

The Batcombe and District Horticultural Society is in its 63rd year. It's primary role is to mount an annual show. A substantial committee is needed to organize this event that normally takes place on the first Saturday in August. The classes are discussed in detail and although changes have been made to adapt to fashions for flowers and vegetables, art, craft and photography, the hard core classes remain. A honey class has been reintroduced as hives have reappeared in Batcombe. 'Foreign' varieties of veg. are allowed, bread can be made in a machine, there are classes for homebrewed cider, and for sloe gin and vodka.

There is increasing emphasis on children's participation and the recent 'potting parties,' when children sew seeds in pots, have been great fun. Occasional outings to local growers and gardens are arranged and a Gardeners' Question Time at the pub. There is a Gardens Competition every 2 years and the society helps with the Open Gardens Weekend that follow the judging. Watch out for the scarecrows that sometimes appear around the village to announce a gardening event.

Please let us know if you would like to join the committee or need information. We like to think that Batcombe growers are not noticeably competitive, but you never know!

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