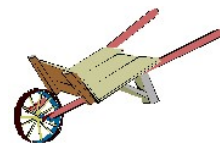
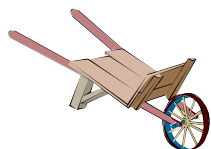


Name

2025 Membership Number

Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society



Benhill Road, Sutton, SM1 3SA

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

2025 SHOW SCHEDULE

Family Fun Day Summer Show

Spud-in-a-Tub & Beetroot Competition “Beet It”

**Games for all the family, raffle,
bring a picnic from 12:00pm**

Sunday 13th July at Allotment Site, Benhill Road, Sutton

Autumn Show

Sunday 7th September held at Benhill Allotment Site.

Open to the Public at 2:00pm

Free Entry

Diary of Events for 2025

As a member of the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society we ask that you support these events and participate in the raffles supporting Sutton Mental Health Foundation

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 18th May	Plant Swap and Open Day 10am-12:30pm
June	Coach Outing – Awaiting Details
Saturday 12 th July	Quiz Night and Fish n’ Chips on the ‘lawns’ 7pm
Sunday 13th July	Family Fun Day Summer Show, incl. Spud-in-a-Tub & Beetroot Competition “Beet It” Games for all the family, raffle, bring a picnic from 12pm
Sunday 7th September	Autumn Show 9:00-11:30am staging, 2:00pm open to public.
Sunday 23 rd November	AGM in Meeting Room on Allotment Site Starts at 12:00 noon
Sunday 21st December	Festive Celebrations Trading as usual
Sunday 28th Dec 2025 and 4 th Jan 2026	Trading Hut closed (Reopens January 11 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

9.00pm Friday 10th July for the Summer Show and by

9.00pm Friday 5th 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

The Summer Show
at Benhill Allotment Site,
Sunday 13th July 2025

Judge: Mr A Hills

1. a vase of flowers
2. 9 stems of sweet peas
3. 6 beans (French), with stalks
4. 6 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. 1 cucumber
10. 3 garlic bulbs
11. 2 lettuces, with roots
12. 6 mangetout or sugar snap peas, with stalks
13. 6 pods of peas, with stalks
14. 1 marrow, not to exceed 45cm in length
15. 4 onions (autumn sown), as grown (not tied or trimmed)
16. 10 onions (salad)
17. 4 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
27. "Beet It" competition (Beetroot seed supplied for small fee – see over for rules)
28. A selection of 4 kinds of vegetables, one of each variety, 30cm x 30cm, board provided

Junior Section - Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2025

29. a grown vegetable
30. a miniature garden made from grown material
31. 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.

'Beet It' Competition – Open to all members

'Beet It' Rules

- Members can purchase as many entries as they wish from the Trading Hut from February – entries will be a quantity of seeds of a beetroot variety in a paper envelope
- All beetroots entered must be grown from the seeds
- Growers can choose the growing medium and method
- Showing, display up to three of your best beetroot, show as dug but clean the beetroot – there will be a section in the show – please ask the Show Committee members with any questions
- A £10 BCHS voucher will be awarded to the grower of the best beetroots and £5 to the runner up
- This is a fun competition, please enter what you have grown!
- 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 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.
- Exhibitors must have grown plant exhibits for at least 3 months prior to the Show.
- 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 Summer Show on Sunday July 13th and the Autumn Show on Sunday September 7th 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 Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer Show will win an award.
- Best Exhibit in both the Summer & Autumn Show will be 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 7th September, 2025

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: Mr R White

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

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: Mr R White

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

15. 1 single flowered fuchsia
16. 1 double or semi-double flowered fuchsia
17. 1 fuchsia, not mention above

18. 1 pot plant, flowering, excluding fuchsia and pelargonium
19. 1 pot plant, pelargonium
20. 1 pot plant, coleus
21. 1 pot plant, foliage, excluding coleus
22. 1 cactus or succulent, any container
23. 1 pot containing cacti or succulents not exceeding 30cm

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.

24. The BCHS Premier Tray

This exhibit will be a collection of 3 vegetables from the 10 listed below:

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| (3) potatoes | (2) cabbages | (3) onions | (6) tomatoes | (6) French Beans |
| (6) runner beans | (3) beetroot | (3) parsnips | (3) carrots | (2) Cobs of Sweetcorn |

- Numbers required in brackets
- All vegetables should be displayed on equipment provided
- 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
- All vegetables judged on NVS rules

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

25. 6 beans (French), with stalks
26. 6 beans (runner), with stalks
27. 3 beetroots, round or cylindrical, with at least 7.5cm tops
28. 2 cabbages, or savoys, with at least 7.5cm stalks
29. 3 carrots with at least 7.5cm tops
30. 2 cobs of sweetcorn, with outer leaves peeled back at the top
31. 3 courgettes grown between 12cm – 20cm in length
32. 1 cucumber
33. 2 mini / small cucumbers between 10-20cm
34. 3 garlic bulbs
35. 2 leeks, shown as grown
36. 2 marrows, not to exceed 45cm in length
37. 5 onions, 1 cultivar, not to exceed 250grms each
38. 3 onions, 1 cultivar, over 250grms each

39. 2 parsnips, with at least 7.5cm tops
40. 3 sweet peppers, with stalks
41. 6 chilli peppers, with stalks
42. 4 potatoes, white, on a dish
43. 4 potatoes, coloured, on a dish (includes coloured eyes)
44. 10 tomatoes (cherry), not exceeding 3.5cm diameter, with stalks, on a dish
45. 5 tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
46. 5 plum tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
47. 10 shallots on a dish
48. 1 squash
49. 3 sticks of rhubarb, no leaves, with 7.5cm tops
50. 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

51. 3 dessert apples
52. 3 cooking apples
53. 3 pears, any variety
54. 10 blackberries with stalks on a dish
55. any other fruit not mentioned above

Novelty	Judge: Mr A Hills
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Points and prizes awarded in this class will not contribute to any award or medal

56. 1 green runner bean, judged by length
57. 1 green runner bean, judged by curliness
58. 1 onion, judged by weight
59. 1 potato, judged by weight
60. 1 pumpkin, judged by weight
61. 1 truss of tomatoes, judged by weight
62. most amusing shaped veg

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

63. a large Victoria sandwich, jam filled (not dusted with sugar)
64. a large fruit cake (not iced)
65. 6 chocolate chip muffins
66. 6 fruit scones
67. 6 Flapjacks
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

Preserved Foods

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

72. jar of soft fruit jam, made in the current year
73. jar of stone fruit jam, made in the current year
74. jar of any other fruit jam, made in the current year
75. jar of marmalade, made in the current year
76. jar of jelly, made in the current year
77. jar of chutney, made since September 2024
78. jar of relish, chili jam, pickle or ketchup, made since Sept 2024

Photographic	Judge: Mr D Pullman
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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

- 79. a photograph of dusk
- 80. a photograph of something fluffy
- 81. a photograph with the theme “nighttime city”
- 82. a photograph of a sporting event
- 83. a photograph of a close-up portrait

Handicraft	Judge: TBA
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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

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

Junior Section	Judge: TBA
- Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2025	

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

- 87. a flower or vegetable grown from seed
- 88. any model constructed from Plasticine, Clay or Lego
- 89. a vegetable monster
- 90. a coloured picture drawn freehand, no bigger than A4
- 91. any baked item
- 92. a plate of 5 decorated ‘rich tea’ biscuits

WINNER OF 'SPUD-IN-A-TUB'

John White

WINNER OF JULY SHOW

John White

WINNERS OF SEPTEMBER SHOW

**Rosemary Stuart – Artwork / Christine Gent – Domestic
John Shepherd – Flowers / Helen Newman – Fruit
Graham Cockram - Photographic
Kevin Grimshaw – Plants / John White – Vegetable**

Thank you to all those who entered last year
and the best of luck to those entering 2025

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!