

Advice: Vegetable and Floral Sections, Autumn 2022

- Exhibitors should check that their entries comply with all the requirements mentioned in the Schedule.
- Please contact the Show Secretary for advice on specific classes.
- The following resources provide some excellent information to help you grow and prepare your horticultural exhibits for showing.

Whilst this advice is generally applicable, careful note must be made of the criteria in our Show Schedule. There may be some differences in the number of items required, the trimmed length, the method of display etc. Our Show Schedule should always take precedence.

Books:

'The Horticultural Show Handbook' published by the **RHS**. This guide will be followed by Roy Haviland when judging the Vegetable and Floral Sections. This guide is regularly updated but older editions still provide valid guidance.

'Getting Started on the Show Bench - A beginners guide to growing and showing vegetables' by Derek Brooks and published by the National Vegetable Society. Although Roy Haviland follows the RHS guidance when judging, this NVS book provides some great practical advice for those showing vegetables at any show.

'The Great British Village Show', published by Dorling Kindersley. A good beginners guide with practical advice for all show sections.

Websites:

<https://www.allotment-garden.org/vegetable-show/>

<https://www.teabreakgardener.co.uk/show-time-a-beginners-guide-to-showing-fruit-veg-and-flowers/>

https://www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk/frittenden_garden_society/file/PDF/Tips_for_Showing.pdf