

## H.F.H.S. ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2026



**RULES:** This Allotment Competition is open to all members of affiliated Societies and consists of two Sections: 1 - Plots of less than 10 rods and 2 - Plots of 10 rods and over. 10 rods are equal to 250 sq m or 300 sq yds. Allotments will be assessed by official Judges of the Federation. The judging criteria, based on the recommendations listed in the RHS Show Handbook 2016, are shown below. On the mutually agreed date for judging, a representative **MUST** be present to welcome and escort the judges. Plots that cannot be clearly identified will not be judged, therefore clear numbering is essential.

**AWARDS/PRIZES:** Challenge Cups will be awarded annually to the winners of each section and presented at the Federation AGM in February. Cash Prizes will be awarded as follows: Section 1. 1st - £30, 2nd - £25 and 3rd - £20; Section 2: 1st -£40, 2nd - £30 and 3rd - £20. Diplomas will be awarded, from the combined results of both Sections as follows: top 7% - Diploma of Special Merit, next 15% - Diploma of Merit.

**ENTRIES.** Completed entry forms, with a £1 fee for each entry, must be sent to Caroline Ford (see form).

Any questions telephone 01329 832107 or email [cford@mvnet.co.uk](mailto:cford@mvnet.co.uk)

<b>JUDGING CRITERIA.</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
<b>(1) Condition of the Plot and Visual Appearance.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free of weeds</li> <li>• Well cultivated</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	13 12 <b>25</b>
<b>(2) Workmanship.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good quality workmanship</li> <li>• Tidy</li> <li>• Well-presented crops</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	13 6 6 <b>25</b>
<b>(3) Quality of Crops.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Vigorous plants</li> <li>•No pests, diseases and disorders</li> <li>•Broad range of vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit</li> <li>•Cultivation of less common crops</li> <li>•Companion planting</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	50 20 10 10 10 <b>100</b>
<b>(4) Layout, Rotation and Crop Productivity.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Well planned</li> <li>•Maximise the use of the area</li> <li>•High crop productivity</li> <li>•Signs of the use of rotation</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	7 6 6 6 <b>25</b>
<b>(5) Composting, Green Manuring and Use of Organic Methods.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Compost heap or manure</li> <li>•Green manuring/mulching</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	6 4 <b>10</b>
<b>(6) Condition of Structures.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sheds</li> <li>•Supports</li> <li>•Paths</li> <li>•Water butts</li> <li>•Frames</li> <li>•Greenhouses</li> <li>•Polytunnels</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	3 2 2 2 2 2 2 <b>15</b>
<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>200</b>



## ALLOTMENT COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2026

All competitors wishing to enter this competition must complete and return this form to: Caroline Ford, Windmill House, St John's Lane, Shedfield, Hants SO32 2TA OR [cford@mvnet.co.uk](mailto:cford@mvnet.co.uk) by **31st May 2026**.

**Please note: It is intended that the judging of all plots will take place towards end of June.**

**I wish to enter the Allotment Competition (please print in capital letters)**

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Initials ..... Surname .....

Address .....

Tel.No..... Email.....

Name of Society/Association.....

Name of Allotment Site..... Plot No.....

Actual Size of Plot in Rods ..... (1 rod = 25 sq metres or 30 sq yards)

Access from Street / Road.....

I enclose entry fee of £1.00\*/BACS\* to HFHS Sort Code: 20-97-01 Account No: 10357316 \* delete as appropriate

Signature ..... Date .....

The judges will be met by:

Name.....

Address .....

..... Tel. No.....

**Are there any known restrictions or difficulties associated with the site? If so, please state overleaf.**