

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.

We would like to thank the New Forest & Hampshire County Show for hosting the Southern Championships for National Vegetable Society members, alongside the New Forest Open 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.

Non-members can subscribe to our regular blog “**It's Sow Simple**” which takes the mystery out of vegetable growing and inspires even the most novice grower. <https://itssowsimple.co.uk>

NVS members receive quarterly issues of ‘Simply Vegetables’ magazine packed full of information and advice. Members can also access information on growing vegetables on our website www.nvsuk.org.uk and benefit from discounted seeds and sundries from our approved horticultural suppliers and seed merchants.

There are five NVS branches around the country, each with a number of local groups holding meetings, events and local shows. The Hampshire group (Hants DA) meet at Sherfield English Village Hall, Salisbury Road, Sherfield English, Romsey, SO51 6FL and everyone is welcome. Information on events is available on the NVS website www.nvsuk.org.uk

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

Good luck to all those entering the Vegetable Show at the New Forest & Hampshire County Show.

Alison Clarke – Vegetable Show Secretary

