

Warwick Horticultural and Craft Show 2026



SUNDAY 30th and MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2026

COURT HOUSE & PAGEANT GARDEN, JURY STREET, WARWICK CV34 4EW

SHOW OPENS 10.30 a.m. BOTH DAYS

Sat. 29th: Staging of exhibits opens 9.30, to be complete by 1.30

Judging of exhibits starts 2.30

Show entrance free for WHAS Members, £2 for non-members

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Foreword from the WHAS Chairman

I am delighted once again to be able to welcome entrants and visitors alike to the Warwick Horticultural & Craft Show, held for the 9th time in the Court House & Pageant Garden in its central Warwick location. The venue is fully accessible to those with limited mobility, and the Visitor Centre at the Court House (01926 492212) will be happy to provide any further information you might need. As always, all aspects of the Show are open both to WHAS members and non-members, and we are pleased that so many visitors to our historic town choose to take part and spend time with us.

Whatever level of gardening skill you might have, you will find entry categories in which you can compete. Everyone stands a chance of winning a cash prize or trophy, so do look through the entry Classes and see what you might try – you may well surprise yourself! In particular, we should like to welcome more young people to the joys of gardening, so please encourage the younger members of your families to take part in the children's Classes, designed for all ages to compete and have fun.

For the artistically inclined, there are six Floral Art Classes to show off your skills, including a new Class 6 for a Pot et Fleur arrangement – further information is available on the WHAS website.

As well as the Show, you will find a variety of Craft Stalls to browse in the Pageant Garden, and you may be able to pick up some bargain plants at the WHAS Plant Stall. Do try your hand at the Tombola stall, with prizes for both adults and children, and you might also be lucky in the WHAS Raffle, for which local businesses have provided some excellent prizes. There will be refreshments available, and a beer tent for you to relax and socialise over a snack and a drink.

If you need any further details of the Show, any member of the WHAS Committee will be pleased to help, or you can visit our Website or Facebook page for Show and Membership information. If you prefer, come and visit our Trade Hut at the PEAS allotment site on Sunday mornings from January to November, as detailed at the back of this booklet.

So, with grateful thanks as always to all our volunteers and supporters who enable this event to happen, we look forward to seeing you at the Show!

Peter Lamb, WHAS Chairman



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Show Timetable

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST 2026

9.30 a.m. – Staging of Exhibits opens
All Exhibits to be in place by 1.30 p.m.

Late entries may not be accepted

2.30 p.m. The Judging of the Annual Show
by a Panel of Independent Judges

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026

Show First Day

10.30 a.m. Opening of the Annual Show
5.00 p.m. Show Closes

MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2026

Show Opens 10.30 a.m.

3.00 p.m. Presentation of the Trophies
by the MAYOR of WARWICK

followed by the draw for Raffle prizes

4.00 p.m. Show Closes

Removal of Exhibits will follow the raffle draw:

Exhibits may not be removed before 4 p.m.

All exhibits to be cleared by 4.45 p.m.

All Produce and Exhibits which are unclaimed will be disposed of
by the organisers. Surplus flowers, fruit and vegetables will be made
available to charitable organisations.



**With thanks to Warwick Town Council
for its generous support to the Show**

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Prize Money

Classes: 1, 22, & 46	1 st £10, 2 nd £5, 3 rd £3
Classes: 23, 52 & 53	1 st £5, 2 nd £3, 3 rd £2
Classes: 42, 43 & 44	1 st Prizes only, each £3
Remaining Classes: Prizes for remaining Classes:	2-21, 24-41, 45, 47-51a, 54-67
Class 100 (see notes on p.14)	1 st £3, 2 nd £2, 3 rd £1 each class
	1 st £100, 2 nd £30, 3 rd £20

Prize money may be collected in the Court House ante-room
from the WHAS Official, Sunday afternoon until close

Entrance Fee for All Classes: 50p for each entry, 70p for non-members
16 years and under, Free

All entrants are advised to read the General Rules on page 11 of this Schedule
along with any relevant Class Rules carefully, to ensure the compliance of entries

The committee would appreciate donations of produce and flowers
for sale on the Society's stall, prior to and during the Show

Donated Tombola prizes will also be most welcome

Please do browse amongst the Craft and Produce Stalls, and visit our Refreshment and
Beer Tent in the Pageant Garden to relax over a snack

Cups and Trophies

Hinton's Nursery Glass Trophy	Best exhibit in show
Silver Challenge Cup	Most points in show
B. Bastock Member Cup	Most points in show by a WHAS member

WHAS Growers' Challenge

Clowes Cup	Winner of Class 100
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Floral Art Section

Anthony Eden Challenge Cup	Winner of Class 1, line arrangement
Frederick Freer Golden Jubilee Cup	Winner of Class 2, basket display
Waller Rose Bowl	Most points in Classes 3 – 6

Flower Section

Ford Cup	Most points in Classes 7 – 21
Julia Laws Challenge Cup	Best pot plant, Classes 11 and 20
Alderman Mrs E. A. Brown Cup	Best rose exhibit
Mackinnon Cup	Best vase of gladioli
The Chandley Fuchsia Trophy	Winner of Class 11
Rose Bull Memorial Trophy	Winner of Class 16, three roses

Vegetable and Fruit Section

Elsie Holland Challenge Cup	Most points, Classes 23 – 41 and 45
Loveridge Cup	Best vegetable collection, Class 23
The WHAS Cup	Best exhibit in Classes 23 – 45
Derek Powers Memorial Trophy	Best bean exhibit, Classes 26 – 27
Cornwall Cup	Best onion or shallot exhibit, Classes 32 – 35

Household

WHAS Tray	Best Fruit Cake, Class 52
Jack Robson Challenge Cup	Most points in Classes 52 – 55
Dorothy Cowley Golden Jubilee Cup	Best exhibit in Classes 52 – 55
WHAS Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in Classes 56 – 57

Young People

W. P. Burton Cup	Most points Classes 58 – 62 (4 – 7 years)
Simon Lycett Cup	Most points Classes 63 – 67 (8 – 11 years)



The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal is awarded by Affiliated Societies such as the WHAS to the exhibitor awarded the highest number of points in the Horticultural Show Classes 7 to 51a. This prestigious medal is named after Joseph Banks, who was a founder of the RHS. He also sailed with Captain James Cook on HMS Endeavour.

Please note that any competitor who has won the Banksian medal at the Society's shows in the last 2 years is not eligible to win the medal this year.

Show Schedule

Floral Art

(note General Rules and Guidance Section, Rule 12, on p.11)

- Class 1: Line Arrangement: An exhibit, not exceeding 5 flowers of the same variety and colour, maximum height 50cm, with foliage of choice
- Class 2: Flowers and foliage, basket display, maximum frontage 60cm
- Class 3: Arrangement flowers with candle(s), maximum frontage 45cm
- Class 4: Floral exhibit in a teacup, 9cm maximum diameter
- Class 5: Design in an unusual container, maximum frontage 30cm
- Class 6: Pot et Fleur arrangement – a container with one or more plants alongside seasonal cut flower stems in small water filled vessels, maximum base size 30 x 30cm. See WHAS website for details.

Dahlias

- Class 7: Vase of 3 ball dahlias
- Class 8: Vase of 3 decorative dahlias
- Class 9: Vase of 3 cactus dahlias
- Class 10: Vase of 5 pompom dahlias

Fuchsias

- Class 11: One plant, any variety, maximum pot size 20cm

Flowers

- Class 12: Vase of flowers grown in open borders
- Class 13: Vase of Asters (including symphyotrichum)
- Class 14: Vase of Sweet Peas
- Class 15: One single Rose (named if possible)
- Class 16: Vase of Roses, 3 blooms, any variety
- Class 17: One stem of Cluster Roses in a vase (named if possible)
- Class 18: Gladioli, 3 spikes in a vase
- Class 19: Gladiolus, one specimen
- Class 20: Geranium (zonal pelargonium) or Begonia, 20cm maximum pot size
- Class 21: One specimen bloom
- Class 22: Top Vase (see Rules and Guidance section, p.12)

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Vegetables

- Class 23: Collection of 6 individual vegetables (tomatoes included)
- Class 24: Three Leeks
- Class 25: Beets, Globe type x 3, 60 to 75mm diameter, trimmed to 75mm
- Class 26: Beans, Runner x 7
- Class 27: Beans, French x 7
- Class 28: Carrots x 3 with tops trimmed to 75mm, any variety
- Class 29: Parsnips x 3 with tops trimmed to 75mm
- Class 30: Herbs collection, 4 types, named, in water
- Class 31: Marrows, a brace for the table, 350mm maximum length
- Class 32: Onions x 3 grown from seed, dressed *
- Class 33: Onions x 3 grown from sets, as grown
- Class 34: Shallots x 10 pickling, must pass through a 30mm ring
- Class 35: Shallots x 10 large
- Class 36: Potatoes x 3 white, named
- Class 37: Potatoes x 3 coloured, named
- Class 38: Tomatoes x 3
- Class 39: Tomatoes x 5 cherry, must pass through a 35mm ring
- Class 40: Novelty / Ugly vegetable
- Class 41: Uncommon or rare vegetable
- Class 42: Heaviest onion, dressed *, roots and top trimmed (1st Prize only)
- Class 43: Longest parsnip, top trimmed (1st prize only)
- Class 44: Longest runner bean of good quality (1st prize only)
- Class 45: One vegetable, one bloom
- Class 46: Top tray (see Rules and Guidance section, p.13)

Fruit

- Class 47: Apples x 3 cooking, any variety
- Class 48: Apples x 3 dessert, any variety
- Class 49: Pears x 3 dessert, any variety
- Class 50: Plums x 5, any variety
- Class 51: One dish of soft fruit x 20, any variety
Display with stalks (stoned fruit excluded)
- Class 51a: Figs x 5, as grown

* See WHAS website for details of how to dress

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Household

- Class 52: Traditional fruit cake 20cm maximum, covered *
- Class 53: Victoria sponge, no cream, 20cm maximum, covered *
(using recipe on p.15 *or similar* – no cream)
- Class 54: Cheese scones x 5, covered *
- Class 55: Chocolate brownies x 5, covered *
- Class 56: Jar of jam, covered *
- Class 56a: Jar of marmalade, covered *
- Class 57: Jar of chutney, covered *

* Note: covered with a lid or cling film

No manufacturers' logos on jars or lids, please

Young Exhibitors (from 4 to 7 years)

- Class 58: Small vase of home-grown flowers
- Class 59: Animal made from vegetables/fruit
- Class 60: Miniature Garden in a seed tray 26 x 38cm maximum
- Class 61: Jam tarts x 5 with one bloom
- Class 62: Produce artwork of your favourite plant/plants using whichever method you prefer e.g. painting, collage or photograph etc. and give your picture a name

Young Exhibitors (from 8 to 11 years)

- Class 63: Small vase of home-grown flowers
- Class 64: Animal made from vegetables/fruit
- Class 65: Miniature Garden in a seed tray 26 x 38cm maximum
- Class 66: Jam tarts x 5 with one bloom
- Class 67: Produce artwork of your favourite plant/plants using whichever method you prefer e.g. painting, collage or photograph etc. and give your picture a name

The WHAS Challenge Prize

- Class 100: Exhibit a Show Display of produce as grown (vegetables/ herbs/flowers/fruit). The exhibit may be any shape or format, but with a footprint not exceeding 90cm wide x 75cm deep

This Class is open to any Group, Charity or Horticultural Association

*See Rules and Guidance section, p.14. 1st Prize £100, 2nd £30 & 3rd £20 ***

**** Please note there is a minimum entry requirement for this Class**

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GENERAL RULES AND GUIDANCE SECTION

1. Exhibits may be staged from 9.30am onwards on the Saturday immediately prior to the Show's Opening on Bank Holiday Sunday. All exhibit set-up *must* be completed by 1.30pm. Late entries may not be accepted.
2. Judging will commence at 2.30pm Bank Holiday Saturday, promptly.
3. Entrants' identities will not be visible to judges until all awards have been made.
4. Early entries notification would be appreciated. Entry applications received after 6pm on the Thursday immediately prior to the Show may only be accepted subject to the WHAS's discretion.
5. Entries must be sent to: Helen Pearson (see page 3).
6. Class numbers must be clearly marked on all entries submitted.
7. Wherever possible, the varieties of entries in all classes should be named.
8. Exhibitors' entries must match those stated on their entry form or risk disqualification.
9. Any exhibitors' objections are to be lodged with a Show Official by 12 noon on Sunday accompanied by a £1 deposit, returnable if the objection is upheld.
10. If insufficient entries are received in any one Class, the associated awards will be at the Show Judges' discretion.
11. Show competitors must have grown their exhibits. This is subject to verification by the Committee. Exceptions are classes 1-6; 52-57; 59-62; 64-67, which must have been made/constructed by the competitor.
12. The use of Oasis or similar non-environmentally friendly products is not permitted.
13. Exhibitors are restricted to one entry in each Class.
14. For pot and tray sizes given in Metric units, close Imperial sizes are acceptable.
15. The Show closes to the public 4pm August Bank Holiday Monday. Competitors' exhibits are not to be removed before 4pm.
16. The WHAS and its Committee will not accept liability for loss or damage to exhibits or personal belongings.
17. Contingencies not covered in this booklet are to be referred to the WHAS for consideration, however, their decision/ruling is final.
18. All trophies must be signed for immediately after presentation and returned to the WHAS on or before 1st July the following year.
19. Prize monies not claimed by the close on Bank Holiday Monday will be regarded as a donation to the WHAS unless other arrangements for collection are made by the exhibitor.

TOP VASE (Class 22)

1. The Top Vase is for a vase of mixed flowers containing a total of between 5 and 12 stems, taken from a minimum of three different plant genera.
2. The display will be judged from a total of 35 points. 25 maximum for colour, form, condition, quality and freshness plus a possible 10 points awarded for overall presentation and effect. To be viewed through 360°.
3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only. Seed heads, berries etc. are not allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally, is attached to and forms part of the flowering stem is allowed.
4. The vase may be any shape or size and made of any material, but must be proportionate to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase.
5. Accessories such as bows or additional foliage are not allowed. Environmentally friendly packing material may be used to support the stems.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

1. Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant. Plants need to be taken from different genera – e.g. Pinks, Carnations and Sweet Williams, which are all dianthus, are not classed as different genera.
2. Only fresh, home-grown flowers may be used. Dried or silk flowers are not allowed.
3. The definition of a vase is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
4. TOP VASE is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows. Judges will use their discretion, bearing in mind that entries may be from inexperienced exhibitors. Judges should note the display must be viewed from all around. Points must be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitor's card.
5. Queries not covered by the rules above will be referred to and decided by the Show Officials. Failure to comply with Rules will result in disqualification.

TOP TRAY (Class 46)

1. Top Tray Class is for a display comprising of any three types of vegetables taken from the list of eight below, along with their respective quantities in the following brackets:
Carrots (3), Cauliflower (2), Onions (3), Parsnips (3), Peas (6 pods), Potatoes (3), Runner Beans (6), and Tomatoes (6).
2. Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points, split into three sections: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition and 6 points for uniformity. Therefore, overall marks will be out of 60.
3. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. Vegetables are to be displayed within an area not exceeding 45 x 60cm without bending any parts. No parts of the exhibit may exceed the size of this footprint. A tray or board may be used provided it does not exceed the size area limits. If a tray or board being used has a raised edge the internal dimension is used to measure the size. Black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing but no other foliage. Accessories such as plates, sand and rings etc. will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

1. Carrots and Parsnips must have their foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm. Peas and Beans must be displayed with some stalk attached. Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower's bed case). Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc. to check quality. The tray/board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way, e.g. cutting holes to hold onions.
2. Judges may use their discretionary powers when marking if they consider exhibits may be from the inexperienced.
3. Points awarded are to be clearly marked by judges on the exhibitor's card. Queries arising that are not covered in the foregoing must be passed promptly to the Show Officials for their decision.
4. Queries not covered by the rules above will be referred to and decided by the Show Officials. Failure to comply with Rules will result in disqualification.

THE WHAS CHALLENGE PRIZE (Class 100)

1. The WHAS Growers' Challenge Prize is open to any group of exhibitors from an existing single allotment site, or a charity, gardening organisation or similar horticultural group. The group shall be named on the entry form. A group leader must be nominated who will be responsible for the overall entry and to whom any prize money will be paid for the group.
2. Prize monies will be awarded under the following conditions:
 - The first prize will be £100 only if there are five or more entries in the class, £30 if there are three or four entries and £20 if fewer than three entries;
 - The second prize will be £30 only if there are five or more entries in the class, £20 if there are three or four entries and £10 if there are two entries;
 - The third prize will be £20 only if there are five or more entries in the class and £10 if there are three or four entries.

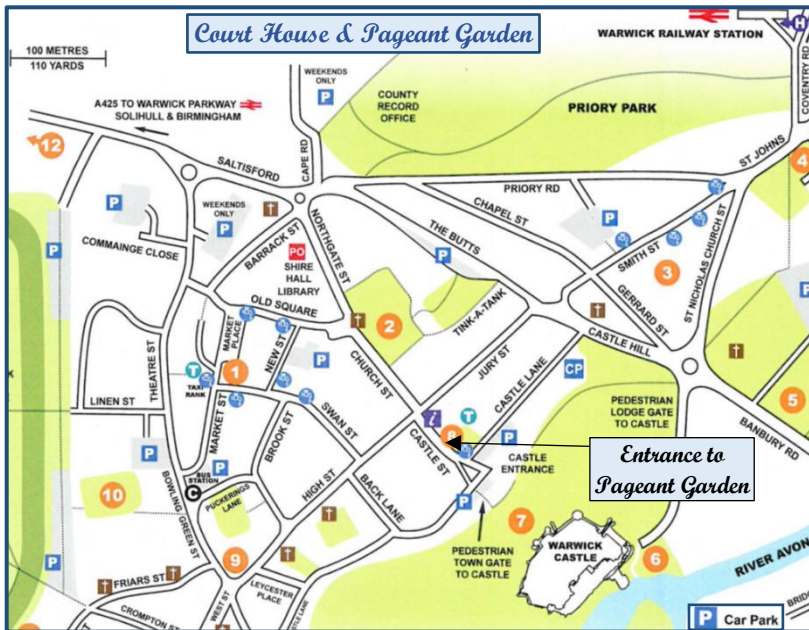
i.e. the value of the prizes awarded will depend on the number of entries
3. The entry shall consist of a Show Display of Harvest Produce (any vegetables / flowers / herbs / fruit / home produce). The exhibit may be any shape or format, but its footprint must not exceed 90cm wide x 75cm deep. If a Show Bench is used, it may be covered in cloth or painted, at the exhibitor's discretion, and may have raised edges. Accessories such as plates, sand and rings will be allowed.
4. The entrant's identity shall not be displayed on the exhibit.
5. Innovation and creativity are to be encouraged, and the points awarded will reflect this.
6. The number and variety of produce items to be displayed is not limited, but all must be contained completely within the footprint as above.
7. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string. Peas and beans shall be displayed with some stalk attached, tomatoes with calyces and soft fruit with stalks, unless there are reasons in the overall exhibit design that makes this undesirable.
8. Judging will be made by a judges' panel. Up to 60 points may be awarded for the entry at the judges' discretion: 20 for the variety and / or choices of produce; 20 for the condition, presentation, quality and (where relevant) uniformity; 20 for the creativity shown in the display design.

VICTORIA SPONGE RECIPE – *for Guidance only*

Ingredients: 3 medium eggs 150g (6oz) self-raising flour (sieved)
 150g (6oz) caster sugar 150g (6oz) butter or margarine
 Jam to fill (*quantities to fill two 20cm tins*)

Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs well. Gradually add the beaten eggs to the creamed butter and sugar, 1/3 of the egg mixture at a time alternated with 1 tbsp of the sieved self-raising flour, to prevent the mixture from curdling.

Cut and fold in the remainder of the flour. The mixture should be of a soft dropping consistency. If it is too dry add a little milk or water. Divide the mixture equally between 2 greased/lined baking tins and bake in a pre-heated oven (180°C/Gas Mk.4) for 20 to 25 minutes until golden, risen and lightly springing back to the touch. Once cooled, sandwich together with jam (no cream).



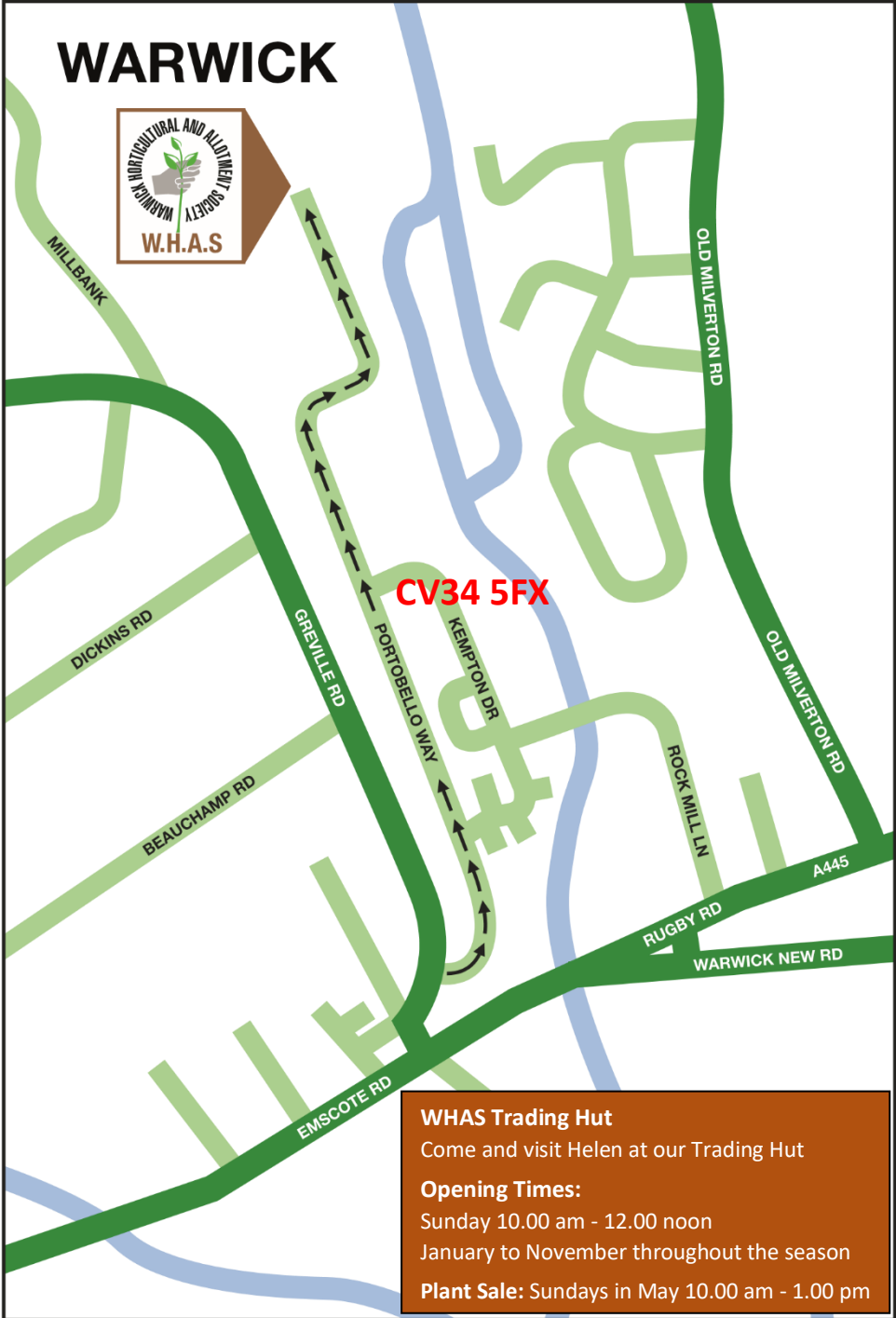
WHAS Annual Show Location

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