

Introduction to The National Vegetable Society

The National Vegetable Society (NVS) is a nationwide group of vegetable growing enthusiasts. We are a mix of abilities and ages and include those who grow for the table as well those whose passion is growing “for show”.

We thrive on helping growers produce better quality vegetables and by sharing tips and advice, we hope to encourage and support those new to vegetable growing.

In 2020, we are very excited to be part of the New Forest & Hampshire County Show’s Centenary celebrations. The whole show promises to be a very special event.

Visitors to the Vegetable Tent will be able to enjoy the Southern Championships, where all the exhibits are grown by NVS members, as well as the New Forest Vegetable Show which is open to all exhibitors. These two shows come together as one to showcase beautifully grown vegetables. Even those without green fingers will love what they see. Members of the NVS will be on hand to answer any vegetable growing queries. We are often asked how to grow vegetables ‘so big’ or what does the judge look for? The NVS is not about growing big vegetables, although some are impressively large, we are all about growing great quality vegetables.

Developing vegetable growing skills is well within the grasp of anyone. There are often simple ways to grow things better and most growers relish the delight of serving up a dish of beautiful home-grown produce.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Vegetable Show in the Flower and Gardening Tent in 2020. We hope you will enter your own vegetables into the New Forest Open Show or even become a member of the National Vegetable Society to exhibit in the NVS show.

We would like to thank the New Forest & Hampshire County Show for hosting our National Vegetable Society 2020 Southern Championships.

In the meantime, our website www.nvsuk.org.uk contains a wealth of free information on growing vegetables, plus articles on fruit and even herbs. Our regular blog “**It's Sow Simple**” takes the mystery out of vegetable growing and inspires even the most novice grower.

NVS members receive quarterly issues of ‘Simply Vegetables’ magazine packed full of information and advice. They also benefit from discounted seeds and sundries from a variety of horticultural suppliers and seed merchants.

There are five NVS branches around the country, each of which has a number of local groups holding meetings, events and local shows. Close to The Showground is NVS Hants DA who meet at Wellow Village Hall, West Wellow, SO51 6BR. Information on events is available on the NVS website www.nvsuk.org.uk

Good luck to all those entering the Vegetable Show at the New Forest & Hampshire County Show in 2020!

NVS Show Secretary 2020

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