

THE INSOLE COURT

Village Show

Llandaff's celebration of home bakers, growers and makers

Live Music • Street Food • Plant Sale • Children's Crafts • and more

Entry Guidelines

Introducing the 2026 Village Show

It is my pleasure to introduce this year's Insole Court Village Show.

For more than 170 years, Insole Court has been a place where people come together. Today, this historic site is not only a much-loved heritage attraction, but a vibrant community space where people gather to learn, create, celebrate and connect.

At the heart of Insole Court is an extraordinary community of volunteers. From welcoming visitors and supporting events, to helping care for the house, collections and grounds, they generously give their time, skills and enthusiasm throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do.

Among them are our dedicated gardening volunteers, whose hard work and passion help make Insole Court's beautiful grounds one of its most treasured features. Their efforts, and the long tradition of growing and sharing at Insole Court, inspired the development of our Village Show, building on the success of our previous Garden Days and last year's Sow, Grow and Show.

We warmly encourage entries from everyone. Whether you're a current or former member of staff, a volunteer, friend or supporter of Insole Court, or someone visiting us for the very first time, there is a place for you in the show. Whether you enjoy gardening, baking, crafting, photography or simply having a go, everyone is welcome.

Above all, the Village Show is a celebration of community spirit. Alongside the competition entries, there will be live music, street food, children's arts and crafts, and plenty of opportunities to explore the gardens and enjoy the atmosphere.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating all the creativity, talent and community that make Insole Court such a special place.

Lloyd Glanville

Chief Executive Officer

General Information & Show Rules

To help ensure the Village Show is enjoyable and fair for everyone, please take a moment to read the following information and competition rules before entering.

Most importantly, we encourage everyone to take part and enjoy being part of this wonderful community celebration.

- The Village Show is open to everyone, including current and former staff, volunteers, supporters, friends of Insole Court and members of the public.
- All entries must be delivered to the Insole Court Gift Shop.
- Entries that will not spoil if stored overnight may be delivered between **5:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday 4 July.**
- Perishable entries, including food and fresh produce, should be delivered between **8:00am and 9:30am on Sunday 5 July.**
- All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and entered in the appropriate class.
- Floral arrangements must be prepared at home. Exhibitors will be allowed up to 15 minutes on arrival to make any final adjustments to their display.
- Fruit, vegetables, flowers and other horticultural exhibits should have been grown by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.
- Homemade food, preserves, baking, crafts and artwork must have been made by the exhibitor.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Entries must remain on display until the close of the Village Show unless otherwise agreed with the organisers.
- While every care will be taken, Insole Court cannot accept responsibility for loss of or damage to exhibits.
- By entering the Village Show, exhibitors agree that photographs of entries may be used for promotional and archival purposes.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries that do not comply with the schedule or show rules.

Entries to each category is just £2 and there are prizes & rosettes to be won.

If you have any questions, please email **enquiry@insolecourt.org** and our team will be happy to help.

Competition Categories

Fruit & Vegetables

1. Tomatoes
   5 tomatoes of one variety. Uniform in size, shape and colour. Stalks should remain attached. Fruit should be fresh, ripe, firm and uniform in size, shape & colour.

2. Potatoes
   5 tubers of one variety. Select specimens of even size and shape. Wash carefully using water and a soft sponge only.

3. Cucumber
   1 Cucumber. Fruit should be straight, fresh and evenly coloured. Free from blemishes, yellowing or damage.

4. Carrots
   3 carrots. Specimens should be uniform in size and shape. Foliage/roots can be trimmed to approximately 3in (7.5cm) or left intact. Wash carefully using water and a soft sponge only.

5. Rhubarb
   3 sticks of naturally grown rhubarb. Leaf blades should be left intact. Stalks should be pulled rather than cut. Exhibits should be fresh, straight and of even thickness and colour.

6. Mixed Vegetables
   A collection of 3 different vegetables. Exhibit should contain one specimen of each vegetable type. Judged on quality, freshness, variety and overall presentation.

7. Mixed Herbs
   A collection of 3 different culinary herbs. Herbs should be freshly cut and clearly identifiable. Display in a suitable glass container (such as a bud vase, jar or wine glass) with water. Judged on freshness, quality, variety and presentation.

8. Fruit Selection
   A collection of 5 different fruits. Exhibit should contain a representative quantity of each fruit variety (i.e. a min of 5 berries on the vine or 1 large piece of fruit). Fruit should be fresh, ripe and of good quality. Judged on variety, condition and overall presentation.

Flowers & Plants

9. Sweet Peas

9 stems, one or more varieties. Flowers should be free from damage, fading or pest damage. Judged on quality, colour, size and presentation.

10. Bouquet

A vase of mixed cut flowers. The exhibit should contain a harmonious selection of seasonal flowers and foliage. Flowers should be foraged or grown by the exhibitor. Judged on quality, freshness, colour combination, balance and overall visual appeal.

11. Flowering Pot Plant

One flowering pot plant. The plant should be healthy, well-grown and in bloom at the time of judging. Foliage should be clean and free from pests, disease or damage. Judged on condition, floriferousness and overall presentation. Pot size is unrestricted.

12. Potted Succulent

One succulent plant in a pot. The plant should be healthy, well-established and appropriately potted. Leaves should be firm, clean and free from damage, pests or disease. Judged on condition, form, cultivation and presentation.

13. Single Rose

One rose bloom displayed in a bud vase or glass jar. The bloom should be fresh, fully developed and shown with a stem of suitable length and healthy foliage. Judged on form, colour, condition and overall quality. The variety may be any garden rose.

Arts & Crafts

14. Physical Art with a theme of 'Llandaff'

Any medium may be used, including drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles or mixed media. Artwork must be the exhibitor's own original work and suitably mounted or framed for display where appropriate. Judged on creativity, interpretation of the theme, technical skill and overall presentation.

15. Digital Art with the theme of 'Llandaff'

One original digital artwork inspired by the theme 'Llandaff'. Created using any digital medium, including illustration, graphic design or digital painting. Entries must be submitted as a high-quality print, suitably mounted for display. Judged on creativity, interpretation of the theme, technical execution and overall visual impact.

16. Photograph with the theme of 'Llandaff'

Printed and framed (maximum A3). One photograph inspired by the theme 'Llandaff'. The photograph must be taken by the exhibitor and may be colour or monochrome. Basic editing and post-processing are permitted. Images should be printed and mounted for display. Judged on composition, technical quality, interpretation of the theme and visual impact.

Cakes, Bakes & Preserves

17. Loaf Cake

One loaf cake. Any flavour. The cake should be well-risen, evenly baked and presented uniced unless the recipe traditionally requires a topping. Judged on appearance, texture, flavour and overall quality.

18. Victoria Sponge

One Victoria Sponge cake. Made using two sandwich layers filled with jam only and lightly dusted with sugar. Judged on appearance, even bake, texture and flavour.

19. Scones

5 scones. Plain, fruit or savoury. Scones should be evenly sized, well-risen and freshly baked. Judged on appearance, texture, flavour and consistency.

20. Welsh Cakes

5 Welsh cakes. Traditionally prepared and evenly sized. Judged on appearance, texture, flavour and quality of bake.

21. Brown Loaf

One brown loaf. Made primarily from wholemeal flour. Judged on shape, crust, crumb texture, flavour and overall quality.

22. Sourdough

One sourdough loaf. Naturally leavened using a sourdough starter. Judged on crust, crumb structure, flavour, appearance and overall craftsmanship.

23. Jam

One jar of homemade jam. Presented in a clean, clear glass jar with a twist-top lid. The jar should be labelled with the fruit variety and year of production. Judged on colour, clarity, consistency, set and flavour.

24. Fruit Selection

One jar of homemade marmalade. Presented in a clean, clear glass jar with a twist-top lid. The jar should be labelled with the variety and year of production. Judged on colour, distribution of peel, consistency, set and flavour.

25. Pickle & Chutney

One jar of homemade pickle or chutney. Presented in a clean, clear glass jar with a twist-top lid. The jar should be labelled with the variety and year of production. Judged on appearance, texture, consistency and flavour.

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