

Top Tips for entrants:

Read through the schedule of competitive classes, and decide which ones you would like to enter. As far in advance as you can, and certainly before the deadline, complete an entry form and send it with the correct entry fee to the organiser of the section you want to enter – remember to include a stamped addressed envelope.

Once you receive them, fill in your name and class numbers on your exhibitor cards.

Read the schedule again carefully – if a class requires 4 of something, then if you enter 3 or 5 of them, they may not be judged, as they will be ruled 'not as schedule' by the judges.

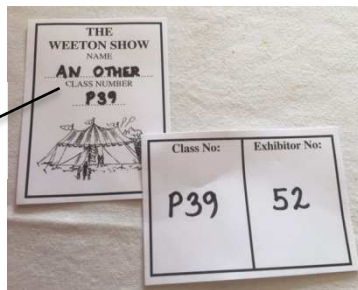
Where maximum sizes are specified, do not exceed them, as your entry may be disqualified.

With jams and chutneys, fill the jars to the top, leaving about 1cm space. Use a well-fitted wax disc and a taut cellophane cover, unless otherwise stated. The presentation of the jar is also important: ensure that the jar is clean and use a clear simple label stating type of preserve and exact date of making.

Cakes will be tested for texture and flavour; where several cakes or biscuits are required, they should be equal in size, colour and shape.

Bread will be judged on texture, flavour and an even rise.

On the morning of the Show, take your exhibits to the Produce Tent on the Showground as early as you can to avoid the rush. Allow more time than you think you will need to stage your exhibits, and if possible take spares as accidents can happen!



Place your exhibits in the allocated area for the relevant classes, and remember to **place your exhibitor card face-down underneath your anonymous entry card** (or you may attach it to the exhibit), making sure that your name is hidden from the judges – they need only to see your Exhibitor Number.

The Produce Tent will close promptly at 10am for judging – no exhibits can be accepted after that time, as judging will begin shortly after.

After all judging has been completed, the tent will open to the public, and exhibits will be on display all afternoon.

Please do not attempt to remove your exhibits before 3.30pm as it spoils the display for other visitors to the Show.

Don't be disheartened if you do not win – at least you tried – look around the Produce Tent, see where others were better, and set out to beat them next year!

Good luck – and most of all, have fun!

