



Bank Holiday Monday
31 August 2026

The Community Centre, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea CO7 0LG
Opening Ceremony 12 noon

Entrance fee to view exhibits: £1:00 Accompanied children FREE

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, PRIZES & RULES

Price: 50p

www.brightlingseatownshow.org.uk

BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT TOWN SHOW

Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society

Chairperson: Kate Mitchell

The Town Show expresses great appreciation for all the support which continues to make this show a success, both from individuals and from local businesses.

***Special thanks to our main
sponsors Orsted and
BSI Installations***

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And also to

Town & Country Estate Agents, Osbornes Court, Victoria Place who have once again kindly sponsored our advertising boards around town.



SHOW TIMETABLE

7:30am Hall opens for exhibitors - staging may commence

9am All exhibits must be in the hall and exhibitors **must** leave the hall by 9am

9:30am Judging commences

10:30am **Outdoor stalls and activities open**

12 noon Opening Ceremony indoor exhibits open to the public. **Companion dog show** opens (see page 14)

3:30pm **Presentation of Trophies**, payment of prize money and removal of exhibits

Followed by: Sale of donated exhibits and Grand Draw (inside hall)

Please be on site promptly. All items left at owner's risk.

TO ENTER

30 p per entry – children's classes free.

Please return completed entry forms together with the appropriate fee in a sealed envelope to: Teresa Hornsby, 100 Red Barn Road, Brightlingsea **not later than 5pm on Friday 28 August 2026. No late entries accepted.** Enquiries: 01206 305384

BSI

INSTALLATIONS

Kitchen & Bathroom Installation
Building Works & Extensions

01206 305032 / 07803 605209

Email: bsiinstallationsltd@gmail.com

SCHEDULE

The Royal Horticultural Society offers its Banksian Medal to the winner of the largest amount of prize money in the Horticultural classes at the show. Competitors who won the Banksian Medal in 2024 are not eligible to win this medal this year.

SECTION 1: FLOWERS

The Nancy Middleton Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the resident of Brightlingsea or Thorrington obtaining the most points in Sections 1 & 2

The Clifford Salmon Cup will be awarded for the best exhibit in Class 2

The John Fowler Challenge Cup for most points in Section 1

The Lord Challenge Cup for most points in Classes 1 to 4 inclusive

The Adams Challenge Plate for most points in Classes 5 to 8

The Paul Jones Challenge Trophy for most points in Cl. 9 & 10

The Olive Ruddock Challenge Cup for most points in Cl. 11 & 12

The R D Angier Challenge Cup for most points in classes 13 to 21

The National Dahlia Society Silver Medal for best exhibit in Classes 22 to 33

The F E Talbot Challenge Trophy for the most outstanding exhibit in Section 1

Prize Money

First - 50p; Second - 30p; Third - 20p.

1 Roses, 3 blooms, H.T. 1 vase

2 Roses, 1 bloom H.T.

3 Roses, 3 stems, Floribunda, 1 vase

4 Mixed Roses, any variety, 1 vase

5 Cut Flowers, one variety not mentioned in schedule, 1 vase

6 Mixed Annuals, 1 vase

7 Mixed Perennials, 1 vase

8 Asters, 6 blooms, double, 1 vase

9 Lily, 1 bloom, any variety

10 Gladioli, 1 bloom

- 11 Chrysanthemums, 1 bloom, any variety
- 12 Chrysanthemums, Garden Spray, 3 sprays
- 13 Hydrangea, 1 bloom
- 14 Fuchsia plant, *pot not to exceed 9"*
- 15 Succulent plant (*no cactus*)
- 16 Cactus
- 17 Delphinium, 1 bloom
- 18 African Marigolds, 3 blooms, 1 vase
- 19 French Marigolds, 3 blooms, 1 container
- 20 Vase of Herbs, 3 or more varieties. *Space allowed 12" x 12"*
- 21 Sunflower, largest head, any variety
- 22 Dahlias, 3 vases, any cultivar or cultivars, 3 blooms each vase
- 23 Dahlia, 1 bloom, large or giant decorative
- 24 Dahlias, 3 blooms, medium, decorative
- 25 Dahlias, 3 blooms, small, decorative
- 26 Dahlias, 3 blooms, miniature, decorative
- 27 Dahlias, 3 blooms, small ball
- 28 Dahlias, 3 blooms, miniature ball
- 29 Dahlias, 6 blooms, pompon
- 30 Dahlia, 1 bloom, large or giant cactus or semi-cactus
- 31 Dahlias, 3 blooms, medium cactus and/or semi-cactus
- 32 Dahlias, 3 blooms, small and/or miniature cactus and/or semi-cactus
- 33 Dahlias, 1 vase or bowl of mixed Dahlias for all-round effect



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SECTION 2: VEGETABLES

The Cape Challenge Cup for most points in Section 2

The W J Bareham Challenge Cup to be awarded to the exhibitor, living within Brightlingsea or Thorrington gaining the most points The winner of the Cape Cup at this and previous shows is excluded.

Brightlingsea and District Town Show Bronze Medal will be awarded to the winner of Class 48.

Entries should be of the same variety in each class.

Prize Money Awarded: First - 50p; Second - 30p; Third - 20p.

34 Potatoes, 5 any one variety

35 Carrots, 3 any one variety, tops trimmed

36 Beetroot, 3, tops trimmed to 75mm (3ins)

37 Cucumbers, 2

38 Parsnips, 3

39 Onions, grown from sets, 3, without tops

40 Shallots, 5

41 Leeks, 3, with tops on and roots trimmed

42 Marrows, 2, as a pair for table

43 Heaviest marrow (one prize only)

44 Tomatoes, 5, with calyx, any variety any colour

45 Cherry Tomatoes, 5 any variety, any Colour

46 Runner Beans, 5

47 Collection of Vegetables, 3 distinct kinds, *trays not to exceed 3' x 2'*

48 Collection of Salad Vegetables, 3 distinct kinds

49 Heaviest Onion, without top (one prize only)

50 Longest Fresh Runner Bean (one prize only)

- 51 Heaviest pumpkin (one prize only) with stalk showing
 - 52 French beans, 5
 - 53 Butternut squash, 2, with stalk showing
 - 54 Decorative Squash, 2, with stalk showing
 - 55 Courgettes, 3
 - 56 Radish, 5 any variety
 - 57 Rhubarb, 3 sticks pulled and leaves trimmed to 10cms
 - 58 Peppers, 2 any variety any colour, with stalks showing
 - 59 Any other vegetable not listed above, 1
 - 60 Special class open to Allotment Holders only – Box of produce.
- Vegetables, fruit & herbs can be included. *Box not to exceed 3ft x 2ft*

People's Choice Digital Photography Competition

A fun competition where you can enter a single photo on any subject. To be judged on Show day. Free Entry.

Full details:

www.brightlingseatownshow.org.uk/PhotoComp

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SECTION 3: FRUIT

Royal Horticultural Society (Affiliated Societies) Bronze Medal will be awarded for the most points in Section 3

Prize Money Awarded: First - 50p; Second - 30p; Third - 20p.

61 Cooking Apples, 3, one variety

62 Dessert Apples, 3, one variety

63 Pears, 3, one variety

64 Plums, 5, one variety

65 Blackberries, small dish, ripe fruit with stalks

66 Melon, 1, any variety

67 Any other fruit

Note: All fruit should show some stalk

SECTION 4: PHOTOGRAPHY

The David Salmon Cup is awarded for most points in this Section.

A Trophy will also be awarded for the most outstanding photograph.

Prize Money Awarded: First - 50p; Second - 30p; Third - 20p.

You can enter ONE picture per category, you must however only submit the same image once.

68 Brightlingsea streets, shops or architecture

69 Birds

70 Shadows

71 Close-up of a bloom

72 Water

73 Abandoned items

Please note: *Children's Photography (for age groups up to 12) is now included in Section 8*

General Guidance:

Ensure that you are entering your images in the right category.

The judge is looking for interesting shots and good technique.

Please enter with UNMOUNTED prints from 6x8" up to 10x8"/A4.

Pins will not be put through your photos

SECTION 5: FLORAL ART

The Harpur Challenge Rose Bowl for most points in this Section

The Hulton Challenge Cup for the most outstanding arrangement

The Joyce Brand Rose Bowl for the most innovative exhibit in Section 5

Prize Money Awarded:

First - £1.50; Second - £1.25; Third - £1.00.

*All exhibits not to exceed 3ft high, 2ft wide, and 2ft 3ins deep and **can use bought flowers***

74 Dried Flower arrangement

75 Foliage arrangement, including berries & nuts

76 An exhibit commemorating 100 years since the death of Claude Monet

77 A small basket arrangement of flowers (within space allocated)

78 Exhibit in a tea cup

An 'Exhibit' is plant material with or without accessories contained within a space as specified in the show schedule



**Colchester
Financial
Planning**

Local Financial Advice based in Brightlingsea.
Call Richard on 07500 069647 or email
rich.horsnell@sjpp.co.uk

SECTION 6: COOKERY & PRESERVES

The Society's Challenge Cup for the most points in Section 6

The J & M Summers Shield for the most points in classes 79 - 82

Prize Money Awarded:

First - 50p; Second - 30p; Third - 20p.

- 79 Coffee and Walnut Cake - *not to exceed 8"*
- 80 Victoria Sponge (3 egg size) *no cooling rack marks on top*
- 81 Fruit Cake - *not to exceed 8"*
- 82 **Gluten-free** Lemon Drizzle cake
- 83 5 Savoury Scones
- 84 5 Biscuits
- 85 5 slices Chocolate Brownie
- 86 Savoury Quiche *up to 7" diameter*
- 87 Tealoaf
- 88 Plate apple pie
- 89 5 Sausage rolls
- 90 Traybake, 5 slices
- 91 Chutney, one jar, *at least 3 months old, with date on label*
- 92 Marmalade, one jar
- 93 Stone fruit jam, one jar
- 94 Soft Fruit jam, one jar
- 95 Jar of jelly 100g or more

Please cover cookery exhibits in clingfilm

SECTION 7: HANDICRAFTS

The Osborn Challenge Cup will be awarded for the most points gained in Section 7

The Lillie Fowler Challenge Cup will be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit

Prize Money Awarded: First - 75p; Second - 40p; Third - 30p.

96 Hand Knitting, excluding knitted lace

97 Home-made greetings card

98 Crochet, excluding crochet lace

99 Felting

100 Any beaded item

101 Any Counted Thread embroidery including Cross-stitch

102 Free embroidery, hand or machine worked

103 Patchwork/quilting item

104 Any paper craft

105 Soft Toy

106 Woodwork

107 Metalwork

108 Original drawing or painting – *any medium, max size 12" x 8½"*

109 A bottle of flavoured spirits

110 Something made from recycled materials

111 Any other craft



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A small shop offering a wide range of gifts,
greeting cards, local photographs, art work,



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SECTION 8: YOUTH (up to 12 years of age)

Any child can enter any of the classes in this section, but will be judged in the following age groups:-

- Pre-school (*not yet at school*)
- 4 plus-7 years (*at school*)
- 8-12 years

The Children's classes are kindly sponsored by **Orsted**.

A trophy cup will be awarded to the winner of each age category, therefore it is essential to state the child's age on each entry.

The Dr & Mrs McKim Sycamore Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the child gaining the most points in this section overall.

Prize Money Awarded: First - 75p; Second - 40p; Third - 30p.

112 Drawing or painting, 'Monsters', A3 max.

113 Cress grown in an unusual container

114 5 Chocolate Crispies

115 Small Pizza – *shop-bought base allowed*

116 4 decorated cupcakes

117 4 biscuits or cookies

118 Pressed leaf or flower Collage, A4 max

119 Painted or decorated Stone

120 A bookmark, any medium

121 Animal made from fruits and/or vegetables

122 A finger puppet made from any material

123 Handwriting - four lines from a favourite poem

124 Any other handicraft item

125 Lego Creation (*with a base footprint no larger than A5. Items left at entrant's own risk*)

Children's Photography (age groups as above)

Unmounted prints from 6x8" up to A4

126 Creatures Great or Small

127 'Where's that Bear?' (Snap your Teddy in an unusual place)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries will only be accepted on an official entry form, which must be received by any one of the persons named thereon not later than **Friday 28 August 2026**. The entry fees must be paid at the time of making the entries.
2. Entry Fees shall be 30p per exhibit. There is no entry fee payable for the Children's Section entries.
3. Staging of Exhibits may commence at 7:30 am on Monday 31 August 2026. All exhibits must be in the hall by 9 am and the hall area must be cleared at 9am **prompt** ready for judging.
4. Cups will be presented at 3.30 pm. Winners of all Challenge Cups will receive trophies, miniatures or certificates. Challenge Cups must be returned to the Trophy Steward by 1st August in the year following the show.
5. After Judging has taken place, no exhibit or part of an exhibit may be altered or removed until after the Prizegiving, except by special permission of a member of the Show Committee.
6. Prize Money will be paid at 3.45 pm on the day of the show. Prize money remaining unclaimed after 14 days will be returned to the funds of the Society.
7. Exhibits in Sections 1, 2 and 3 must have been grown by the exhibitor. Exhibits in other sections must be the work of the exhibitor, but the flowers in the Floral Arrangement classes need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
8. The Show Committee reserves the right to visit by agreement before or after the Show, the garden, allotment, or glasshouse of any exhibitor.
9. In Sections 1, 2 and 3 two or more persons may not exhibit separately in the same class from the same garden.
10. No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any one class.
11. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, and in the event of such a refusal, it is not required to give any reason or explanation.
12. Exhibitors are requested to name their exhibits. In the event of close competition, a named exhibit will be preferred to an unnamed or incorrectly named exhibit.
13. Prize Money may be withheld or modified if the exhibits are considered unworthy of the prize offered.
14. On the relative merits of the exhibits the decision of the Judges shall be final, but the Show Committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.
15. All exhibits, personal property, etc. shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and the Society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.
16. Exhibitors must provide their own vases or other display items specified in the class description. Responsibility for collection of items remains with the exhibitor.

BRIGHTLINGSEA DOG SHOW

Bank Holiday Monday – 31 August 2026
Community Centre
Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea CO7 0LG

Judge: Judy Thurmond (Erkenwyne)

Entries on the field from 12 noon Judging starts at 12.30pm

Entry Fee: £2 per class, per dog.

Pedigree Classes

- 1) A.V. Puppy (6 months to 1 year)
- 2) A.V. Sporting (Hound, Gundog, Terrier)
- 3) A.V. Non-Sporting (Toy, Utility, Working, Pastoral)
- 4) A.V. Open (All Pedigree)

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW: BEST IN SHOW: RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

The Tealby Shield for Best in Show donated by Mr T Ellis
(to be returned annually)

Novelty Classes

- 5) A.V. Vintage Veteran (over 10 years)
- 6) A.V. Veteran (over 7 years to 10 years))
- 7) A.V. Non-Pedigree
- 8) Prettiest female dog
- 9) Handsomest male dog
- 10) Junior Handling (10 to 15 years)
- 11) Dog with the Waggiest Tail

- 12) Local Stakes (dogs living within 3 miles of Brightlingsea)
- 13) Visitor Stakes (dogs living beyond 3 miles of Brightlingsea)
- 14) Dog the judge would like to take home (1 winner)

All First Prize winners to compete for Best Novelty & Reserve Best Novelty in Show

BEST NOVELTY IN SHOW: RESERVE BEST NOVELTY IN SHOW

Dogs Must Be Kept On A Lead And Under Control At All Times

The organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage within the precincts of the Show, organised as part of the Brightlingsea & District Town Summer Show.

Please park in free car park provided - Refreshments available

ROSETTES in all classes (1st – 5th)

The organisers ask all participants to comply with any health regulations.

Dog Show Enquiries Telephone (01206) 306546

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Wednesday	12pm - 2pm	5pm - 9pm
Thursday	12pm - 2pm	5pm - 9pm
Friday	12pm - 2pm	4.30pm - 10pm
Saturday	12pm - 2pm	4.30pm - 10pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

The Lozenge

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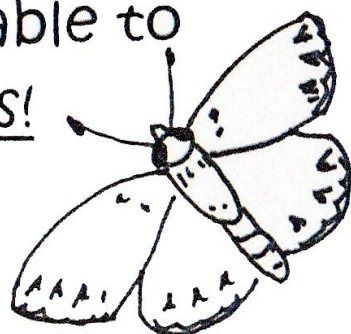
7 to 11, & for 6 & under

(Bring your parents, family etc!)

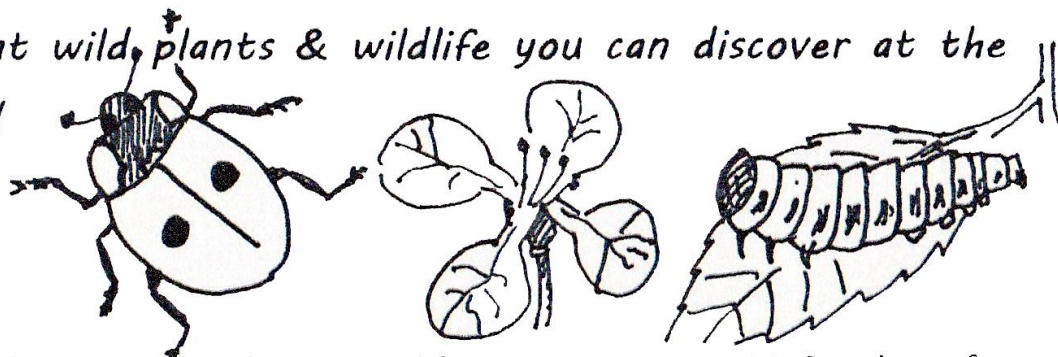
This part of the Town Show held at the Lozenge (at end of Community Centre Car Park),

August Bank Holiday Mon 29th,

Open 11.30 - 4.00 pm



See what wild plants & wildlife you can discover at the Lozenge!



TV naturalist & Town Show President **ROGER TABOR** & others from the **BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION** & **THE CINQUE PORT LIBERTY OF BRIGHTLINGSEA** will be there to give help.