged on variety and quality of specimens, not arrangement. All other D classes, judges are looking for clean, even-sized blooms, free of blemish and pests.

E classes are assessing the arranging of flowers, not the growing. So although exhibitors may use their own home-grown flowers, they may also use flowers which they have bought or been given.

- E1: posies should be pretty and not too big, and have fragrance.
- E2: arrangements should be appropriate to the size of container, and attractive to look at.

F classes:

- F1: bold colours, reasonable-sized and smooth stone (not a rock) with decoration appropriate to the age of the exhibitor.
- F2: cress grown to a reasonable size, a neat edge to the eggshell (unless the design requires otherwise), and entertaining decoration appropriate to the age of the exhibitor.
- F3: the miniature garden may be 3D or 2D. Imaginative use of the chosen medium with recognisable features that might be found in a garden.
- F4: bought or home-made cupcakes or fairy cakes, iced and decorated with assistance appropriate to the age of the exhibitor.

G classes:

- G1: exhibitor's own recipe, with vegetables sliced or grated in accordance with the exhibitor's preference. To be judged on appearance as well as taste - garnish may be appropriate.

- G2 to G6: Clean jar and lid, appropriate label stating contents and date. Jar filled almost to the brim, no wax disc. Good colour and flavour.
- G2 and G4: spreadable set, even distribution of fruit.
- G3: no cloudiness, firm set.
- G6: fruit/vegetables cut to a size suitable for spreading.
- G7 to G14: judged on appearance as well as taste.
- G7: Even colour and size, with rise rather than spread. Soft, light texture, not doughy.
- G8: Even colour and size, distinct crust and squidgy inside.
- G9: Even colour, even rise, straight sides. Filling jam, curd or spread. No cooling-rack marks, top dusted with icing or caster sugar.
- G10: Even colour, top dusted with caster sugar and marked into individual slices. Good crumb without losing its shape, buttery taste.
- G11: Shortcrust or flaky pastry, snipped to allow steam to escape, even-sized rolls with an appropriate amount of filling for the pastry. Good savoury flavour.
- G12: Shortcrust pastry base, crispy bottom, neat sides, attractive presentation. Label to indicate filling. Good savoury flavour.
- G13: An attractive loaf with a good, even rise. Soft texture, not doughy.
- G14: Even colour. Label to indicate flavour. Moist but properly cooked. Even distribution of fruit.

H class: Even colour and size. One egg to be broken by judges to check yolk colour and freshness.

I classes: Clean bottle, wired or capped as appropriate, with appropriate label stating contents. Good colour and flavour.

J classes: Picture should be mounted but not framed – use a stiff backing as picture will be displayed using stick-on velcro. Include title.

K classes:

- K1: Item should be 3D and may be knitted, crocheted, sewn, or made of pompoms (if you come up with another way you won't be penalised!). Eyes and trimmings securely attached, tight seams with no stuffing showing.
- K2: Item should be knitted, crocheted or sewn (including patchwork) with tight seams, secure trimmings and a good line.
- K3: Includes tapestry, cross-stitch, freehand and machine embroidery, either using a bought kit or made from the exhibitor's own design. Neat reverse with secure finishing and no long threads transferring colour to different areas of the work.
- K4: No chips or splinters; good use made of material. If the item is for practical use, made and finished to an appropriate standard.

Vegetables - The John Watson Cup

A1	4 Potatoes	A6	1 Squash or Pumpkin
A2	4 onions (sets or seed)	A7	4 Tomatoes
A3	4 Carrots	A8	Dish of Cherry Tomatoes
A4	6 Runner Beans	A9	2 Courgettes
A5	6 French Beans	A10	3 Beetroot
		A11	A Wonky Vegetable

Fruit and Garden Produce - The Pritchard Cup

B1	Selection of fresh culinary herbs	B6	A Collection of 3 different fruits
B2	4 Dessert Apples	B7	Any Other Vegetable
B3	4 Cooking Apples	B8	A Dish of Salad Greens
B4	A Dish of Raspberries	B9	A Chilli Plant
B5	A Collection of 5 Different Vegetables	B10	Any other Fruit
		B11	Most Impressive Weed

C1 Best Kept Allotment **The John Smith Cup**

Flowers (Garden or Allotment Grown) - The West Haddon Nurseries Cup

D1	A 1lb Jar of Decorative Foliage
D2	3 Dahlias
D3	1 Specimen Rose in a Bottle
D4	3 Sweet Peas
D5	4 Flowering Stems (Annuals)
D6	4 Herbaceous Perennials (2 Stems of each)
D7	3 Stems of a Flowering Shrub

Flower Arranging (Bought flowers and foliage may be used)

E1	A Fragrant Posy
E2	A Flower Arrangement in a Tin Can from your recycling bin

The Rose Bowl

This Class is judged by a ballot of visitors to the Show

E3	"A Good Sport" - Floral arrangement incorporating any accessories
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Children Only Classes (Up to 16yrs.)

- F1 A Decorated Stone on the theme 'Long Hot Summer'
- F2 Cress grown in a decorated eggshell
- F3 A Miniature Garden - any medium (max size 30cm x 30cm or closest baseboard size if using Lego/other blocks)
- F4 6 Small Decorated Cakes - judged on decoration only

The Coleslaw Cup

- G1 A Dish of Coleslaw

Home Produce - The Atterbury Trophy

- G2 A Jar of Jam
- G3 A Jar of Jelly
- G4 A Jar of Marmalade
- G5 A Jar of Fruit Curd (*any flavour*)
- G6 A Jar of Chutney, Pickle or Savoury Jam or Marmalade
- G7 5 Scones (*any flavour*)
- G8 6 Chocolate Brownies (*any recipe*)
- G9 A Victoria Sponge Cake (*any flavouring, no icing*)
- G10 A Round of Shortbread
- G11 6 Sausage Rolls
- G12 A Savoury Quiche
- G13 A Loaf of Bread, shaped by hand
- G14 A Fruit Cake (*any fruit*)
- H1 6 Eggs
- I1 A bottle of Homemade Alcoholic Drink
- I2 A Bottle of Homemade Fruit Cordial

Art - Any 2D Medium

- J1 "People"
- J2 "Creatures"
- J3 "Places"

Handicraft (open to all ages)

- K1 A Soft Toy Animal, in any material (*max size 60cm x 60cm*)
- K2 A Garment
- K3 Embroidery
- K4 An Item of Woodwork or Ceramic (*max size 60cm x 60cm*)

Rules

All exhibitors must be residents in the civil parish of West Haddon. All exhibitors in the F classes (children) must be under 16. Under-16s may also enter all other classes.

Each exhibitor can win only one award per class. Awards are Gold (3 points), Silver (2 points) and Bronze (1 point), with points added across the classes for each exhibitor to determine the trophy winners.

A, B, D, E, G, H, and I classes: exhibitors must provide their own containers or plates for staging their entries, labelled with their name **on the reverse**.

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A, B, and D classes: the exhibitor must have grown the parent plant from seed, cutting, root, bulb or set, or looked after the parent plant for at least 6 weeks prior to entry.

C class: entry is automatic with no entry fee required.

E class: flowers and foliage may be bought or home-grown.

F classes: the child or young person exhibiting the entry must have made the item with adult supervision appropriate to their age.

G, I, J, and K classes: entries should not be more than a year old and the exhibitor must have prepared everything entered under their name.

Any complaint must be lodged with the Show Secretary in writing by 2.45pm on the day of the show, with a deposit of 50p. If upheld the deposit and class entry fee will be refunded. The decision of the show organisers is final.

Organisation

On show day, you must collect your entry cards from West Haddon Village Hall before staging your entries at either venue. The

administration of entries is complicated so we cannot accept late entries on the day.

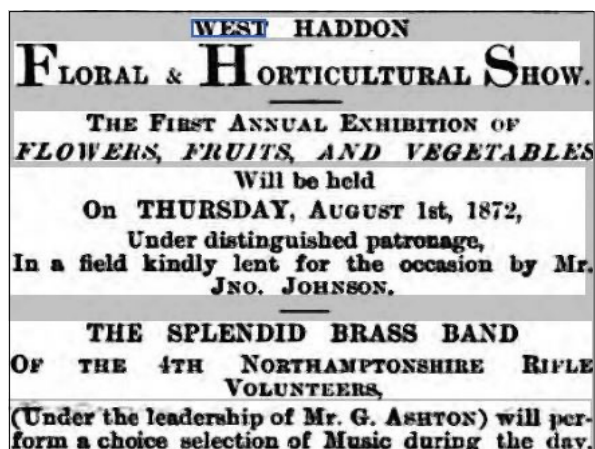
You can stage your entries from 9am, and all staging must be complete by 11.30 prompt. Please allow plenty of time if you are entering multiple classes! Stage your entries with the card face down, so judges do not see your name, only your exhibitor number.

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The judges' and stewards' briefing will take place once staging is complete, with judging finished by 1.30pm. Doors will not open for public entry until 2pm, to allow time to process the results and tidy up after the judging.

We are charging all adults, including exhibitors, 50p admission. In exchange you will receive a raffle ticket – keep it safe, as you will need to show it at the other venue to gain free admission there, and it is also your raffle ticket for a hamper made up of produce exhibited at the show.

About West Haddon Community Show



The West Haddon Community Show has a long, if interrupted, history in the village. This newscutting records the first event, in 1872; there must have been others after this, in years no longer remembered.

In 1980 a group of young mums came together to form a fundraising committee for the charity then known as Action Research for the Crippled Child. Their fundraising events included a flower and produce show, which continued annually into the current century. In 2013 we had the first Bug Trail, and that year the show formed part of the newly-revived Carnival. In 2015 the event transformed into the Growers, Makers and Bakers Show. 2017 saw the highest entry on record, with the last show being held in 2018.

Organising the show takes a lot of time and effort, and the committee decided to take a break. Thanks to the pandemic, this was a longer break than envisaged, and when nobody came forward in 2022, the committee disbanded.

All Saints' Church and West Haddon Village Hall committee members have worked jointly to bring back the Community Show, and Bug Trail, in 2026. The summer drought has made growing a particular challenge, but all exhibitors are equally disadvantaged, and we wanted to get the show re-established.

You will see at the show itself the surprising number of people required to judge, steward, administer and cater at the event! The organisers would like to express their thanks to everyone involved, as well as everyone who takes part. There is no show without you.

With particular thanks to Wendy Raybould for her history of the show

Dates for your Diary



WEST HADDON PHOTO CLUB

PHOTO SHOW

SAT 10th and SUN 11th OCTOBER All Saints' Church



WEST HADDON COMMUNITY CINEMA

At West Haddon Village Hall

Saturday 17th October - Gosford Park

Friday 13th November - Kangaroo

Wednesday 13th December - A Christmas film title TBC



West Haddon Players

MURDER MYSTERY

23rd and 24th October West Haddon Village Hall

West Haddon Parish Council
Serving the people of West Haddon

COMEDY NIGHT

Friday 20th November W.H. Village Hall



Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 27th November as part of Wassail Night
and Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November



Christmas Wassail Night 2026

West Haddon High Street, Friday 27th November

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CHRISTMAS CEILIDH and BARN DANCE

Friday 11th December W.H. Village Hall

Please book your tickets early

Next Year's Community Show
12th September 2027