

Colwich Parish Council Environment Committee

Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show Report March 2025

The AGM was held on February 26th. The existing |Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were elected unopposed for another year. The majority of the meeting was taken up with discussions around various aspects of last year's Show, including further improvements to enhance the experience of both exhibitors and visitors. These were as follows:

- As well as free entry for children to visit the Show, there will be no entry fee for children's exhibits.
- The type of display stands for the art and photography sections was agreed and its availability will now be researched.
- Although not entirely straightforward, a greater effort will be made to ensure that the numbers allocated to classes of exhibits flowed in sequence around the tables for the convenience of Exhibitors and Judges.
- The raffle ticket price of £1.00 per ticket introduced last year through a misunderstanding would be retained, but conspicuous signage would make this clear at the point of entry.
- White tablecloths would be provided for the display of Preserves, Baking and Bread classes.
- The Catering Team would be increased to three people with a new individual to collect the money outside the serving hatch. This would be more in line with food hygiene regulations and reduce queuing time.
- It was agreed to remain in regular contact with the Judges to maintain their interest and encourage their return!
- With our attendance at the Summer Fete in mind we will endeavour to produce some banner type promotional photographs etc.
- As the 2024 Show was so successful, we will not need to secure additional funding to stage the Show this year.

Finally, we have come to realise that we need some additional, hopefully younger Committee members to share the workload of the existing team for the Show to survive.

Going forward, The Village Hall and table hire have been booked and the Trophy presenter has been secured!

Jim Sarjant, Chairman.