



CHORLEY FLOWER SHOW

26-28 July 2024

Astley Park, Chorley
10am - 5pm

Competitions Programme 2024

Chorley
Council

HOW DOES THE COMPETITION WORK?

This section of the show continues to go from strength to strength and is a popular attraction for our visitors. We see new exhibitors each year and we are keen to get as many first time entrants too. Our take on it is if you enjoy your garden, others will too, so why not give it a go? There are prizes in each of the classes and this year we have included our amateur photography competition, children's design a garden competition and information on how to get involved in our community and schools garden competition. There are six different sections:

FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASSES: The Chorley & District Gardening Society celebrate their 140th year anniversary in 2024 and we call upon their expertise to organise this popular competition. We have 77 classes in total this year, including the fruit and vegetable classes and children's classes to inspire the next generation of budding gardeners. All the information can be found on [pages 3-5](#).

BEGONIA: Back again for 2024 the National Begonia Society are helping us to host our Begonia competition to provide more floral delights and vibrant colour to the show. Information can be found on [pages 6-7](#).

FLORAL ART: If you are creative and enjoy working with flowers, our floral competition is right up your street! With new classes for 2024 and children's competition to inspire the next generation! All the information can be found on [pages 8-9](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION: Launched during our virtual show in 2020, the photography competition has proved popular with snappers and has provided some striking images for the show. Information can be found on [page 10](#).

CHILDREN'S DESIGN A GARDEN COMPETITION: This competition returns for 2024 to inspire the next generation of garden designers as they can see their ideas brought to life at the Chorley Flower Show. Information on [page 11](#).

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION: These popular 2x2 metre gardens were a real hit with visitors to the show and provide an opportunity for charities, community groups and schools to interact with our show visitors. Information on how to get involved can be found on [page 12](#).

All entries to:

Chorley Council, Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP or emailed to events@chorley.gov.uk

Deadline for entries:

Flower, Fruit and Vegetable and Begonia classes is Friday 19 July

Floral Art Competition is Sunday 14 July

Photography Competition is Sunday 23 June

Children's Design a Garden Competition is Sunday 12 May

Community and Schools Garden Competition is Sunday 2 June

If you need any advice with your application email events@chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515151.

FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASSES

NEW CLASSES

Prize money for all classes will be as follows:

First: £7.50 Second: £5 Third: £2.50

CLASS

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|----|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dahlia - Cactus or Semi-Cactus | 1 vase, any size, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 2 | Dahlia - Cactus or Semi-Cactus | 1 vase, any size, 1 bloom |
| 3 | Dahlia - Decorative | 1 vase, any size, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 4 | Dahlia - Ball | 1 vase, any size, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 5 | Dahlia - Pompom | 1 vase, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 6 | Dahlia - Collerette | 1 vase, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 7 | Dahlia - Waterlily | 1 vase, 3 blooms, one variety |
| 8 | Dahlia - Decorative or Ball | 1 vase, 1 bloom |
| 9 | Dahlia | 1 basket - Not more than 15 blooms |
| 10 | Roses - Floribunda | 1 vase, 3 stems, one variety |
| 11 | Roses - Mixed Vase | 1 vase, 4 stems, two or more varieties |
| 12 | Rose - Specimen bloom | 1 vase, 1 single bloom |
| 13 | Carnations | 1 vase, 3 blooms, one or more varieties |
| 14 | Pinks | 1 vase, 3 stems, one or more varieties |
| 15 | Sweet Peas | 1 bowl (max 10cm dia.), mixed of any kind |
| 16 | Sweet Peas | 1 vase, 7 stems, any variety |
| 17 | Pansies or Violas | 5 blooms, any variety, in a small vase |
| 18 | Mixed garden flowers | 1 vase, max 8 stems (Excluding classes 1-12, see tips page 4) |
| 19 | Annuals | 1 vase, 5 stems, one variety |
| 20 | Annuals | 1 vase, 5 stems, 3 or more varieties |
| 21 | Perennials | 1 vase, 3 stems, one or more varieties
(Excluding classes 1 – 12) |
| 22 | Ornamental grass or sedge | 1 vase, 5 stems in flower with attached leaves |
| 23 | Gladiolus | 1 vase, 1 spike, any variety |
| 24 | Gladiolus | 1 vase, 3 spikes, any variety or varieties |
| 25 | Pelargonium or Geranium | 1 plant in flower, max 23cm pot |
| 26 | Zonal Geranium | 1 cut bloom in a vase with two own leaves |
| 27 | Fuchsia | 1 plant, pot size up to 13cm |
| 28 | Fuchsia | 1 plant, pot size over 13cm up to 23cm |
| 29 | Standard or Half Standard Fuchsia | 1 plant, max 30cm pot |
| 30 | Fuchsia stems | 1 vase, 3 stems, any variety |
| 31 | Pot plant in flower | 1 plant, max 23cm pot – excluding Fuchsia, Pelargonium/Geranium, Begonia |
| 32 | Orchid in Flower | 1 plant any variety, max 15cm pot |
| 33 | Indoor foliage pot plant | 1 plant, max 23cm pot – excluding Fern, Begonia |
| 34 | Fern | 1 plant, max 30cm pot |
| 35 | Hosta | 1 plant, max 23cm pot |
| 36 | Cactus (clustering/multi-headed) | 1 plant, up to 13cm dia. pot |
| 37 | Cactus (solitary or clustering) | 1 plant, over 13cm dia. pot |
| 38 | Succulent (miniature/small growing) | 1 plant, up to 13cm dia. pot |
| 39 | Succulent (Aeonium/Agave, etc.) | 1 plant, over 13 cm dia. pot |
| 40 | Echeveria | 1 plant, up to 10cm dia. pot |
| 41 | Sempervivums | 1 container, up to 30cm dia |
| 42 | Patio container | Max 40cm diameter or 40cm square container
planted with single or variety of plants |
| 43 | Mixed Class | 1 vase, max. 5 stems, one or more varieties
and 1 plate of vegetables |
| 44 | Bunch of herbs | 4 varieties, to be displayed in a glass jar/vase (see rule 6) |
| 45 | Tomatoes | 4, with calyx, to be displayed on a plate |
| 46 | Tomatoes | 4, small fruited or cherry with calyx |
| 47 | Cucumber | 2, one variety |

48	Potatoes - white	4, one variety
49	Potatoes - coloured	4, one variety
50	Potatoes mixed	4, 2 white and 2 coloured
51	Onions	3, one variety, not to exceed 250gm each
52	Onions	3, one variety, exceeding 250gm each
53	Beetroot	3, any variety, with 75mm tops
54	Broadbeans	4, with stalks
55	Runner beans	4, with stalks
56	French beans	4, with stalks
57	Carrots - long	3, with 75mm tops
58	Carrots - stump rooted	3, with 75mm tops
59	Radishes, salad	6, one variety with 30mm tops
60	Courgette	2, one variety, 100-150mm long, with flowers attached
61	Marrow	1
62	Chilli pepper	2, one variety
63	Peas	4, with stalks
64	Shallots	6, to be shown on a plate, one variety
65	Shallots - pickling	10, not to exceed 30mm, to be shown on a plate, one variety
66	Rhubarb	3 sticks - leaf blades trimmed back to approx. 75mm
67	Gooseberries	1 variety, not less than 10, dish or plate, with stalks/strigs attached
68	Currants	1 variety, 5 strigs
69	Any other soft fruit (excluding classes 67 & 68)	1 variety, not less than 10, dish or plate, with stalks/strigs attached

NOVICE Classes (see show rule page 14 rule 18)

70	Mixed garden flowers	1 vase, 5 stems
71	Pot plant in flower	1 plant, max 23cm pot

CHILDREN Classes

7 YEARS AND UNDER

72	I grew this plant from seed in 2024	Does not have to be a flower
73	Creature	Made from fruit or vegetables

8 TO 11 YEARS

74	Vase of mixed flowers	To be judged from all sides
75	Carrots	3, with 75mm tops

12 TO 16 YEARS

76	Bowl of floating flower heads	Bowl not to exceed 30cm
77	Photo of wild flowers	Not to exceed 7in x 5in, no border

TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS - To get you started we've included some tips to help you have the best chance of succeeding, particularly if you've never entered a show before:

- Plants used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries are allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, will be allowed. No additional foliage should be included, except classes 13 and 14 (dianthus foliage only).
- **Packing materials – in line with RHS guidance, floral foam (Oasis) will not be permitted.** Alternatives can include chicken wire, flower frogs, gravel, rocks, pebbles, willow, rattan or pliable reeds, wood wool, straw or recyclable floral clay.
- In all classes where a vase is referred to it must be taller in height than it is wide at the mouth.
- For flower class 18 (one vase of mixed flowers) – a vase of mixed flowers should contain eight stems taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. This means two different kinds of plants; two different varieties of the same flower are not two different kinds. Only fresh home grown flowers can be used in the vase.
- Tomato classes - sand will not be permitted for display.
- See page 14 for the rules of these classes.

ENTRY FORM

Flower, fruit and vegetable classes



Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry

Total entries

I hereby declare that I will comply with the conditions set out in the show rules (see page 14).

Name:

Address:

Post code: Tel number:

Email:

Signed:

Date: If entering a children's class, age on show date:

Entry form must be received by no later than Friday 19 July at 5pm.

If you would like to be kept informed about future events, please tick here

Prize Money:

Received by:

BEGONIA COMPETITION

Begonia classes

After the successful introduction of the Begonia competition for the 2021 show, the National Begonia Society will again be holding this competition at the Chorley Flower Show in 2024. The competition is open to everyone to enter whether you are a member or not and we would love to see plenty of entrants giving it a go and taking part.

CLASSES

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Three pots of tuberous double begonia | 1st £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £10 |
| 2. One pot of tuberous double begonia | 1st £10, 2nd £6, 3rd £3 |
| 3. One pot of rhizomatous/rex or cane begonia | 1st £10, 2nd £5, 3rd £3 |
| 4. Three pots of one pot of rhizomatous/rex or cane begonia | 1st £25, 2nd £10, 3rd £5 |
| 5. One pot of begonia, not mentioned above | 1st £10, 2nd £5, 3rd £3 |
| 6. Three cut blooms | 1st £10, 2nd £5, 3rd £3 |
| 7. One cut bloom | 1st £8, 2nd £4, 3rd £2 |

Packing materials – in line with RHS guidance, floral foam (Oasis) will not be permitted. Alternatives can include chicken wire, flower frogs, gravel, rocks, pebbles, willow, rattan or pliable reeds, wood wool, straw or recyclable floral clay.

Bloom boards will be provided.

Deadline for entries is **Friday 19 July at 5pm.**

If you'd like to know more about exhibiting in the begonia section you can contact Dave Weatherby at the National Begonia Society on 07770 801867, visit www.national-begonia-society.co.uk or search them on Facebook.

See page 14 for the rules of these classes.

ENTRY FORM

Begonia

Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry

Total entries

I hereby declare that I will comply with the conditions set out in the show rules (see page 14).

Name:

Address:

Post code: Tel number:

Email:

Signed:

Date: If entering a children's class, age on show date:

Entry form must be received by no later than Friday 19 July at 5pm.

If you would like to be kept informed about future events, please tick here

Prize Money:

Received by:

FLORAL ART CLASSES

Open Classes

- 1. Eruption** Design to incorporate a pedestal arrangement. 120cm x 120cm x 200cm high (on a base raised 10cm from the floor) 1st £50, 2nd £30 and 3rd £20
- 2. Summer's Bounty** A foliage arrangement, seed heads and berries can be included, space allowed 73cm wide 75cm deep 98cm high 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10
- 3. Colour Burst** An exhibit, featuring sweet peas, space allowed 73cm wide 75cm deep 98cm high 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10
- 4. Tomorrow's World** A contemporary exhibit, space allowed 73cm wide 75cm deep 98cm high 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10

Children's Classes

11 YEARS AND UNDER (PRIMARY SCHOOL)

- 5. Rainforest** Space allowed 73cm wide 75cm deep 98cm high. 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10

11 TO 16 YEARS (SECONDARY SCHOOL)

- 6. Rainforest** Space allowed 73cm wide 75cm deep 98cm high. 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10

Oasis (floral foam) is permitted, but we urge entrants to consider the environment when displaying their floral arrangements and we encourage the use of environmentally friendly alternatives where possible.

Deadline for entries is **Sunday 14 July at midnight**. A trophy will be given for the best in show.

If you'd like to know more about exhibiting in the floral art section, or if you have any questions, please contact Dedrah Moss on 07811 818997.

See page 15 for the rules of these classes.

ENTRY FORM

Floral art



Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry	Class number	Entry

Total entries

I hereby declare that I will comply with the conditions set out in the show rules (see page 15).

Name:

Address:

Post code:

Tel number:

Email:

Signed:

Date:

If entering a children's class, age on show date:

Entry form must be received by no later than Sunday 14 July at midnight.

If you would like to be kept informed about future events, please tick here

Prize Money:

Received by:

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Categories

Chorley Captured

Celebrate the beautiful views Chorley has to offer, from local landscapes to parks and architecture.

Feathered Friends

Capture the elegance and diversity of birds.

Amusing outdoor moments

Capture the comedic charm of nature and animals with spontaneous and amusing photographs.

Golden Hour

For photographs that make the best use of the light around sunrise and sunset.

Young Photographer Category: Garden Gnomes and Friends

Create Whimsical scenes with garden gnomes, stuffed animals or toys interacting with the garden.

Eligibility:

This competition is for people of all ages. The main categories are for adults aged 16 and over and the young photographer category is for anyone aged under 16 on the date the competition closes.

Judging:

The winner will be voted for by the public at Chorley Flower Show 2024 from five shortlisted images which will be displayed at the show.

Winners:

Winners of each category will win a free wristband for the 2025 Chorley Flower Show, the young photographer winner will win a prize. The photographs will be used to publicise next year's show and will feature at the show to be seen by thousands of people.

Criteria:

- Must be a high quality digital image
- JPEG format
- Must be minimally modified (we are seeking natural photographs. Subtle sharpening and colour balance will be regarded as normal digital processes)
- Entries should be submitted, with the following information: photographer name, contact details, name of the photograph and location of where the photo was taken to events@chorley.gov.uk via WeTransfer
- Please send the photographers age if they are entering the young photographer category

Entries must be received by midnight on Sunday 23 June 2024.



credit: @PetePennington



credit: Susan Smith

CHILDREN'S DESIGN A GARDEN COMPETITION

Imagine your garden design brought to life this summer at Chorley Flower Show! Last year, our competition winner Oliver, aged 9, submitted an incredible design which was transformed by our team of expert designers into a show garden. This year it could be your design.

The winning entrant and their family will also win complimentary entry to the show as well as £100 of gardening vouchers for their school!

This competition is open to children between ages 5 and 11.

To enter, download an entry template from www.chorleyflowershow.com or send in a design on A4 paper with the following:

- Your design for a 6m x 6m show garden set against your own brief which should include:
 - o Describe your garden
 - o What is the garden used for?
 - o What are the main plants and features?
- You can theme your garden on any ideas and you can be as creative as you like!
- Our panel of experts will judge the garden designs and consider how realistic the garden is to recreate
- Entries can be submitted to events@chorley.gov.uk or by posting to Children's Design a Garden Competition, Chorley Flower Show, Chorley Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley, PR7 1DP
- When entering, please include your name, your design, your brief, contact details, age and the school you attend

Deadline for entries is **Sunday 12 May at midnight.**



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION

Our popular Community and School Garden Competition returns to the show for 2024. If you are part of a community group or perhaps you work at a school that would like to take part, please email us at events@chorley.gov.uk to get involved.

These popular 2m x 2m gardens were a real hit with visitors to the show and provide a great opportunity to talk to visitors about your community group, charity or school. Schools/Community groups will receive a 2.2m x 1.6m (approximately) MDF backboard at the beginning of June (these can be requested earlier if needed).

- Schools/Groups will have a 2m x 2m edged area to plant
- Schools/Groups will have access to Astley Park from Monday 22 July to plant their garden
- The garden area will be fenced off to protect it from visitors in the park
- Your garden will need to be completed by Thursday 25 July
- You will need to provide a brief description for the garden
- The competition will be judged against the criteria on Friday 26 July (Once show opens)
- Chorley Council will provide the garden sleepers, soil and backboard. Schools/Groups will provide all plants and garden materials
- Prizes given are gold, silver and bronze and best in show
- Schools/Groups can remove and reuse their garden after the show finishes

Theme:

- Your garden can be designed in any theme the school/group wishes
 - o Schools/Groups project
 - o An existing school Schools/Groups theme
 - o Charity linked
 - o Community programme linked
 - o Chorley themed
 - o Film or book themed
 - o Any theme you choose – be creative!



Deadline for entries is **Sunday 2 June at midnight.**

CHORLEY FLOWER SHOW

26-28 July 2024
3 day event

Astley Park, Chorley 10am-5pm



Fun and
Entertainment
for all the family!



Tickets on sale now

SHOW RULES

Flower, fruit and vegetable classes and Begonia Competition



1. The show is open to individual amateur growers only.
2. Maximum of two entries per class per exhibitor (use one entry form per person).
3. **Packing materials - in line with RHS guidance, floral foam (Oasis) will not be permitted.** Alternatives can include chicken wire, flower frogs, gravel, rocks, pebbles, willow, rattan or pliable reeds, wood wool, straw or recyclable floral clay. For Tomato classes - sand will not be permitted for display.
4. Exhibitors will receive staging tickets for each entry and these are to be placed face down before judging commences with only the class number showing. Any exhibit failing to display a staging ticket may be excluded from the competition.
5. All exhibits entered into the competition must have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in their possession for at least eight weeks prior to the show.
6. Exhibits in the children's classes must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.
7. Exhibits to be staged (displayed) in appropriate vase, plate or dish. The use of bottles and jam jars is prohibited, except class 44, where jam jars can be used. Show vases should not display any visible name of an individual or society. Show vases should be used where possible and a **limited amount** will be available from Chorley & District Gardening Society at the show.
8. Exhibitors are asked to name their exhibits to help the public enjoy the show.
9. Exhibitors are not allowed to accompany judges during their appraisal. Stewards who are not exhibitors will be appointed by the council. Only officials with special duties will be present when judging is in progress.
10. Judges shall be empowered to withhold or reduce prizes and awards where, in their opinion, exhibits are deficient in merit.
11. While every reasonable precaution is taken to safeguard exhibits and vases, the council cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.
12. No exhibit to be removed before 5pm on Sunday 28 July. Exhibits not collected by 7pm, will be recycled.
13. The judges' decision is final.
14. Any exhibitor wishing to make an objection must submit it to the Show Manager before 12noon on Friday 26 July. The decision of the show manager is final, empowered by the council.
15. The council is empowered, without any explanation being given to:
 - a. Refuse any entry and settle any disputes
 - b. Withhold any prize in any class
 - c. Settle any matter not provided for in these rules
16. Staging this year is from 4.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 25 July and from 7am until 8.30am on the Friday of the show when the marquee will be cleared for judging. Times are subject to change.
17. Prize monies must be collected between 2pm-4pm on Friday, Saturday or Sunday - if not, the money will be forfeited at the show.
18. Show rule - Novice classes are for exhibitors who have not won a First Prize in a Novice or Open class for that type of exhibit.
19. **A minimum of three entries (at least one entry in three separate classes) must be submitted in order to receive a complimentary weekend wristband ticket.**

SHOW RULES

Floral art competition

1. Maximum of two entries per class per exhibitor (use one entry form per person).
2. All the classes will be judged in accordance with NAFAS competitions manual (blue book 2023 fourth edition) available from NAFAS Enterprise Limited.
3. No artificial plant material is allowed.
4. Oasis (floral foam) is permitted, but we urge entrants to consider the environment when displaying their floral arrangements and we encourage the use of environmentally friendly alternatives where possible.
5. Exhibitors will receive staging tickets for each entry and these are to be placed face down before judging commences with only the class number showing. Any exhibit failing to display a staging ticket may be excluded from the competition.
6. Exhibits must be created in situ at the showground during the staging process. Exhibits can not be made at home and then brought on to the showground.
7. Exhibits in the children's class must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.
8. Exhibitors are not allowed to accompany judges during their appraisal. Stewards who are not exhibitors will be appointed by the council. Only officials with special duties will be present when judging is in progress.
9. Judges shall be empowered to withhold or reduce prizes and awards where, in their opinion, exhibits are deficient in merit.
10. While every reasonable precaution is taken to safeguard exhibits, the council cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.
11. No exhibit to be removed before 5pm on Sunday 28 July. Exhibits not collected by 5pm on Monday 29 July will be recycled.
12. The judges' decision is final.
13. Any exhibitor wishing to make an objection must submit it to the Show Manager before 12noon on Sunday 28 July. The decision of the show manager is final, empowered by the council.
14. The council is empowered, without any explanation being given to:
 - a. Refuse any entry and settle any disputes
 - b. Withhold any prize in any class
 - c. Settle any matter not provided for in these rules
15. Staging this year is from 8am to 8pm on Thursday 25 July. There will be no staging on the Friday morning. Times are subject to change.
16. Prize monies must be collected between 2pm-4pm on Friday, Saturday or Sunday - if not the money will be forfeited.



Chorley & District Gardening Society

Growing since 1884

Programme 2024

The programme of events is provisional and is subject to change. Please visit www.chorleygardeningociety.com or find us on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

CHORLEY & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2024

Date 2024	Title	Speaker
March 19	The Growing Year	Carl Brabin
April 16	Growing Vegetables My Way	David Metcalfe
May 21	Alstromeria and Grasses	Ian Lowe
June 18	Fuchsias	Keith McManus
July 16	Fabulous Foliage and Fantastic Flowers	Jacqueline Iddon
August 20	Plants to Extend the Season	Marguerite Hughes
September 7	Annual Flower Show (Euxton Parish Church Community Centre PR7 6JL)	
September 17	Gardeners' Question Time Evening	
October 15	Water in the Garden	Michael Myers
November 19	Don't Go to Sleep in Winter	Kevin Pratt
December 17	Christmas Entertainment & Refreshments	

MONTHLY MEETINGS

7.30pm
St Mary's Church Hall
Wigan Road, Euxton
Chorley PR7 6JW

www.chorleygardeningociety.com

