

The Brightling Flower

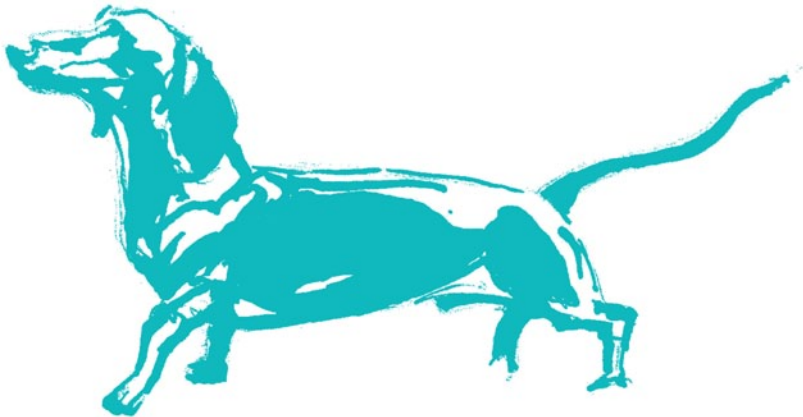


& Dog Show

Saturday 18th July 2026

Gates open at 1.30pm

*** Free Parking *** Under 16s Free *** 16 and over £3 entry ***



Tower Field, Brightling

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Chris French & Family

<https://brightling.community/flower-show/>

Facebook: Brightlingflowershow

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PROGRAMME

BRIGHTLING FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

MORNING

- 8.00 Open for entries and staging of exhibits
9.30 Tent closed. No further entries accepted
10.00 Judging begins

AFTERNOON

- 13.30 The show opens! Wander through an array of stalls selling gifts, fresh produce, plants, and plenty more. There's fun for all ages with children's games, alongside tea and coffee, delicious homemade cakes, and a fully stocked bar serving local beer from Lakedown, sparkling wine from Mountfield Winery, and more. Tuck into a tasty BBQ and freshly made pizza from Pioppi Pizza, available throughout the day.
- 13.45 Dog Show
Music by Warbleton Brass Band
1066 Falconry display
- 16.00 – 16.30 Exhibits may be removed from tent
16.45 Presentation of Trophies & Children's Medals
Auction of exhibits left in the marquee & Raffle

EVENING

- 17.00 onwards Live music by SUCH! with a special guest, Terry Alex on Sax. Bar to continue into the evening



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Hon. President	Mrs Helena Grissell, Turner's Farm, Brightling
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AWARDS & TROPHIES

The Premier Award, a BANKSIAN MEDAL – presented by the Royal Horticultural Society, to be awarded to the exhibitor awarded most points in the Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers classes. Exhibitors who won the Banksian Medal in the last two years are not eligible.

THE CHALLENGE VASE – presented by Mrs Wilson Fox, to be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in the Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers Classes.

THE DAVID VERRALL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY – presented by Mr & Mrs C G Verrall, for the best entry in the Children's classes.

JUNIOR COMPETITOR AWARD OF MERIT – for the best entry in class 97, the Children's Veg.

JUNIOR COMPETITOR AWARD OF MERIT – for best posy, class 98.

THE JOCK LOGAN MEMORIAL CUP – presented by David & Gaye Logan, to be awarded to the Vegetable Gardener of the year.

DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE – presented by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners on behalf of the Gardeners' Benevolent Fund, for the most outstanding exhibit in the Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers Classes.

THE E.A. WRENN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY – presented by Mrs Wrenn and family, for the best entry in the Vegetables Class.

THE LILLEY CHALLENGE TROPHY – presented by James Lilley, for the best entry in the Flowers Class.

THE STUART & WIN ODDY MEMORIAL TROPHY – presented by Mr & Mrs C Farley, for the best entry in Class 48 (Flowering Shrubs).

THE CHALLENGE SILVER ROSE BOWL – presented by Mrs Rosemary Grissell, for the best entry in the Roses Classes.

THE PAT TURNER MEMORIAL TROPHY – for the best entry in Class 45 (Sweet Peas).

THE HINCHEY MAGILL TROPHY – presented by the Hinchey and Magill families, for the best Floral Arrangement in the Show.

NOVICE'S AWARD OF MERIT FOR FLORAL ART – awarded to the winner of Class 66.

THE CHARLES GAYMER MEMORIAL BOWL – to be awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the Produce, Arts and Crafts Classes.

THE MAISIE WINCHESTER MEMORIAL CUP – awarded to the best bake.

THE DIGGING TROPHY – presented by Mark Bridge for the most interesting artefact unearthed while gardening.

THE BRIGHTLING PHOTOGRAPHY TROPHY – presented by Jane & Geoffrey Beard, for the best entry in the Photography Class.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE SALVER – presented by the Fraser family. A family award to be presented at the discretion of the Flower Show Society.

THE BEST IN SHOW – presented by Woodlands Farm for the best dog of the show.

THE DAVID GASSON LITTER PICKING MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE – awarded for the most unusual find

2025 Winners

Trophy/Award	Winner
R.H.S Banksian Medal	Vanessa Everett
The Challenge Vase	Sally Rogers
David Verrall Memorial Challenge Trophy	Lucy Hoad
Junior competitor Award of Merit- Posy	Edith Foy
Junior competitor Award of Merit -Veg	Amelia Plumley
The Jock Logan Memorial Cup	Sally Rogers
Diploma in Horticulture	Sally Rogers
EA Wrenn Memorial Challenge Trophy	Matt Hoad
Lilley Challenge Trophy	Helena Grissell
Stuart and Win Oddy Memorial Trophy	Alfie Malewicz
Challenge Silver Rose Bowl	David Rodgers
Pat Turner Memorial Trophy	Bill Vorley
Hinchey Magill Trophy	Su Di-Stefano
Charles Gaymer Memorial Bowl	Roy Brockman
The Digging Trophy	Rachael Ricks
The Brightling Photography Trophy	Roy Brockman
Golden Jubilee Salver	Plumley Family
David Gasson Litter Picking Challenge	Bev Gill
Dog Show - Best in Show	Emily & Twiggy

The Committee kindly ask that trophies won in 2025 must be cleaned and returned to one of the committee members by Saturday 4th July.

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS

Brightling Flower Show Society has a copy of the RHS official competition handbook "The Horticultural Show Handbook".

If you wish to borrow it, contact Charlotte Emslie on 07917 163357
or email: brightlingflowershow@gmail.com

ALL ENTRIES must adhere to size specifications when stated.

VASES – Cut flower classes **must** use the vases provided by the show.

VEGETABLES should be clean and fresh, free from blemishes, as uniform in size and colour as possible and properly prepared for exhibition.

ROOT CROPS especially should be carefully washed and unwanted side shoots trimmed off.

CARROTS – of medium size, of good shape and bright in colour, with 3" of leaf stalk left on.

BRASSICAS – 3" of stalk left on.

POTATOES – clear-skinned tubers of uniform shape. Eyes should be few and shallow.

ONIONS – large and well-ripened, with thin necks. Tops tied with raffia and placed upright on a bed of sand in a saucer or plate.

SHALLOTS – tops tied with raffia and placed upright on a bed of sand in a saucer or plate.

SPRING ONIONS – fresh, tender, young, non-bulbous plants, showing white bases with clean roots and foliage attached.

COURGETTES & CUCUMBERS – young and tender, shapely and well-matched. Courgettes should be a maximum of 6" in length not including the flower.

LETTUCES – firm and tender hearts, with crisp outer leaves of good colour, roots left on.

BEETROOT – of medium size with smooth clear skins and flesh of a uniform dark colour, with 3" of leaf stalk left on.

TOMATOES – ripe but firm, with calices attached.

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

1. Runner Beans – 5
2. French Beans – 8
3. Broad Beans – 6 pods
4. Peas – 6 pods
5. Mange Touts – 6 pods
6. Carrots – 4
7. Cauliflower – 1
8. Cabbage – 1
9. Potatoes Red – 5
10. Potatoes White – 5
11. Salad Potatoes – 5
12. Onions – 5
13. Spring Onions – 5
14. Shallots – 5
15. Garlic Bulbs – 3
16. Courgettes – 3 (6"/15cm max. not including flower)
17. Lettuce Cos – 1
18. Lettuce Cabbage – 1
19. Beetroot – 3
20. Radish – 4
21. Tomatoes – 4
22. Cherry Tomatoes – 4
23. Cucumber – 1
24. Longest Runner Bean
25. Heaviest Potato
26. Vase of 5 Herbs
27. Amusingly-shaped vegetable
28. Any vegetable not included in classes 1-23
29. Trug of 5 different vegetables
30. Currants Black – 6 bunches
31. Currants Red – 6 bunches
32. Gooseberries – 5
33. Raspberries – 6
34. Rhubarb – 3 sticks
35. Selection of soft fruit – 3 each of 3 varieties

FLOWERS

Cut flower classes **must** use the vases provided.

36. Specimen Rose – 5 stems
37. Specimen Rose – 1 stem
38. Rose: 1 Variety, Cycle of Bloom, (bud, ½ - ¾ open, full bloom)
39. Vase of Climbing & Rambler Roses
40. Vase of Floribunda Roses
41. Vase of Edible Flowers
42. Pinks – 5 blooms, any colour
43. Pansies – 5 blooms, any colour
44. Hydrangeas – 5 blooms
45. Sweet Peas – 9 stems, either same variety or mixed
46. Vase of Mixed Annuals
47. Vase of Herbaceous Perennials
48. Flowering Shrubs – 3 stems, 1 or more varieties
49. Alstroemeria – 3 stems, same colour, same variety
50. Clematis – 3 blooms, same colour, same variety
51. Dahlias – 3 blooms, same colour, same variety
52. Specimen Lily – 1 stem
53. Geraniums – 3 stems
54. Flowering Pot Plant
55. Foliage Pot Plant
56. Cactus or Succulent Plant
57. Vase of Scented Flowers
58. Gladioli – 3 spikes
59. Petunias in a pot – any colour
60. Sunflower – tallest. Children welcome to enter.
61. Hosta in a pot
62. Hanging basket



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Flower arrangements must not exceed 24"/60cm in height or width (unless otherwise specified). Accessories may be used.

63. A breakfast arrangement in an egg cup. Overall size 4".
64. Arrangement of 5 flowers staged in a tea pot – Overall size 15".
65. Arrangement of bright and bold colours.
66. Country Garden – Overall size 15".
Open to exhibitors who have not previously won a prize in the Floral Section.
67. Year of the Fire Horse arrangement
68. Arrangement in shades of one colour
69. Arrangement in a boot – Men only. Size does not matter.

CRAFT, ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

70. A home craft (not knitting or textiles).
71. An upcycled item demonstrating creative flair.
72. A knitted or crocheted item of clothing.
73. An item of needlework or tapestry.
74. A painting or drawing of still life (framed or unframed).
75. An item made using clay.
76. Buried treasure – most interesting artefact found by you in the locality.
Entries are encouraged for anything unusual, historically interesting or with strong local connections. An effort will be made to identify and comment on all items submitted.
77. Photography – Favourite view
78. Photography – A season
79. Photography – Featuring water
80. Photography – Summer frolics



PRODUCE & COOKERY

81. 6 Eggs – uniform size and colour
82. Loaf of bread, flour of choice
83. Seasonal quiche – 6 people
84. Shortbread fingers x 6
85. Lemon tart – size of choice
86. Sausage roll, flavour of choice – Men only

87. Battenberg Cake

Ingredients: For almond sponge - 175g very soft butter, 175g golden caster sugar, 140g self-raising flour, 50g ground almonds, ½ tsp baking powder, 3 medium eggs, ½ tsp vanilla extract, ¼ tsp almond extract. For pink sponge - 1 x ingredients for almond sponge, pink food colouring. To assemble - 200g apricot jam, 2 x blocks white marzipan, little icing sugar for dusting.

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan) and line a 20cm square tin. Make almond sponge: Beat butter, sugar, flour, ground almonds, baking powder, eggs, vanilla, and almond extract until smooth. Bake 25–30 mins. Cool. Make pink sponge: Repeat, but omit almond extract and add pink food colouring. Bake and cool. Warm and sieve the jam. Trim cakes into equal-sized strips (2 almond, 2 pink). Roll marzipan (lightly dusted with icing sugar) to ½ cm thick and just over 20cm wide. Brush marzipan with jam. Place one pink and one almond strip side by side, leaving a 4cm edge. Brush those layers of cake with jam, then layer remaining strips on top in alternating colours to create a checkerboard. Brush the cake with jam again. Trim marzipan to fit, wrap around cake, seal edges, and crimp neatly.

88. Celebration cake
89. Marmalade – jar of
90. Jelly – named, in jar
91. Jam – named, in jar
92. Honey – jar of
93. Chutney – named, in jar
94. Homemade cordial – labelled, in bottle
95. Homemade alcoholic drink – labelled, in a hip flask
96. Disaster Class – any item from Classes 82 to 88 that did not turn out as expected

Cakes, bread & baked goods must be covered with clingfilm. Jam jars (of about 1 lb / 454g) must be clean and properly labelled. No proprietary name, trademark or description of former contents should be visible on jars or bottles. All preserves should be presented with either cellophane tops, having sealed the contents with a waxed disc OR a twist lid. Twist lids should be put on immediately after filling each jar. The lid should pop when opened (this means it is sealed and will keep for a long time). Wax discs are not necessary with twist lids.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ALL AGES – up to & including 16 years old

97. Any vegetable you have grown yourself
98. Small, tied posy
99. Home-made scarecrow
100. Vehicle made out of Lego, no kits
101. Junk model robot

AGE 8 to 12

102. Painting / Drawing of one of the Brightling follies
103. Rocky road, fillings of your choice x 4
104. Garden in a seed tray
105. Photography – Animals

AGE 5 to 7

106. Decorate 6 flags of paper bunting
107. Summer Wreath
108. Garden in a seed tray
109. Insect Fairy Cakes x 2

AGE 4 & UNDER

110. Create a flower collage on a paper plate
111. Decorated fairy cakes x 2
112. Decorated flowerpot

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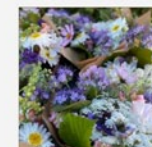
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DOG CLASSES

1. Best puppy up to 12 months (fully vaccinated)
2. Most handsome dog
3. Prettiest bitch
4. Best condition
5. Best movement
6. Best rescue dog
7. Best veteran
8. Best pedigree
9. Best crossbreed
10. Dog judge would like to take home
11. Best in show
12. Dog and handler fancy dress



NOTICES & RULES

ENTRIES

Entry forms must be submitted by **Wednesday 15th July**, after which time a late entry fee of £1.50 per entry applies.

No entries will be allowed into the Show after 9.30am on Show Day.

FEES

Children's classes: Free
 Dog classes: £2 per dog, per class (payable on the day)
 All other classes: £1 each entry
 Late entries: £1.50 per entry

AWARDS

- Points for the Challenge Trophies (Vegetables/Fruit/Flowers sections) will be awarded as follows: 1st: 4 points. 2nd: 3 points.
- The judges may withhold awards in any class in which, in their opinion, there is not sufficient competition or the exhibits do not merit a prize.

PRIZES

Trophies & Awards will be presented. All winners in the children's classes will be awarded a medal. Rosettes will be awarded for winners of the dog classes.

NOTES & RULES FOR EXHIBITORS (see also Preparation of Exhibits)

- All vegetables, fruit and flowers must be grown and cultivated by the exhibitor or by members of his/her family residing with him/her.
- Two or more persons may not compete in the same class with produce from the same garden / allotment in the vegetables, fruit and flowers classes. Members of the same household may compete against each other in all other classes.
- No exhibitor may exhibit more than one item in any one class.
- The Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden of any prospective exhibitor during the week preceding the Show.
- By entering the Show, exhibitors agree to abide by the rules and the decisions of the Management Committee and its appointed Judges.
- Any entry remaining in the tent after 4.30pm will be included in the "auction" fundraiser.

JUDGES

The judges will be appointed by the Committee and may not compete.

DOG CLASSES

- Dogs on leads at all times, including in the show ring. If a dog needs to be released for a trick it must be able to return upon command.
- Clear up all dog mess and dispose of as directed.
- No bitches on heat or dogs that are aggressive in the company of other dogs.

ENTRY FORM

Entries must be submitted by **Wednesday 15th July**, after which time a late entry fee of £1.50 per item applies. Entries can either be made by email to brightlingflowershow@gmail.com (payment on the day) or completed forms and payment can be given to:

Yvonne Crundwell	Helena Grissell	Joanna Foy
Divers Cottage	Turner's Farm	2 Drive Cottages
Brightling	Brightling	Socknersh Farm

This form is also available to view at: <https://brightling.community/flower-show/>

Dog Show: Enter in the dog ring on the day. £2 per dog per class.

Queries: Charlotte Emslie: 07917 163357 or brightlingflowershow@gmail.com

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	

I wish to enter the following classes (insert numbers per schedule)																				

Age (if under 16)	
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No. Classes @ £1 per entry	Total	£
No. Classes FREE (under 16)		N/A

PLEASE TICK 1, and 2 if relevant.

1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have read and will comply with the "Notices & Rules"
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