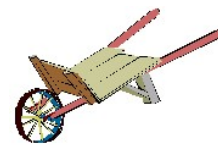
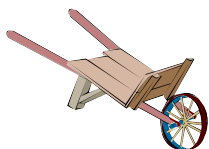


Name

2023 Membership Number

Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society



Benhill Road, Sutton, SM1 3SA

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Trading Hut Open Every Sunday 10:00am – 12:30pm

2023 SHOW SCHEDULE

Benhill Family Fun Day with

Allotment Holders Show

including 'Spud in a Tub' competition

Games for all the family, raffle,

bring a picnic from 12pm

Sunday 9th July at Allotment Site, Benhill Road, Sutton

Autumn Show

Sunday 10th September held at Benhill Allotment Site.

Open to the Public at 2.00pm

Free Entry

Diary of Events for 2023

As a member of the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society we ask that you support these events and participate in the raffles supporting SOS!SEN
(Supporting Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs)

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 21st May	Plant Swap and Open Day 10am-12.30pm
Saturday 1 st July	Coach outing with Surrey Organic Gardening Group Sussex Prairie Gardens, nr Henfield, W. Sussex
Saturday 8 th July	Quiz Night and Fish n' Chips on the 'lawns', 7pm
Sunday 9th July	Benhill Family Fun Day with Benhill Allotment Holders Show Staging 9.00-11.30am 'Spud in a Tub' Competition. Spuds in by 11.00am Games for all the family, raffle, bring a picnic from 12pm
Sunday 10th September	Autumn Show at Benhill Allotment Site 9.00am staging, 2:00pm open to public.
Sunday 19th November	AGM in Meeting Room on Allotment Site Starts at 12:00 noon
Sunday 17th December	Festive Celebrations Trading as usual
Sunday 24 th Dec 2023 and 31st Dec 2023	Trading Hut closed (Reopens January 7 th – renew membership)

Please complete your entry form on the loose sheets in the Schedule for the Shows and give or send to Graham Cockram by

6.00pm Saturday 8th July for the Allotment Holders Show and by
9.00pm Friday 8th September for the Autumn Show

or

email to gc_139@hotmail.com

For either show, entry forms can be posted by the above times, into the black metal posting box attached to the front of the trading hut at the allotment site

For Show Rules see Pages 4 and 5

The Allotment Holders Show
at Benhill Allotment Site,
Sunday 9th July 2023
Judge: Mr A Hills

1. a vase of flowers
2. 9 stems of sweet peas
3. 6 beans (French), with stalks
4. 9 beans (runner), with stalks
5. 3 beetroots, one variety, with at least 7.5cm tops
6. 1 cabbage, with at least 7.5cm stalk
7. 3 carrots, with at least 7.5cm tops
8. 3 courgettes, between 13cm – 20cm long (length requirement excluding round varieties)
9. 2 cucumbers
10. 3 garlic bulbs
11. 2 lettuces, with roots
12. 6 mangetout peas, with stalks
13. 6 pods of peas, with stalks
14. 1 marrow, not to exceed 45cm in length
15. 5 onions (autumn sown), as grown (not tied or trimmed)
16. 10 onions (salad)
17. 5 potatoes, any variety
18. 10 radishes
19. 10 spinach / beet / chard leaves
20. 3 sticks of rhubarb, no leaves, with 7.5cm tops
21. any other vegetable not mentioned above
22. 10 strawberries with stalks (one dish)
23. 10 raspberries with stalks (one dish)
24. 10 blackberries with stalks (one dish)
25. 10 gooseberries with stalks (one dish)
26. any other soft fruit

Junior Section - Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2023

27. a vegetable grown on your allotment plot
28. a miniature garden made from material from your allotment plot
29. an arrangement of wild flowers or leaves

‘Spud-in-a-Tub’ Competition- Open to all members

Each entry will be laid out on a tray, noting weight and number of potatoes.

The “Gordon Bennett” Trophy is awarded to the grower of the greatest total weight of potatoes grown from a single seed potato along with a BCHS voucher for £10. The smallest entry will win the ‘Tryarda Trophy’.

‘Spud’ Rules

- A different variety of seed potato is selected by the show committee each year.
- Members can purchase as many entries as they wish from the Trading Hut from January.
- All potatoes must be grown from the seed potato provided. (Potatoes grown from other varieties will be disqualified) in the plastic poly bag provided.
- Growers can choose the growing medium and method
- All entries must be brought to the weigh-in still in the poly bag as grown. (Tops can be removed.)
- We will dispose of any entries not collected at the end of the event.

Best Allotment Competition

- Judging for these awards takes place in the summer.

Trophies are awarded for the following:

- a) best lady allotment holder
- b) best novice plot
- c) best 125 m2 allotment
- d) best 250 m2 allotment

Showing Rules

1. The Schedule:

Please read this schedule carefully, including the rules, and refer any queries you may have to the Show Secretary, Graham Cockram at

gc_139@hotmail.com

- The judge’s decision is final in all cases.
- Judging is to be in accordance with National Vegetable Society rules, where appropriate.

2. Who can enter?

- Exhibitors for the Benhill Allotment Holders Show must be Benhill Allotment Holders
- Exhibitors for either Show must be members of the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society.
- Two or more people may not compete separately in the same class with exhibits from the same garden and/or allotment (this does not apply to Flower Arranging).
- Exhibitors must have grown plant exhibits for at least 3 months prior to the show, except in the flower arranging classes.
- Children may enter exhibits for the Junior Sections, for free.
- A novice is a person who has not won a first prize at any show in the specified section in which he/she is exhibiting. Prizes awarded in novice sections will not count towards trophies.

3. Place, dates and times:

- Both the Benhill Allotment Holders Show on Sunday July 9th and the Autumn Show on Sunday September 10th are held at the Allotment Site in Benhill Road.
- Staging is from 9.00 -11.30am on the day of the show (judging starts at 12 noon). Exhibitors are asked to leave the Show Area by 11.30am to give the stewards an opportunity to check exhibits before judging.
- The Autumn Show is open in the afternoon to the public at 2.00pm.
- Awards will be presented at approximately 12.30pm at the Benhill Allotment Holders Show and approximately 4.00pm at the Autumn Show. Exhibits must remain staged until this time.
- Please use the loose entry forms included with this Schedule to submit your entries and note the dates and times, **especially the deadline date and time. Late entries will be charged double.**
- **Please be considerate when parking** to unload exhibits. **Trolleys are available** to help avoid numerous trips to and from your vehicle.

4. The number of specimens required:

Please pay particular attention to the number and sizes (if given) of specimens required in the Schedule, as an exhibit that consists of more or less will be disqualified and labelled 'NAS', (Not According to Schedule).

5. Presentation of produce:

- All exhibits should be staged as attractively as possible with consideration given to 'condition' and 'uniformity'. An exhibit is 'uniform' when the items of which it consists are alike in age, size and form.
- An exhibit in good condition should be fresh, clean and free from blemishes and diseases.
- All exhibits should be clean and the outside of any pots should be washed.
- The natural bloom on fruit enhances its' appearance.
- Soft fruit should be shown on the stalk.
- All vegetables should be properly prepared for exhibition, with roots washed.
- It is customary to display certain items on a plate, eg. tomatoes. Plates are provided.
- Sand can be used to display.
- Carrots, beetroots, parsnips, rhubarb etc must have the leaves removed, leaving at least 7.5cm tops.
- Onions and shallots should be tied with raffia (unless otherwise stated).
- Vases are provided by the Society for all classes except those in which 'any container' or 'bowl' may be used.
- A 'dish' in the schedule refers to a specified quantity of a fruit or vegetable, which may be displayed on a table or on a receptacle of any shape.

6. Prize Money:

Entry fees:	All Classes	20p per entry
Junior Classes	Free	

1st - £2.00 2nd - £1.00 3rd - 50p will be presented at approximately 12.30pm at the Benhill Allotment Holders Show and approximately 4.00 pm at the Autumn Show. All adult classes will be paid in BCHS Vouchers.

Some awards are given according to points received:

1st - 6 points 2nd - 3 points 3rd - 2 points

- The person with the most points in the Benhill Allotment Holders Show will win an award
- Best Exhibit in the Benhill Allotment Holders Show is awarded the N.V.S. Silver Medal at the judge's discretion.

Exhibitors must clear away their entries at the end of the show, including emptying vases and disposing of sand/paper used in displays.

Any matter not provided for in these rules will be referred to the Show Secretary, whose decision is final.

The Autumn Show at Benhill Allotment Site

Sunday 10th September, 2023

An award will be presented to the person with the most first prizes in the Autumn Show.

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Flowers Section in the Show.

Flowers

Judge: TBA

Chrysanthemum

1. 1 vase, 3 chrysanthemum blooms
2. 1 chrysanthemum bloom, any classification
3. 1 vase containing 3 stems of spray chrysanthemums, 1 or more cultivars
4. **Novice Class:** 1 vase, 3 chrysanthemum blooms

Dahlias

- Blooms exceeding the limits will be judged 'not according to schedule'.
- Small: Blooms must not exceed 170mm diameter
- Medium: Blooms must not exceed 220mm diameter

5. 3 dahlia blooms, medium decorative
6. 3 dahlia blooms, small decorative
7. a vase of no more than 12 quality dahlias, any container
8. **Novice Class:** 3 dahlia blooms, medium flowered

Fuchsias

9. 6 florets, a minimum of 2 different varieties (container supplied)

Other Flowers

10. 1 specimen rose
11. 1 vase, 3 stems, any flowering shrub, any variety or varieties.
12. 1 vase mixed garden flowers.
13. 1 vase, 6 stems, annuals, 1 cultivar only
14. 1 vase, 6 stems, perennials, 1 cultivar, excluding Dahlia and Chrysanthemum

Plants

Judge: TBA

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Plants Section

15. 1 single flowered fuchsia, pot not to exceed 20cm
16. 1 double or semi-double flowered fuchsia, pot not to exceed 20cm

17. 1 pot plant, flowering, excluding fuchsia and pelargonium
18. 1 pot plant, pelargonium
19. 1 pot plant, coleus
20. 1 pot plant, foliage, excluding coleus
21. 1 cactus or succulent, any container
22. 1 pot containing cacti or succulents not exceeding 30cm

Flower Arranging

Judge: TBA

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Flower Arranging Section.

- Flower arrangements may be done prior to the show and brought to the venue.
- An exhibit consists of any plant material.
- Background, drapes and accessories may be used.
- 'Space allowed' is the width stated. Height is unlimited.

23. "Jubilee Time" (space allowed 30cm, all round display)
24. "Hedgerow" - an exhibit to include flowers, fruit and foliage, (space allowed 45cm, front facing display)
25. "Autumn Joy" in a basket (space allowed 50cm)

Vegetables

Judge: Mr A Hills

The NVS Silver Medal will be awarded to the best single dish in the vegetable section, excluding Collections.

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the most points in the Autumn Show in the vegetable section.

26. The BCHS Premier Tray

This exhibit will be a collection of 3 vegetables from the 8 listed below:

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| (3) potatoes | (2) cabbages | (3) onions | (6) tomatoes |
| (6) runner beans | (3) beetroot | (3) parsnips | (3) carrots |

- Numbers required in brackets
- All vegetables should be displayed within an area 46cm deep by 60cm frontage
- A black base cloth or board is required for presentation
- The only garnishing material allowed is parsley. No other material, ie plates, sand etc is allowed
- Onion tops, not to exceed 7.5cm may be tied or whipped using raffia
- Judged on NVS rules, with all vegetables allocated points out of 20

Prizes: 1st - £10 BCHS Voucher 2nd - £5 BCHS Voucher. 3rd - £3 BCHS Voucher.

27. 9 beans (French), with stalks
28. 9 beans (runner), with stalks
29. 3 beetroots, round or cylindrical, with at least 7.5cm tops
30. 2 cabbages, or savoys, with at least 7.5cm stalks
31. 3 carrots with at least 7.5cm tops
32. 2 cobs of sweetcorn, with outer leaves peeled back at the top
33. 3 courgettes grown between 12cm – 20cm in length
34. 1 cucumber
35. 3 garlic bulbs
36. 2 leeks, shown as grown
37. 2 marrows, not to exceed 45cm in length
38. 5 onions, 1 cultivar, not to exceed 250grms each
39. 3 onions, 1 cultivar, over 250grms each
40. 2 parsnips, with at least 7.5cm tops
41. 3 sweet peppers, with stalks
42. 6 chilli peppers, with stalks
43. 5 potatoes, white, on a dish
44. 5 potatoes, coloured, on a dish (includes coloured eyes)
45. 10 tomatoes (cherry), not exceeding 3.5cm diameter, with stalks, on a dish
46. 6 tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
47. 6 plum tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
48. 10 shallots on a dish
49. 1 squash
50. 3 sticks of rhubarb, no leaves, with 7.5cm tops
51. any other vegetable not listed above

Fruit	Judge: Mr A Hills
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An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Fruit Section in the Autumn Show

52. 3 dessert apples
53. 3 cooking apples
54. 3 pears, any variety
55. 10 blackberries with stalks on a dish
56. any other fruit not mentioned above

Novelty**Judge: Mr A Hills**

Points and prizes awarded in this class will not contribute to any award or medal

57. 1 green runner bean, judged by length
58. 1 green runner bean, judged by curliness
59. 1 onion, judged by weight
60. 1 potato, judged by weight
61. 1 pumpkin, judged by weight
62. 1 truss of tomatoes, judged by weight
63. most amusing shaped veg

Domestic**Judge: Miss S Besnard**

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Domestic Section in the Autumn Show.

Baking

- Sugar should NOT be sprinkled on cookery for decoration
- All exhibits should be displayed on a plate or board (except apple pie)
- Pastry/cake mixes used should be made by the exhibitor
- 'Large' baked items should be between 18cm and 25cm in diameter

64. a large Victoria sandwich, jam filled (not dusted with sugar)
65. a large fruit cake (not iced)
66. 6 chocolate chip muffins
67. 6 fruit scones
68. any other sweet baked item not listed above, presented with a list of ingredients and method
69. a large savoury flan, not to exceed 25cm
70. a loaf of bread with a list of ingredients made without using a bread machine
71. any other savoury baked item not listed above
72. Gentlemen ONLY; A Victoria sponge cake

Preserved Foods

- Clear covers for jars are required
- Metal lids should be removed before judging commences
- Clean jars, labeled appropriately

73. jar of soft fruit jam, made in the current year
74. jar of stone fruit jam, made in the current year
75. jar of any other fruit jam, made in the current year
76. jar of marmalade, made in the current year
77. jar of jelly, made in the current year
78. jar of chutney, made since September 2022
79. jar of relish, chili jam, pickle or ketchup, made since Sept 2022

Artwork

Judge: Miss S Besnard

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Handicraft and Artwork Sections in the Autumn Show. All Items in this section can be created by using any media but should NOT have been previously exhibited in a BCHS Show

80. a collage using a variety of materials
81. a picture of allotment life
82. a formal arrangement that includes vegetables

Photographic

Judge: Mr D Pullman

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Photographic Section in the Autumn Show. All photographs to be taken by the exhibitor and should not exceed 25cm x 20cm unless otherwise stated and presented with a caption describing the subject / location / theme of the photograph

83. a favourite building
84. a photograph of rolling hills
85. a photograph with the theme "industrial landscape"
86. a photograph of reflections
87. a close-up photograph of nature's tiniest

Handicraft

Judge: Miss S Besnard

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Handicraft and Artwork Sections in the Autumn Show. All Items in this section can be using any media but should NOT have been previously exhibited in a BCHS Show

88. any hand knitted article
89. any machine, hand sewn or embroidered article
90. any piece of handicraft not listed above, made without using a kit with sketches/notes showing idea development.

Junior Section

Judge: Miss S Besnard

- Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2023

An award will be presented to the junior exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Junior Section in the Autumn Show. Age must be stated on exhibitor's card.

- Prizes: 1st – 50p; 2nd – 40p; 3rd – 30p
91. a flower or vegetable grown from seed
 92. any model constructed from Plasticine, Clay or Lego
 93. a vegetable monster
 94. a coloured picture drawn freehand, no bigger than A4
 95. any baked item
 96. a plate of 5 decorated 'rich tea' biscuits

WINNER OF 'SPUD-IN-A-TUB'

Melvyn Lavin

Thank you to all those who entered last year
and the best of luck to those entering 2023

Graham and the Show Committee

The Allotment Shop

The shop is run by volunteer members for the benefit of all members. Any profit is used to improve the services provided.

An extensive range of items is stocked for every aspect of horticulture, both usual and specialist. These are on sale at competitive prices.

Many items are purchased in bulk by the society and re-packaged in smaller sizes so that members can benefit from low prices.

If you don't see what you are looking for, please ask. There are many items that are not on display.

The shop sells:

- Canes – of varying lengths
- Fertilizers
- Compost / John Innes / Growbags / Manure / Bark Chippings
- Hand Tools / General Gardening Equipment
- Hanging Baskets
- Pesticides
- Plant Food
- Bird Food – available in bulk
- Bird Feeders
- Chicken Pellets / Mash
- Plants – both flowers and vegetable depending on season
- Fish Food
- Plant Pots – of varying sizes and type

Can you spare a few hours on Sunday?

If you would like to help on some Sunday mornings as a volunteer, doing a variety of tasks, including weighing up, stocking the Trading Hut or serving either behind the counter or in the Barn, please speak to one of the Committee members on duty.

We always welcome new faces!