

Brightling Flower Show 2016

Once again, the sun shone on the Brightling Flower Show. There was a feast for the eyes in the marquee with a truly fantastic 477 entries from 85 competitors. Not only were entries up in numbers, the standard was especially high and the competition strong. In 2015, for example, there were only two entries in the cucumber class, this year there were twelve. The flower entries were most impressive and the judge wrote the “The standard of the flower section is exceptionally high this year” and this was echoed by the judges of the other sections. Well done, Brightling!

It was particularly encouraging to welcome a number of first-time exhibitors and to share their joy and amazement at winning prizes.. It was also good to see a resurgence in the entries in the children’s classes after a few very lean years – we hope this will be the start of an upward trend in this section.

Financially, the Flower Show, as usual, made a small loss but there was a very successful Barn Dance in September to replenish the Society’s funds and we now have enough reserves to withstand three adverse years. There will also be a bring and buy plant stall at the May market to raise additional funds to contribute to the ever-increasing cost of staging the show.

Victoria Fraser, Chair, and Vanessa Everett have indicated their wish to relinquish their responsibilities after this year’s show. We are very grateful to Dr David Rodgers for taking up the rein as Chairman and to Jean Wood who will be taking over as Secretary.

This year’s show will be on 22nd July 2017.

Vanessa Everett

Honorary Secretary – Brightling Flower Show.