

Bollington & District Gardening Club Spring Show

Saturday 14th March 2026

Civic Hall, Bollington SK10 5JX

2-4pm



The Gardening Club is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society

Admission £1 – Children free

Refreshments and plants on sale

Trophies and cups will be presented by the Mayor at 3:45pm



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2026 PROGRAMME OF TALKS AND EVENTS

Meetings are held at **7:30pm** on the third Thursday of each month at The Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, Bollington SK10 5EX. Non-members welcome, admission £3.50
To book on any of the day trips or the 3-day break please contact Sonia Greensmith
07947 606904

15/01/26

Creating Mini Nature Reserves – Skylark Garden Design

19/02/26

AGM & Bees – John & Carole Goodwin

14/03/26 (Sat)

Spring Show – Civic Centre

19/03/26

Arranging Flowers & Plants sustainably for the Home (Workshop) – Judith Matthews

16/04/26

Will Perennial Vegetables Save the Planet? – James Ellson

26/04/26 (Sun)

Arley Estate (Worcestershire) & Hodnet Hall Gardens – Day coach trip

21/05/26

Water in the Garden - Christian Dupont

07- 09/06/26 (Sun – Tue) **3-day East of England Break**

09/07/26

Holehird Gardens: A Lakeland Garden for all seasons -

Maggie Mees

12/07/26 (Sun)

Bloomin' Bollington Garden Party

26/07/26 (Sun)

Two Lakeland Gardens - Rydal Mount & Holehird –

Day Coach Trip

20/08/26

Perfect Pots – Using Pots and Containers in the Garden - Maureen Sawyer

17/09/26

An Introduction to Alpines - Cliff Booker

25/09/26 (Fri)

Malvern Autumn Show - Day Coach Trip

15/10/26

Trees & Shrubs for the Smaller Garden - Kathryn Robey

19/11/26

Howards Great Garden Quizzes - Howard Drury

03/12/26

Christmas Meal



A WELCOME FROM THE GARDENING CLUB'S CHAIRMAN

Hello and Welcome to our 59th Spring Show!

Local flower shows are a quintessentially British event, dating back to the late 19th century, that often go under the radar but are an important part of community life. Some started as school competitions, but all have gradually increased in scope to typically include the classes you will see here today. Sadly, the number of local shows has seen a gradual decline. I am delighted that our show has survived and with the increased interest in gardening and the popularity of gardening and cookery TV shows I am optimistic that our local show is here to stay.

This show marks a new chapter for us with Martin Simmons succeeding Joyce Burton after an incredible and commendable 20 years as Show Secretary.

Good luck and thank you to our exhibitors. Could you enter a class next year? Also, a huge thank you to our sponsors, judges and helpers.

Thank you for supporting us, enjoy the exhibits, buy something for your garden from the plant stall, have a go on the tombola and treat yourself to a homemade cake (or two!) and a drink from the refreshment counter.

Steve Fry Chairman, Bollington & District Gardening Club

CUPS AND TROPHIES

The Morris West Smallwood Cup	Best Exhibit in Class 1
The Bollington Printing Company Cup	Best Exhibit in Classes 2-4
The Jevington Trophy	Best Exhibit in Class 5
The Josh Woodward Founders's Plate	Most Points in Classes 2-19
The Cyril Walmsley Trophy	Best Exhibit in Classes 11-14
The Graham Cup	Best Exhibit in Classes 15-19
The Morley Cup	Best Exhibit in Classes 20-32
The Blanche Royall Cup	Best Exhibit in Class 21
The Wrigley Cup	Most Points in Classes 33-45
The Joyce Marie Graham Rose Bowl	Most Points in Classes 46-56
The Norman Ewart Wilbraham Trophy	Best Exhibit in Class 59
The Children's Trophy	Most Points in Classes 60-67

SPRING COLLECTION

Class 1 An outdoor patio tub to give spring interest and colour using hardy plants and bulbs

HYACINTHS

Class 2 One bulb in any container
Class 3 Three bulbs in any pot or container
Class 4 No fewer than four bulbs in any pot or container

HELLEBORES

Class 5 Any pot or container of Hellebores

CUT BLOOMS

Class 6 Three specimen blooms, miniature Narcissus (daffodils)
Class 7 Three specimen blooms, yellow petal Narcissus (daffodils)
Class 8 Three specimen blooms, white petal Narcissus (daffodils)
Class 9 A small vase of a wide variety of spring flowers excluding Narcissi (daffodils)
Class 10 An arrangement of spring flowers

NARCISSUS (DAFFODILS)

Class 11 One pot up to 25cm (10") of miniature daffodils
Class 12 One pot up to 25cm (10") of yellow petal daffodils
Class 13 One pot up to 25cm (10") of white petal daffodils
Class 14 One pot up to 18cm (7") of daffodil bulbs, any colour

ANY OTHER VARIETY OF BULBS

Class 15 One pot up to 25cm (10") of Tulips, any colour
Class 16 One Amaryllis in any container
Class 17 Over ten bulbs of Iris reticulata in any container
Class 18 Over ten bulbs of Crocus in any container
Class 19 Over ten bulbs of one variety (excluding those in classes 2-18) in any container

INDOOR POTTED PLANTS

- Class 20 One floral plant of any variety in a pot up to 15cm (6")
- Class 21 One floral plant of any variety in pot over 15cm (6")
- Class 22 One foliage plant in a pot up to 15cm (6")
- Class 23 One foliage plant in a pot over 15cm (6")
- Class 24 One orchid in a pot up to 15cm (6")
- Class 25 One orchid in a pot over 15cm (6")
- Class 26 One small, closed terrarium

OUTDOOR POTTED PLANTS

- Class 27 Three alpines in a small pot or container
- Class 28 One Polyanthus plant in flower
- Class 29 One Primrose plant in flower
- Class 30 One Conifer in a pot
- Class 31 One hardy plant in a pot over 15cm (6")
- Class 32 One Primula plant in flower

COOKERY

- Class 33 A coffee cake
- Class 34 Five chocolate brownies
- Class 35 A lemon drizzle cake
- Class 36 A Victoria sponge cake
- Class 37 Five pieces of shortbread
- Class 38 A tea loaf
- Class 39 Five scones (sweet or savoury)
- Class 40 Five flapjacks
- Class 41 One jar of fruit jam (clear cover, correctly labelled, filled to top)
- Class 42 One jar of marmalade (clear cover, correctly labelled, filled to top)
- Class 43 One jar of lemon curd (clear cover, correctly labelled, filled to top)
- Class 44 One jar of chutney (screw top lid, correctly labelled, filled to top)
- Class 45 A bottle of fruit liqueur

HANDICRAFTS

- Class 46 One piece of jewellery in any medium
- Class 47 One item of textile art
- Class 48 One knitted garment in any ply or weight
- Class 49 One crocheted article
- Class 50 One garment for a baby
- Class 51 One fashion accessory in any medium
- Class 52 One patchwork article
- Class 53 One creative embroidery
- Class 54 One framed cross stitch
- Class 55 One painting in any medium no larger than 35 x 40cm (14" x 16")
- Class 56 One article created from wood
- Class 57 One child's toy in any medium

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Class 58 An original photograph capturing the essence of Spring (7" x 5" or 10" x 8")

BONSAI

- Class 59 The best presentation of bonsai

CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Must be children's own work (please state age on label)

- Class 60 Three decorated cupcakes (3-6 years)
- Class 61 Three decorated cupcakes (7-11 years)
- Class 62 An animal or insect made from recycled materials (3-6 years)
- Class 63 An animal or insect made from recycled materials (7-11 years)
- Class 64 A miniature garden in a box or seed tray (3-6 years)
- Class 65 A miniature garden in a box or seed tray (7-11 years)
- Class 66 Arrangement of garden flowers and foliage (up to 11 years)
- Class 67 A picture inspired by the natural world (up to 11 years)

HOW TO ENTER

Email: bollingtonspringshow@outlook.com

Phone: **01625 478087**

Post: **11a Birchway, Bollington, SK10 5NA**

Please state your name, telephone number, the classes you wish to enter and the number of entries in each class.

Eg. Martin Simmons. 01625 478087. Class 6, 1 entry. Class 10, 1 entry.

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SHOW REGULATIONS

1. Entries must be received by **9pm** on the Wednesday prior to the show, excluding children's classes.
2. Entry is open to the public and is free.
3. Maximum of 2 entries in any class. Joint entries are not accepted.
4. Exhibits are judged according to RHS rules. All containers should be plain and follow specified dimensions listed in the classes. Moss and grass is allowed as dressing on any classes.
5. Exhibitors competing for the cups and trophies must be members of the Club.
6. All cups and trophies to be returned to the Show Secretary by **28th February**.
7. Staging of entries to take place on the Friday between **8 – 9pm** and on the Saturday between **8:30 – 10:30am** before the show.
8. Labels will be given to exhibitors during staging to be placed face down with exhibits.
9. All exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor.
10. All exhibits and containers are received and displayed at the exhibitor's own risk.
11. The committee may reject or decline any exhibit it deems unsuitable, and the judges' decisions are final.
12. Exhibits may not be removed until **4pm**.
13. Points awarded for classes are as follows:

 - 1st – 3 points
 - 2nd – 2 points
 - 3rd – 1 point

If there is a tie for most points, the competitor with the most first prizes will be deemed the winner.