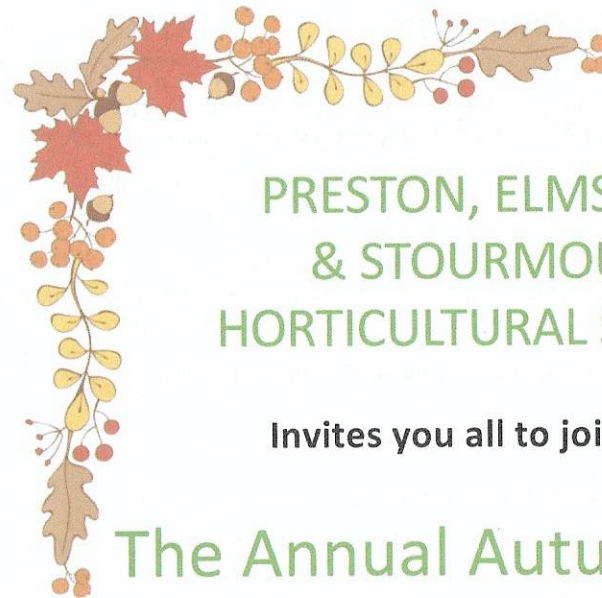




PRESTON, ELMSTONE
& STOURMOUTH
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Invites you all to join us for

The Annual Autumn Show

Entries welcomed from
both members of the public and the society

Saturday 26th September 2026
at

Preston Village Hall,
Mill Lane, Preston, Kent.
CT3 1HB

Open to the public from noon – 3pm
Buffet from 12.30pm – 2.00pm
FREE Car Parking



RULES OF ENTRY

1. This show is open to all members of the public. Entries are free. Entries for the show must arrive with the show Secretary no later than the Tuesday prior to the show.
2. All exhibits for competitions must be grown or made by exhibitors, except in floral arrangements where materials may be purchased.
3. Exhibits can be staged from 8.30am on the morning of the show, and must be ready for judging by 10.00am. No exhibit, or part of an exhibit, may be altered, or removed until 2.30, except by special permission of the Show Secretary. All exhibits must be removed by 3.00pm.
4. Exhibitors will be responsible for the proper staging/ placing of their exhibits in the space provided for them.
5. Exhibitors are not permitted to enter more than one entry in the same class.
6. Vases, plates if required, and entry cards will be provided by the society.
7. All exhibits, personal property etc. will be left at the risk of the exhibitor and the Society will not be liable for loss or damage of any item. Should the show for any reason not be held, no exhibitor will have a claim from the Society.
8. No unauthorised person is to be present whilst exhibits are being judged.
9. Exhibits will be judged on merit and the decision of the judges will be final.
10. All cups and trophies gained by exhibitors will be presented at 2.30pm in the hall. Cups are held for one year, and must be returned to the Society clean, at least one week before the next show.
11. The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, and in the event of such a refusal it is not required to give a reason or explanation.
12. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 3 points; 2nd – 2 points; 3rd – 1 point

CHAIR'S CHALLENGE

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Class 1 will be presented with the

HUBERT COLEMAN CUP

Class	Description
1	Best Potimarrou Squash (grown from distributed seeds)

FLOWERS

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 2-17 will be presented with the

DENNIS & COOPER CHALLENGE CUP

Class	Description
2	1 Foliage Only Pot Plant (Indoor or Outdoor) *
3	1 Geranium or Pelargonium Pot Plant *
4	1 Fuchsia Pot Plant *
5	1 Any other Flowering Pot Plant *
6	1 Cactus
7	1 Succulent
8	3 Decorative Dahlia Blooms 4"-6" (can be mixed) °
9	3 Matching Dahlia Blooms – Single °
10	1 Specimen Dahlia Bloom °
11	1 Specimen Chrysanthemum Bloom °
12	3 Matching Chrysanthemum Blooms °
13	3 Sprays Chrysanthemum Blooms (can be mixed) °
14	A vase of mixed garden flowers (unlimited stems) °
15	3 Stems of Michaelmas Daisy (same variety) °
16	1 Stem Hydrangea Bloom °
17	1 Any other Specimen Bloom – Not Listed Above °

* Pots not to exceed 12"

° All blooms to be displayed in club vases

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 18-22 will be presented with the

G.J.R. SLATTER CHALLENGE CUP

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 23-28 will be presented with the

MURPHY CHALLENGE CUP

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 29-48 will be presented with the

L.A. HOOD MEMORIAL CUP

Class	Description
18	10 Raspberries with Stalks
19	5 Eating Apples
20	5 Cooking Apples
21	5 Dessert Pears
22	Any other fruit not listed above (maximum of 5)
23	1 Cucumber
24	5 Tomatoes (with calyx)
25	7 Cherry Tomatoes (with calyx and not to exceed 1.5")
26	2 Bell (sweet) Peppers
27	2 Chilli Peppers
28	5 Radishes

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

29	5 White Potatoes
30	5 Coloured Potatoes
31	3 Carrots
32	3 Beetroot
33	3 Onions (from seed)
34	3 Onions (from sets)
35	5 Shallots
36	1 Marrow
37	1 Cabbage
38	2 Courgettes
39	6 Runner Beans
40	6 Dwarf French Beans
41	6 Climbing French Beans
42	Any Other Single Vegetable not Listed Above
43	5 Single Different Vegetables on an A4 Page (all vegetables scored out of 10)
44	Longest Runner Bean
45	Heaviest Marrow
46	Largest Onion (measured around the circumference)
47	Heaviest Potato
48	3 Varieties of Cut Culinary Herbs

Entries for classes 43-46 will be accepted on the day

COOKERY & BAKING

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 49-54 will be presented with the

J. HENDERSON SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 55-57 will be presented with the

D.C.V. PELLETT CHALLENGE CUP

All preserves to be labelled to include the date made

Class	Description
49	1 Jar of Marmalade (made in 2026)
50	1 Jar of Jam (made in 2026)
51	1 Jar of Pickle
52	1 Jar of Chutney
53	1 Jar of Fruit or Herb Jelly - 1lb jar (made in 2026)
54	1 jar of honey - 1lb jar (made in 2026)
55	5 cheese straws
56	5 decorated cup cakes
57	Boiled fruit cake (to recipe on page 11)

PHOTOGRAPHY

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 58-61 will be presented with the

MABEL SMITH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE BOWL

Maximum size per print 5"x7"

Class	Description
58	Depicting sport
59	Featuring food
60	A path
61	A Portrait of a Pet or Person

FLORAL ART

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 62-63 will be presented with the

D.P. CRAWFORD CHALLENGE ROSE BOWL

Class	Description
62	A Petite Autumn Flower Arrangement - not to exceed 9"x9"
63	An arrangement in a tea pot – not to exceed 2'x2'

Except where stated, all natural plant materials must be used for floral art but may be purchased. Accessories must not be used unless stated in schedule. Backgrounds, drapes and doilies are not considered to be accessories.

Where cut materials are used, stems should reach the water. No oasis to be used.
N.A.F.A.S Schedule Definitions Apply

ARTS & CRAFTS

The exhibitor awarded the most points in Classes 64-67 will be presented with the

DIANE JOHNSON CUP

Class	Description
64	A Crocheted or Knitted Item
65	An Embroidered, Tapestry or Textile Item
66	Handicraft (Homemade)
67	Painting or Drawing of Your Choice (max size 24"x24", including frame)

TIMETABLE

Activity	
Stage exhibits 8.30-10.00	
Judging 10.00-12.00 (No entry)	
Public entry 12.00-15.00	Buffet 12.30-14.00 (Tickets available to buy from 8.30 am. £10)
	Award presentation 14.00
Remove exhibits 14.30-15.00	



ENTRY FORM

Please detach and return your entry form to :

Preston Village Shop

Or

tsmith@vfast.co.uk

no later than Tuesday 22nd September

Please circle the classes you wish to enter (on reverse of form)

or,

if emailing your entries,
please list the number of each class.

Name:.....

Telephone:.....

List of Classes (Reverse of Entry Form)

Please circle the classes you wish to enter.

Chair's Challenge	Flowers	Fruit & Vegetables		Cookery & Baking	Photography	Floral Art	Arts & Crafts
1	2	18	34	49	58	62	64
	3	19	35	50	59	63	65
	4	20	36	51	60		66
	5	21	37	52	61		67
	6	22	38	53			
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	14	30	46				
	15	31	47				
	16	32	48				
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Boiled Fruit Cake

Pre heat the oven to 150°C (Gas mark 2)

Prepare and line a 20cm/8" round cake tin

Ingredients

500g Mixed dried fruit

300ml Water

150g Soft dark brown sugar

75g Butter/ Marg

260g Self raising flour

2 Eggs (beaten)

Method

Put dried fruit, water, sugar and butter into a saucepan and slowly bring to the boil.

Allow to simmer for 10 mins, remove from the heat and allow the mixture to cool. It does not need to be completely cold!

Add the flour and eggs and mix well.

Turn into the prepared tin and place in a pre heated oven for about 1.5-2 hrs, until looking golden on top and firm to touch.

Ovens vary so test cake with a skewer towards the end of cooking time



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Preston, Elmstone & Stourmouth Horticultural
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meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month

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7.30pm.

New members always welcome

For further information, please contact Alison Mortley, Chair

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