

Benfleet Horticultural Society

BENFLEET BEST VASE

1. The **Benfleet Best Vase** class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten stems, taken from a minimum of three different kinds of plants. Please note that it is three different KINDS of plants; three varieties of the same plant are NOT three kinds (for further clarification please see 'Notes for Exhibitors and Judges', a copy of which is available from the Show Secretary).
2. The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 points for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions.
3. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only. No seed heads or berries will be allowed.
4. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories whatsoever – such as bows and additional foliage – will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem and still attached to that stem is allowed.
Packing material – including florist's foam – to keep the stems in place is allowed.
6. The winner of the **Benfleet Best Vase** class will receive a £10 Store voucher, a prize card and a special Certificate. The Runner-up will receive a £5 Store voucher and prize card. Third place will receive a £3 Store voucher and prize card.

This class will be sponsored by Benfleet Horticultural Society.