

HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



PLOUGHING MATCH 2025

on

Sunday 21st September 2025

Ploughing

by very kind permission of

The Watkins Family

at

The Elms, Kentchurch, HR2 0BX

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Domestic Competitions

at

Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall

Pontrilas Road Ewyas Harold HR2 0EL

COMPETITION RULES

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

Please read the rules carefully and follow all instructions clearly, to avoid any mistakes or confusion.

- a) The closing date for entries to be received at the County Office is:

9PM Monday 1st September 2025. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We realise that some of the names on your entry form may change after this date. Providing the changes are notified to the competition steward this will cause no problem.

- b) All competing members must have a VALID CURRENT MEMBERSHIP, as defined under the HFYFC General Rules. **PLEASE NOTE THIS COMPETITION WILL BE THE FIRST COMPETITION FOR HFYFC IN THE 2025-2026 YEAR. ALL COMPETITORS MUST HAVE AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP TO COMPETE. MEMBERS RENEWING AND NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FROM FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025 AND ALL COMPETING MEMBERS MUST BE FULLY SIGNED UP BY 12 noon ON TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER ELSE THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPETE ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION**
- c) It is advised that a set of these rules are printed for the Club Secretary's reference and for dismantling and passing on rules to the competing members.
- d) One entry form is enclosed per Club. This is for completion and must be returned to the County Office by the deadline, all entry forms MUST be completed in Excel format.
- e) Any trophies relating to this competition held by any Club member must be returned to the County Office by the above deadline date, along with the entry form.
- f) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times and we advise clubs to avoid members 'clashing' with multiple competitions at the same time to ensure smooth running of the day.
- g) **HELPING MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL or LEARNING REQUIREMENTS.** HFYFC seeks the inclusion of the full membership in its endeavours. Should a member require assistance to compete at a County Final due to any additional physical or learning requirements, every effort shall be made to ensure inclusion of any member with dignity, respect and confidentiality. HFYFC requests prior knowledge of assistance required in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

Note: All Classes must be read in conjunction with the HFYFC General Rules and competitors should familiarise themselves with these rules prior to competing to avoid penalties, including any entries not according to schedule.

HFYFC GENERAL RULES

These General Rules are to be adhered to for all HFYFC Competitions

1. The competitions listed herein are open to members of Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) holding a valid, current YFC membership. (Valid is classed as being fully processed and authorised and of the current year, a copy of the card can be a printed copy or electronic version shown on a device.)
2. Failure to produce a fully processed and authorised valid membership will mean that the member will be unable to compete in the competition.
3. Age ranges for competitions are as follows:
 - Senior – Open to members 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025
 - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025
 - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025, and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
4. Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times
5. Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
6. No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during the competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol, or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified. Alcohol will also not be used or displayed in any competition (unless specified in the competition rules). Empty bottles can be used for display purposes only.
7. The use of mobile phones by competitors during competitions is prohibited.
8. A white coat must be worn where specified.
9. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
10. All work must have been made by members in the last 12 months.
11. All work must be that of the competitor who has booked in, if the entry is being booked in by somebody else then the person booking it in must have a copy of the competitor's card.
12. The entry to a competition cannot have been entered into a previous HFYFC competition.
13. Club or County names must not be displayed on any part of entries or displays (unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules) – *please be careful when using photographs including club tops.*
14. Where more than one entry per club is allowed in a competition, where applicable, only the points of the highest scoring entry will count towards the cups and trophies and overall results.
15. Competitors must arrive on time and report to the competition steward **before** the start time of the competition to book in with necessary equipment to complete the competition.
16. In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
17. All staged items or exhibits must remain the responsibility of the competitor. Neither HFYFC nor the site host accepts any liability for loss, damage or theft of any item.
18. No staged items or exhibits can be removed before prize giving, at penalty of disqualification.
19. The Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition rule at any time.
20. In all competitions the decision of the Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen will be final.
21. Unacceptable behaviour or questionable material by competitors or supporters which brings YFC into disrepute; or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors/performers will be

penalised. This includes maintaining a respectful attitude towards all judges, stewards, officers and any other event helpers.

Deductions

22. Late entries

- a. Any entry received by the County Office after the date and time specified on the rules for the competition, will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and the decision will come from the County Chairman and Competitions Chairman, on whether they can compete and if any deductions will apply to the club's score.
- b. The member partaking in the competition is still eligible to get a prize card and compete at the next round.
- c. The deduction will occur after the prize cards have been written out. The deduction will apply to any trophy handed out on the day, overall day scores and the end of year trophies.

23. Transferring of classes

- a. If a club wishes to transfer a member into a class (which previously had no entry) after the entries have been received by the County Office on the date and time specified on the rules for the competition a 25% deduction will incur for the CLUBS score. The member partaking in the competition is still eligible to get a prize card and compete at the next round. The deduction will occur after the prize cards have been written out and will apply to any trophy handed out on the day and the end of year trophies.

24. For entries not according to schedule

- a. 25% of marks awarded will be deducted for all entries that are not according to the schedule - This includes any exhibits oversize, missing items (recipe/photos etc). If there are multiple things wrong with the entry, there will only be one deduction of 25% applied.
- b. 25% is deducted from the total score given by the judge, but if they still place after a deduction is awarded the Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.

25. In competitions with time limits

- a. In competitions with time limits, the following marks will be deducted if the competitor overruns - (unless otherwise stated in rules – i.e., stock judging):

| Competition Length | Penalty |
|---------------------------|--|
| Up to 30 minutes | 5% of total marks per minute or part thereof |
| 31 to 60 minutes | 5% of total marks per two minutes or part thereof |
| 61 to 120 minutes | 5% of total marks per five minutes or part thereof |
| 121 minutes and over | 5% of total marks per ten minutes or part thereof |

- b. The Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.
 - c. 5% is deducted from the total score given by the judge.
26. Any disagreements from clubs/competitors about markings or deductions must be made on the day of competition to the Chief Steward or Competitions team, and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
27. In the event that a deduction is applied for any reason and the subsequent mark results in a decimal place, if the decimal place is 0.5 or above, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. If the decimal place is 0.49 or below, it shall be rounded down to the next whole number.

TROPHIES

| Trophy Name | Contributing Competitions/Awarded To |
|--|---|
| The Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest aggregate marks in both the Ploughing and Domestic Sections |
| The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in the Domestic Section |
| The Major H L F Bucknall (Four Counties Lubricants County Ploughing Cup) Challenge Cup | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest aggregate marks in the Ploughing Section |
| The W E Wilde Trophy | Awarded to the Competitor doing the best work with a Lemkin |
| The Cecil & Audrey Pritchard Cup | Awarded to the Best Overall Ploughman |
| The Autobrec Challenge Cup, donated by Autobrec Oils | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in Classes 1 & 3 of the Ploughing Section |
| The Mr Geoffrey Thomas Challenge Cup, donated by Kington YFC | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in Class 2 of the Ploughing Section |
| The FOCSA Shield | Awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in the Junior Challenge (Class 25) |
| The Charles Mayson Trophy | Awarded to the Competitor gaining the highest marks in the Soil Assessment/Crop Management competition (Class 26) |

COMPETITION TIMETABLE

| Class No | Competition | Theme (if relevant) | Time |
|-----------------|--|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Ploughing – unaided – Conventional U28 | | 9:00am |
| 2 | Ploughing – unaided – Reversible U28 | | 9:00am |
| 3 | Ploughing – unaided – Reversible U21 | | 9:00am |
| 4 | Ploughing – unaided – World Style U28 | | 9:00am |
| 5a | Ploughing – aided – Reversible U28 | | 9:00am |
| 5b | Ploughing – aided – Conventional U28 | | 9:00am |
| 6 | Display of Farm Produce | | Staged by 10:30am |
| 7 | A Homemade Herefordshire Hamper | | Staged by 10:30am |
| 8 | Junior Baking | Swiss Roll | Staged by 10:30am |
| 9 | Intermediate Baking | Bakewell Tart | Staged by 10:30am |
| 10 | Senior Baking | A Showstopper Wheatsheaf | Staged by 10:30am |
| 11 | Junior Photography | A Happy Moment | Staged by 10:30am |
| 12 | Intermediate Photography | Over the Hedge | Staged by 10:30am |
| 13 | Senior Photography | Mans Best Friend | Staged by 10:30am |
| 14 | Needlework | A Knitted or Crochet Hat | Staged by 10:30am |
| 15 | 3 Jars of Preserves | Chutney, Jelly & Relish | Staged by 10:30am |
| 16 | ‘Home-Made Liqueur’ | | Staged by 10:30am |
| 17 | 3kg Sample of Wheat | | Staged by 10:30am |
| 18 | 3kg Sample of Barley | | Staged by 10:30am |
| 19 | Woodwork | A Nesting Box for Garden Birds | Staged by 10:30am |
| 20 | Club Scrapbook | YFC Year 2024-2025 | Staged by 10:30am |
| 21 | Design a Book Cover | For 2025-26 HFYFC Yearbook | Staged by 10:30am |
| 22 | Junior Floral Art | An Altar Arrangement for Harvest Festival | 10:45am |
| 23 | Intermediate Floral Art | An Arrangement to the Theme of Herefordshire | 11:15am |
| 24 | Senior Floral Art | A Front-Facing Arrangement A Walk in the British Countryside | 11:45am |
| 25 | Junior Challenge | | 12pm |
| 26 | Soil Assessment/Crop Management | | 12:30pm |
| 27 | Iron A Shirt | | 12:30pm |
| 28 | Pot Luck | | 1.30pm |
| 29 | Face Painting | Animals | 11.30am |
| 30 | What’s in the Haynet? | | 1:45pm |
| 31 | Gameshow | | 2:15pm |

PLOUGHING CLASSES

PLEASE NOTE:

- a) No GPS/Electronic Navigational aids may be used in any of the classes.
- b) All Ploughmen must report directly to the field as signposted on their arrival to site.
- c) There is to be no walking of the furrows in the unaided ploughing classes once the competition has commenced.
- d) Ploughing should be carried out in a workman like style, and the Ploughing Chief Steward has the right to move a competitor from the UNAIDED CLASSES to the AIDED CLASSES if the work is not deemed to be of a suitable standard.
- e) Should the Ploughing Chief Steward deem the competitor to not be working to the required standard then competitors may also be asked to stop.
- f) **All tractors and ploughs must be clean before entering the ploughing fields.** Any competitors who turn up with dirty equipment will not be allowed to enter the fields and therefore **WILL NOT** be allowed to compete and will be asked to return home.
- g) **Any competing member who withdraws from any of the ploughing classes (Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a and 5b) after 5pm on Friday 12TH September 2025 will be fined £10 (to be charged to the club), as well as any competitor who is asked to return home if their tractor and/or plough is unclean or fails to turn up on the day of the competition. Withdrawals should be made to competitions@hfyfc.org.uk**
- h) All equipment used must be fit for purpose.
- i) Marks will be awarded **in accordance with the marking scheme laid down by the Society of Ploughmen (please see attached scoresheets)** in each of Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- j) **Competitors in classes 5a and 5b will be awarded 50% of the marks.**
- k) In Classes 5a and 5b, the degree of assistance shall be at the discretion of the Chief Steward. Should the Chief Steward deem the competitors to receive excessive assistance, the competitor may be asked to stop.

ALL PLOUGHS MUST REMAIN AT SITE UNTIL PRIZEGIVING HAS TAKEN PLACE

UNAIDED PLOUGHING CLASSES

Class 1: Ploughing – Conventional U28

Time: 9:00am

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of CONVENTIONAL PLOUGH
2. SEMI-DIGGER WORK – Minimum depth 6 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
3. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup, The Autobrec Challenge Cup.

Class 2: Ploughing – Reversible U28

Time: 9:00am

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of REVERSIBLE PLOUGH carrying no extraneous attachments other than a flat tail-piece and fitted with skimmers which must be used
2. Not more than **FIVE (5)** furrow ploughs to be used
3. Minimum depth 7 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
4. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup, The Mr Geoffrey Thomas Challenge Cup.

Class 3: Ploughing – Reversible U21

Time: 9:00am

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of REVERSIBLE PLOUGH carrying no extraneous attachments other than a flat tail-piece and fitted with skimmers which must be used
2. Not more than **FIVE (5)** furrow ploughs to be used
3. Minimum depth 7 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
4. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup, The Autobrec Challenge Cup.

Class 4: Ploughing – World Style Reversible U28

Time: 9:00am

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of REVERSIBLE PLOUGH
2. Not more than **THREE (3)** furrow ploughs to be used
3. Minimum depth 7 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
4. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

AIDED PLOUGHING CLASSES

Class 5a: Ploughing – Reversible

Time: 9:00am – A DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE PLOUGHING COMMENCES

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of REVERSIBLE PLOUGH carrying no extraneous attachments other than a flat tail-piece and fitted with skimmers which must be used.
2. Not more than **FIVE (5)** furrow ploughs to be used
3. Minimum depth 7 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
4. **Competitors in this class need to bring assistance; help may only be given from the headlands**
5. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 5b: Ploughing – Conventional

Time: 9:00am – A DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE PLOUGHING COMMENCES

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club, 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 13 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Rules:

1. Ploughing with any make of CONVENTIONAL PLOUGH.
2. Not more than **FIVE (5)** furrow ploughs to be used
3. Semi-Digger Work: Minimum depth 7 inches – Maximum depth 8 inches
4. **Competitors in this class need to bring assistance; help may only be given from the headlands**
5. **ANY COMPETITORS ARRIVING AFTER 9AM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Major H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

DOMESTIC SECTION

Class 6: Display of Farm Produce

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition. Any number of members may contribute.

Marks:

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| Total | 100 |
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Rules:

1. Clubs must display a bale of hay.
2. In addition to Rule 1, clubs must also provide FOUR (4) of the farm crops from the list below, as stated:
 - a. 4 Mangolds or 4 Fodder Beet Roots or 4 Sugar Beet Roots
 - b. 4 Swedes or 4 Turnips
 - c. 4 Potatoes (any variety)
 - d. One whole plant of maize without roots
 - e. 4 Cooking Apples

For example, a valid club entry would comprise: 1 bale of hay, 4 Fodder Beet Roots, 4 Swedes, One whole plant of maize without roots and 4 Cooking Apples.

3. Clubs must display all items either on a tarpaulin sheet or wool sack.
4. Clubs are to supply the tarpaulin sheet or wool sack.
5. The farm produce may be washed but may not be trimmed, unless stated above.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 7: A Homemade Herefordshire Hamper

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition. Any number of members may contribute.

Marks:

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Variety of Items | 25 |
| Display | 25 |
| Taste | 50 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Clubs are to make a hamper including a minimum of 6 DIFFERENT HOMEMADE ITEMS.
2. The hamper must be suitable to feed at least 4 people. The hamper must be suitably displayed within a maximum display area of 1m x 1m x 1m.
3. The whole hamper including the container in which it is displayed will be raffled off, please ensure you only use items that you do not want back.
4. The hamper must include:
 - A non-alcoholic drink
 - A sweet item
 - A savoury item
 - A fruit item
 - A biscuit
 - A cupcake
5. All food items must be suitably wrapped in cling film and must be clearly labelled. For the avoidance of doubt, clingfilm can be found here: [Bacoflex Refillable EasyCut Cling Film Dispenser, 10m : Amazon.co.uk: Health & Personal Care](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bacoflex-Refillable-EasyCut-Cling-Film-Dispenser-10m/dp/B000APR004)
6. In addition to Rule 4, clubs must supply samples of all the following for the judge to taste:
 - The sweet item
 - The savoury item
 - The fruit item
 - The biscuit item
 - The cupcake
7. All samples must match the items in the hamper, must be covered in cling film, clearly labelled and in a sealed box.
8. As all hampers will be given away on the day via a raffle – your hamper will remain untouched by the judges, they will only taste the samples you provide
9. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day of the competition, with all hampers to be raffled, except for the first placed hamper, which will be given to the site hosts.
10. All money raised in the raffle will be donated to HFYFC (Charity Number: 520998) with the draw taking place prior to Prizegiving on the day of the competition.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 8: Junior Baking

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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|---------------------|------------|
| Finished Swiss Roll | 50 |
| Taste | 35 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to make **A Swiss Roll filled with jam or curd of your choice** using their own recipe.
2. All items are to be made in advance and staged on the day of competition.
3. **All foodstuffs to be covered with cling film – for the avoidance of doubt, clingfilm can be found here: [Bacofoil Refillable EasyCut Cling Film Dispenser, 10m : Amazon.co.uk: Health & Personal Care](#)**
4. No alcohol to be on display.
5. Maximum Display Area = 50cm x 50cm. Unlimited Height.
6. A copy of the recipe must be provided within the display area.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 9: Intermediate Baking

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Finished Bakewell Tart | 50 |
| Taste | 35 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to make **'ONE (1) Bakewell Tart'** using a set recipe - https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/marys_bakewell_tart_12584
2. All items are to be made in advance and staged on the day of competition.
3. **All foodstuffs to be covered with cling film – for the avoidance of doubt, clingfilm can be found here: [Bacofoil Refillable EasyCut Cling Film Dispenser, 10m : Amazon.co.uk: Health & Personal Care](#)**
4. No alcohol to be on display.
5. Maximum Display Area = 50cm x 50cm. Unlimited Height.
6. A copy of the recipe must be provided within the display area.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 10: Senior Baking

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Finished Showstopper Wheatsheaf | 50 |
| Taste | 35 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to make '**ONE (1) Showstopper Bread Wheatsheaf**' using their own recipe.
2. All items are to be made in advance and staged on the day of competition.
3. **All foodstuffs to be covered with cling film – for the avoidance of doubt, clingfilm can be found here: [Bacoflex Refillable EasyCut Cling Film Dispenser, 10m : Amazon.co.uk: Health & Personal Care](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bacoflex-Refillable-EasyCut-Cling-Film-Dispenser-10m/dp/B000048888)**
4. No alcohol to be on display.
5. Maximum Display Area = 50cm x 50cm. Unlimited Height.
6. A copy of the recipe must be provided within the display area.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 11: Junior Photography

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Photograph A Happy Moment | 60 |
| Relevance to Theme | 25 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce ONE (1) photograph, 7 inches by 5 inches, mounted on a A4 card, to the theme '**A Happy Moment**'.
2. The photograph can be captured using film or digital photograph.
3. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs MUST NOT be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
4. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
5. Photos should be self-explanatory however a title is allowed or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the entry although text must be separate and NOT within the photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
6. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and may be trade processed.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 12: Intermediate Photography

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Photograph Over The Hedge | 60 |
| Relevance to Theme | 25 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce ONE (1) photograph, 7 inches by 5 inches, mounted on a A4 card, to the theme "Over the Hedge"
2. The photograph can be captured using film or digital photograph.
3. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs MUST NOT be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
4. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
5. Photos should be self-explanatory however a title is allowed or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the entry although text must be separate and NOT within the photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
6. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and may be trade processed.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 13: Senior Photography

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Photograph Mans Best Friend | 60 |
| Relevance to Theme | 25 |
| Display | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce ONE (1) photograph, 7 inches by 5 inches, mounted on a A4 card, to the theme '**Man's Best Friend**'.
2. The photograph can be captured using film or digital photograph.
3. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs **MUST NOT** be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
4. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
5. Photos should be self-explanatory however a title is allowed or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the entry although text must be separate and **NOT** within the photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
6. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and may be trade processed.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 14: Needlework

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Design | 20 |
| Construction and Knitting/Crochet Skills | 40 |
| Overall Appearance of item | 25 |
| Board Design and Appearance | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to design, make and suitably display ONE (1) **Knitted or Crochet Hat**
2. Maximum Display Area = 60cm x 60cm with unlimited height.
3. In addition to the Knitted or Crochet Hat, competitors are required to display details of how it was made, which must include FOUR (4) photographs (no more or no less) to be mounted on a A4 board showing the different stages of production.
4. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 15: 3 Jars of Preserves

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Chutney | 30 |
| Jelly | 30 |
| Relish | 30 |
| Display | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to have made **3 Jars of Preserves comprising ONE (1) Chutney, ONE (1) Jelly and ONE (1) Relish**
2. Maximum Display Area = 50cm x 50cm x Unlimited Height.
3. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 16: Home-Made Liqueur

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and **must be 18 years of age or over** on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Originality and Relevance | 40 |
| Flavour and Taste | 40 |
| Display | 20 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to have made and provide 1 x 250ml bottle of a 'Single-Flavour Home-Made Liqueur' to include a display label.
2. Competitors must include within their display a recipe card detailing list of ingredients and method used in producing the liqueur.
3. Maximum Display Area = 25cm x 25cm x Unlimited Height.
4. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 17: 3kg Sample of Wheat

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Total | 100 |
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Rules:

1. Competitors are to provide a 3kg sample of Wheat.
2. Bags for the sample must be provided by competitors.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the 3kg measurement must comprise both the sample and the bag it has been provided in.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 18: 3kg Sample of Barley

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Total | 100 |
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Rules:

1. Competitors are to provide a 3kg sample of Barley.
2. Bags for the sample must be provided by competitors.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the 3kg measurement must comprise both the sample and the bag it has been provided in.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 19: Woodwork

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Design | 30 |
| Construction | 50 |
| Finish and Aesthetics | 20 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to make out of wood and suitably display **A Nesting Box for Garden Birds** to their own design.
2. Dimensions to be 30cm height, 20cm depth and 20cm length.
3. The finished item must be freestanding and stable.
4. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 20: Club Scrapbook

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition. Any number of members may contribute.

Marks:

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| Variety of Content | 50 |
| Detail | 50 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to make and display a scrapbook covering the 2024-25 YFC Year for their club.
2. Maximum Display Area = 1 metre x 1 metre x unlimited height.
3. The name of the club may be shown on the entry.
4. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 21: Design a Cover for HFYFC Yearbook 2025/26

Time: Staged by 10:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition. Any number of members may contribute.

Marks:

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| Details | 20 |
| Colour | 20 |
| Presentation | 20 |
| Overall Appearance | 40 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are to produce an 'Design a Cover for HFYFC Yearbook 2025/26'
2. The design can be computer generated or hand drawn.
3. Size needs to be suitable for an A5 cover
4. The maximum display area is 500mm x 500mm.
5. All entries must have been made within the 12 months prior to the competition day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 22 – Floral Art: Junior

Time: 10:45am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per club. Competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Idea | 20 |
| Colour | 20 |
| Composition | 30 |
| Technical | 30 |
| Total Marks | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce 'An Altar Arrangement for Harvest Festival'
2. **FLORAL FOAM MAY BE USED FOR THIS COMPETITION**
3. Maximum time allowed **ONE HOUR to include final checks and measurement of the exhibit**. Before leaving the competing area, competitors will be given a further five minutes to check arrangements have not been disturbed during clearing up. Competitors may unpack their equipment and plant material before the hour starts. They may also set up their display area.
4. **The arrangement to be viewed from all sides**
5. The arrangement is to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
6. All work of arranging materials must be carried out at the competition.
7. Competitors must wear clean white coats during the competition. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.
8. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitors and must be assembled during the time.
9. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than the Judges or Stewards, under penalty of instant disqualification. No other person, other than the competitors, will be allowed in the competing area.
10. Competitors may use a battery-operated glue gun or any other form of adhesive. There will be no mains power supply available.
11. If floral foam is to be used, this may be pre-soaked prior to the competition. New pieces of floral foam **MUST** be used on the day of the competition.
12. Competitors are able to construct and tape their foam (oasis) in position on a board/container/exhibit prior to the one hour practical session commences.
13. The arrangement must be contained within a space measuring **760mm wide x 600mm deep x unlimited height**. Remember to include thickness of wood or overhanging drapes. *Remember – it is better to be 1cm or 1in smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the base board (i.e. the thickness of the backboard will be included in the size restrictions). Any accessories or drapes used on the base board will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit and should be within the size restrictions.*
14. A worktable will be provided close to the display area – approximately half a trestle table to be allocated per competitor.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Competitors to note that all buckets will be checked by Stewards on arrival for pre-arranged foliage.
- B. Competitors must not bring photographs/diagrams of previously arranged Floral Exhibits into the competing arena. Any competitor found doing so may be disqualified. Mobile phones must not be used whilst competing.

- C. Competitors may use 'Agra Wool' in place of Floral Foam in their exhibits. Link to Agra Wool: <https://agra-wool.nl/natural-floral-foam/>
- D. ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAFAS COMPETITIONS MANUAL 2023
- E. NAFAS Definitions NAFAS Definitions **(The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies of Great Britain)**
From the NAFAS Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023).

F. An EXHIBIT:

- Is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.
- Backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated.
- More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated.
- Plant material must predominate in all Still Life exhibits.

G. NATURAL PLANT MATERIAL

- Natural plant material is any vegetable matter
- It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild or made-up plant materials
- It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products.

H. An ACCESSORY

- Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as, feathers, shapes (spheres, cones) , shells, stones, wax candles
- Natural plant material which has been tooled or crafted to resemble non-plant forms, e.g. birds nest, corn dolly, wooden figurine.
- Accessories may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for the use of natural plant material where appropriate.
- The following are not accessories and may also be used unless prohibited by the show schedule: backgrounds, bases, containers holding plant material, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics. These may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for use of natural plant material where appropriate.

I. REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

- Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components. (Just remember – it is better to aim to be 1cm or 1 inch smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM size).
- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)
- Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems in water or water-retaining material. Exceptions: Air Plants, Cacti, Fruits, Grass Turf, Lichen, Moss, Succulents, Vegetables and long lasting plant material which will remain turgid for the duration of a show. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue resulting from adequate moisture, causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).

PLEASE NOTE: At HFYFC, competitors will not be disqualified but any of the reasons stated here will result in a 'Not according to schedule' general rules deduction

J. NOT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE DISQUALIFICATION:

'Not according to schedule' is the term used when an exhibit does not comply with the requirements of the schedule – see NAFAS reasons for disqualification above. At the HFYFC Round, the judge will write 'Not according to schedule' general rules deduction.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 23 – Floral Art: Intermediate

Time: 11:15am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per club. Competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Idea | 20 |
| Colour | 20 |
| Composition | 30 |
| Technical | 30 |
| Total Marks | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce ‘An Arrangement to the Theme of Herefordshire’.
2. **FLORAL FOAM MAY BE USED FOR THIS COMPETITION**
3. Maximum time allowed **ONE HOUR to include final checks and measurement of the exhibit**. Before leaving the competing area, competitors will be given a further five minutes to check arrangements have not been disturbed during clearing up. Competitors may unpack their equipment and plant material before the hour starts. They may also set up their display area.
4. **The Exhibit is to be front facing with a Backboard.**
5. The arrangement is to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
6. All work of arranging materials must be carried out at the competition.
7. Competitors must wear clean white coats during the competition. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.
8. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitors and must be assembled during the time.
9. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than the Judges or Stewards, under penalty of instant disqualification. No other person, other than the competitors, will be allowed in the competing area.
10. Competitors may use a battery-operated glue gun or any other form of adhesive. There will be no mains power supply available.
11. If floral foam is to be used, this may be pre-soaked prior to the competition. New pieces of floral foam **MUST** be used on the day of the competition.
12. Competitors are able to construct and tape their foam (oasis) in position on a board/container/exhibit prior to the one hour practical session commences.
13. The arrangement must be contained within a space measuring **760mm wide x 600mm deep x unlimited height**. Remember to include thickness of wood or overhanging drapes. *Remember – it is better to be 1cm or 1in smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the base board (i.e. the thickness of the backboard will be included in the size restrictions). Any accessories or drapes used on the base board will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit and should be within the size restrictions.*
14. A worktable will be provided close to the display area – approximately half a trestle table to be allocated per competitor.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- J. Competitors to note that all buckets will be checked by Stewards on arrival for pre-arranged foliage.
- K. Competitors must not bring photographs/diagrams of previously arranged Floral Exhibits into the competing arena. Any competitor found doing so may be disqualified. Mobile phones must not be used whilst competing.

- L. Competitors may use 'Agra Wool' in place of Floral Foam in their exhibits. Link to Agra Wool: <https://agra-wool.nl/natural-floral-foam/>
- M. ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAFAS COMPETITIONS MANUAL 2023
- N. NAFAS Definitions (**The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies of Great Britain**) From the **NAFAS Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023)**.

O. An EXHIBIT:

- Is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.
- Backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated.
- More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated.
- Plant material must predominate in all Still Life exhibits.

P. NATURAL PLANT MATERIAL

- Natural plant material is any vegetable matter
- It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild or made-up plant materials
- It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products.

Q. An ACCESSORY

- Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as, feathers, shapes (spheres, cones) , shells, stones, wax candles
- Natural plant material which has been tooled or crafted to resemble non-plant forms, e.g. birds nest, corn dolly, wooden figurine.
- Accessories may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for the use of natural plant material where appropriate.
- The following are not accessories and may also be used unless prohibited by the show schedule: backgrounds, bases, containers holding plant material, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics. These may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for use of natural plant material where appropriate.

R. REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

- Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components. (Just remember – it is better to aim to be 1cm or 1 inch smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM size).
- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)
- Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems in water or water-retaining material. Exceptions: Air Plants, Cacti, Fruits, Grass Turf, Lichen, Moss, Succulents, Vegetables and long lasting plant material which will remain turgid for the duration of a show. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue resulting from adequate moisture, causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).

PLEASE NOTE: At HFYFC, competitors will not be disqualified but any of the reasons stated here will result in a 'Not according to schedule' general rules deduction

J. NOT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE DISQUALIFICATION:

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Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 24 – Floral Art: Senior

Time: 11:45am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Idea | 20 |
| Colour | 20 |
| Composition | 30 |
| Technical | 30 |
| Total Marks | 100 |

Rules:

1. Competitors are required to produce **A Front Facing Arrangement 'A Walk in the British Countryside'**
2. **FLORAL FOAM MAY BE USED FOR THIS COMPETITION**
3. Maximum time allowed **ONE HOUR to include final checks and measurement of the exhibit**. Before leaving the competing area, competitors will be given a further five minutes to check arrangements have not been disturbed during clearing up. Competitors may unpack their equipment and plant material before the hour starts. They may also set up their display area.
4. **The Exhibit is to be viewed from the front with a backboard.**
5. The arrangement is to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
6. All work of arranging materials must be carried out at the competition.
7. Competitors must wear clean white coats during the competition. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.
8. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitors and must be assembled during the time.
9. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than the Judges or Stewards, under penalty of instant disqualification. No other person, other than the competitors, will be allowed in the competing area.
10. Competitors may use a battery-operated glue gun or any other form of adhesive. There will be no mains power supply available.
11. If floral foam is to be used, this may be pre-soaked prior to the competition. New pieces of floral foam **MUST** be used on the day of the competition.
12. Competitors are able to construct and tape their foam (oasis) in position on a board/container/exhibit prior to the one hour practical session commences.
13. The arrangement must be contained within a space measuring **760mm wide x 600mm deep x unlimited height**. Remember to include thickness of wood or overhanging drapes. *Remember – it is better to be 1cm or 1in smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the back board or base board (i.e. the thickness of the backboard will be included in the size restrictions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the back board or base board will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit and should be within the size restrictions. The external side of the back board will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit.*
14. A worktable will be provided close to the display area – approximately half a trestle table to be allocated per competitor.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- A.** Competitors to note that all buckets will be checked by Stewards on arrival for pre-arranged foliage.
- B.** Competitors must not bring photographs/diagrams of previously arranged Floral Exhibits into the competing arena. Any competitor found doing so may be disqualified. Mobile phones must not be used whilst competing.
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- Is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.
 - Backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated.
 - More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated.
 - Plant material must predominate in all Still Life exhibits.
- G. NATURAL PLANT MATERIAL**
- Natural plant material is any vegetable matter
 - It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild or made-up plant materials
 - It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products.
- H. An ACCESSORY**
- Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as, feathers, shapes (spheres, cones) , shells, stones, wax candles
 - Natural plant material which has been tooled or crafted to resemble non-plant forms, e.g. birds nest, corn dolly, wooden figurine.
 - Accessories may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for the use of natural plant material where appropriate.
 - The following are not accessories and may also be used unless prohibited by the show schedule: backgrounds, bases, containers holding plant material, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics. These may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for use of natural plant material where appropriate.
- I. REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**
- Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components. (Just remember – it is better to aim to be 1cm or 1 inch smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM size).

- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)

• Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems in water or water-retaining material. Exceptions: Air Plants, Cacti, Fruits, Grass Turf, Lichen, Moss, Succulents, Vegetables and long lasting plant material which will remain turgid for the duration of a show. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue resulting from adequate moisture, causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).

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J. NOT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE DISQUALIFICATION:

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Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 25: Junior Challenge

Time: 11:30am

Entries: Open to TWO (2) teams of TWO (2) members per Club. All competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 st Placed Team | 100 |
| 2 nd Placed Team | 90 |
| 3 rd Placed Team | 80 |
| 4 th Placed Team | 70 |
| 5 th Placed Team | 60 |
| 6 th Placed Team and Below | 50 |

Rules:

1. Teams shall complete a competition in a manner as laid out by the judge on the day.
2. The competition may involve competitors getting wet, so it is recommended that a spare change of clothes be brought on the day.

Awards: FOSCA Shield, Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 26: Soil Assessment/Crop Management

Time: 12:30pm

Entries: Open to TWO (2) members per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Total (Out Of) | 100 |
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Rules:

1. Each competitor will be required to answer a multi-choice test paper without use of reference material. The questionnaire will have four sections and each competitor will choose any THREE of the sections from the list below:
 - a. Soils
 - b. Cereals
 - c. Other Arable Crops
 - d. Grass and Forage Crops
2. In addition to the multi-choice test paper, each competitor will be required to answer questions, identify slides or specimens as directed by the Judges.
3. Competitors will also be required to make an in-field crop inspection and comment on the crops.

Awards: The Charles Mayson Trophy, Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 27: Iron A Shirt

Time: 12:30pm

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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| Total | 100 |
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Rules:

1. Competitors to iron a shirt, all equipment will be provided. Time allowed 5 minutes.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 28: Pot Luck

Time: 1.30pm

Entries: Open to ONE (1) team of TWO (2) members per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 st Placed Team | 100 |
| 2 nd Placed Team | 90 |
| 3 rd Placed Team | 80 |
| 4 th Placed Team | 70 |
| 5 th Placed Team | 60 |
| 6 th Placed Team and Below | 50 |

Rules:

1. Teams shall compete in a mystery competition.
2. All materials will be supplied by County.
3. The competition may involve competitors getting wet, so it is recommended that a spare change of clothes be brought on the day.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 29: Face Painting

Time: 11:30am

Entries: Open to ONE (1) team of TWO (2) members per Club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Idea/Originality | 20 |
| Accuracy/Detailing | 30 |
| Overall Appearance | 40 |
| Catwalk | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

Rules:

1. One competitor shall face paint the other teammate to the theme '**Animals**'.
2. Teams are to supply all materials except tables and chairs which will be supplied by HFYFC.
3. Teams will have a maximum of THIRTY (30) minutes to complete their face painting.
4. At the conclusion of the time limit, all face painted competitors will be asked to model their finished designs in a catwalk style show.
5. PLEASE NOTE: Competitors should ensure that the paint used is safe for their skin.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 30 – What's in the Haynet

Time: 1:45pm

Entries: Open to TWO (2) competitors per club 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

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| Marks: | First placed competitor | 100 |
| | Second placed competitor | 90 |
| | Third placed competitor | 80 |
| | Fourth placed competitor | 70 |
| | Fifth placed competitors and below | 60 |

Rules:

- 1 Competitors will be required to guess and name the mystery items in a haynet whilst blindfolded.
- 2 Competitors should remember that there may be items in the haynet which could be messy/dirty and therefore they may wish to consider bringing a change of clothes.
- 3 The HFYFC General Rules apply to this competition unless otherwise stated above.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.

Class 31 TV Gameshow

Time: 2.15pm

Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per Club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition

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| Marks: | 1 st place | 100 |
| | 2 nd place | 90 |
| | 3 rd place | 80 |
| | 4 th place | 70 |
| | 5 th place | 60 |
| | 6 th place and below | 50 |

Rules:

- 1 The competition will be similar to a television game show and will be announced on the day.
- 2 All equipment will be provided by County.

Awards: Hereford and District Chamber of Commerce Challenge Cup, The Mrs H L F Bucknall Challenge Cup.