

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW CUP COMPETITION SCHEDULE 2026

Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge – 4, 5 and 6 June 2026
Organised by the Flowers and Gardens Sub-Committee

“AFTERNOON TEA IN A COTTAGE GARDEN”

Members are invited to work collaboratively within their WI to create a display using their skills and imagination, reflecting the theme.

This must include the following:

1. A child's sun hat – any craft medium (20 marks) (*Yvonne Toms Award for best craft item*)
2. Four decorated cupcakes – may be assorted flavours and decorations, but should be complementary (20 marks) (*Rosemary Slee Award for best cookery item*)
3. A floral art exhibit in a teapot, to reflect the theme. Fresh flowers and foliage only. Accessories allowed, but no floral foam. (20 marks) (*Nan Collier Award for best floral art*)
4. A backdrop reflecting a cottage garden – any medium – to be judged in situ (20 marks)

Please note: All judged competition elements must be the original work of a WI member or WI members.

All items must suit the theme.

Points will be awarded as above plus 20 marks staging and 20 for interpretation – a total of 120.

Judges' comments will be on display. Accessories may be used in the overall display.

No cubicles or sides to be used.

Judging will be in accordance with *On with the Show 2023 edition*. A copy of this valuable publication for both judges and competitors can be downloaded free from MyWI. We cannot recommend strongly enough that you consult this publication when creating your entry.

**See over for the rules and very important information to help you with this year's competition.*

More information: fandg@cornwallwi.org.uk

Closing date: 31 March 2026, No late entries will be accepted.

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RULES FOR EXHIBITORS – Please read carefully

1. **The entry must be the work of at least four members** (preferably more); only two members may stage the exhibit. Staging of entries will take place between 8am and 12 noon on Wednesday 3 June 2026. No staging after 12 noon. The marquee becomes congested during staging, and it is for this reason that we are asking exhibitors with **odd numbers to stage between 8am and 10am and even numbers between 10am and 12 noon.**
 2. Access to the showground on the Wednesday is via the West Entrance only.
 3. All items to be judged must be easily removable and you should ensure that all such items have numbered labels, which will be supplied, attached.
 4. Only one entry per WI.
 5. No cubicles or sides are to be used. Only bases permitted. A back board can be used but must be self-supporting or attached to the base. The size of the exhibit should not exceed 22" x 22" x 3' high (56 cm x 56 cm x 91.5 cm high).
 6. CFWI cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to articles, although every care will be taken of items submitted. Valuable items should not be included.
 7. Please remember:
 - The site is sloping.
 - Items must be suitable to withstand the duration of the Show. Some food can be a problem as humidity in the marquee can be high. CFWI retains the right to remove any items which deteriorate to a point at which this becomes necessary.
 - All items must be 'fit for purpose'.
 8. All entries must be checked in with the Steward on Wednesday 3 June 2026 and checked out at the end of the show.
 9. **Cars are not to be parked outside the marquee.** Members are permitted to unload equipment only and must remove their cars before setting up their exhibit. Parking is allowed in the field opposite the main entrance. It is advisable to allow plenty of time to stage your exhibit, as this often takes longer than anticipated. Vehicles entering the showground are often slow moving, causing delays especially during mid-morning.
 10. **No entries to be removed until approximately 6.15pm on Saturday 6 June.** You are welcome to wait in the closed refreshment area. After various essential tasks have been carried out, you will be invited to enter the main marquee to collect your entries.
 11. We are aware that some WIs have difficulty in picking up their entries on the Saturday evening. If you envisage difficulties with this, you may advise us in advance and your entry can be returned to Chy Noweth an Conteth for you. You must collect your entry from Chy Noweth within 14 days of the Show during office opening hours. It is unlikely that perishable items such as cookery or floral art entries will be able to be returned to you.
 12. The marquee will be unattended from approximately 7pm on the Saturday evening and no responsibility will be accepted by CFWI for any entries remaining after that time. It should be noted that the marquee is often dismantled early on the Sunday morning. If you are planning to collect your entry after 7pm on the Saturday evening, please advise the steward when booking your entry in.
- When you deliver your entry you will need to leave with the Signing In Steward a list of creators of items 1, 2 and 3 so that the winners of the individual cookery, craft and floral art awards can be advised.
13. **Unacceptable, threatening or abusive language or behaviour toward any Trustees, sub-committee members, volunteers or members of staff will not be tolerated.** If you are deemed to be behaving inappropriately, you will be asked to leave the marquee.
 14. By entering this competition, you are agreeing to comply with the above rules.

For more information contact fandg@cornwallwi.org.uk

Entries must be sent to CFWI as on entry form or by using online entry form which can be found on our website: www.cornwallwi.org.uk

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Please complete and send with a C5 SAE (230 x 165 mm) (required even if paying by BACS) and cheque made out to CFWI for £6 to CFWI, Chy Noweth an Conteth, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro, TR4 9NH.

You may instead use the online booking form on our website: www.cornwallwi.org.uk

_____ WI wishes to enter the RCS Cup Competition 2026.

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

☐ I enclose a cheque payable to CFWI for £ _____ or

☐ I have paid £ _____ by BACS on (date) _____ (Quote Ref RCSCUP26)
Accounts name CWLL COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMENS INST, Account No 00918970 Sort Code 30-98-76)

Email to reception@cornwallwi.org.uk, or post to CFWI, Chy Noweth an Conteth, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro TR4 9NH.