# Springfields Horticultural Society Annual Daffodil & Spring Flowers Competition Regulations and Information for Exhibitors

# **2026 Final Version**

### 1. Entry Submission:

- Entry forms can be downloaded from the website www.springfieldsfestivalgardens.org.uk
- Completed entry forms should be submitted by email in advance please send applications to <u>SHS@springfields.net</u> or may submitted in person at the SHS office in Springfields Festival Gardens.
- Completed entry forms <u>should reach</u> SHS by midnight on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- For any queries relating to the competition please email <u>SHS@springfields.net</u>
   or telephone 01775 724843

#### 2. Staging of exhibits:

- o Friday, 10th April from 1:00 pm to 7pm
- o Saturday, 11th April from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.
- 3. **Entry Fee:** The competition is free to enter.
- 4. **Entry Limit**: Each exhibitor can make up to two entries per class. All blooms must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least six months.

# 5. Judging Uniformity:

- o Only SHS-provided drapery is allowed.
- SHS will set up tiers; no other tiers are permitted.
- SHS will provide test tubes, block holders, vases, moss, and water.
- o Follow the Annual Daffodil Competition Entry Form for stem display.
- Ensure all stems are in contact with water.
- 6. **Labelling**: Clearly label and correctly name all varieties in the relevant daffodil classes.
- 7. **Readiness for Judging**: Exhibitors must be ready by 10:00 am on Saturday, 11th April 2026.
- 8. **Classification**: Follow the revised classification of daffodils please refer the classification list available on the website <a href="www.springfieldsfestivalgardens.org.uk">www.springfieldsfestivalgardens.org.uk</a> . Judges' decisions are final in any case of doubt.

# 9. SHS holds the Rights to:

- Withhold prizes if an exhibit is not worthy of a prize or deserves a lower award.
- Resolve any rule-related questions.
- Make final decisions on any issues during the show.
- 10. **Complaints**: Written complaints or protests should be submitted in writing to the CEO of Springfields Horticultural Society, Marion Durose, before 2:00 pm on the first day of the show. SHS's decision is final.
- 11. Marquee Access: Open from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, 10th April 2026, and from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturday, 11th April 2026. If you have any difficulties meeting the staging time slots and may need to stage after 7pm then please contact The Head Gardener, Andy Boyton, on 07980 756887 or the office on 01775 711209 well in advance.
- 12. **Bloom Removal**: No blooms may be removed before 4:00 pm on Sunday, 12th April 2026.
- 13. **Marquee Exit**: Exhibitors must leave by 7:00 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and may return from 8:00 am on the first day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- 14. **Judging Points**: Judges will award points (3 for first, 2 for second, 1 for third) and place winning blooms accordingly.
- 15. **Judging**: will commence at 10.00am and is expected to conclude by 12.30pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 16. Presentation of prizes and awards: will take place at 13.30pm at the Marquee.
- 17. **Open to the public from**: 13.30pm 5pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April and from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 18. Location: Springfields Festival Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6ET
- 19. Car Parking: is available on site