2026 Balmoral Show

Create a Critter Competition

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Entry Form

Exhibitor Details			
Competitors Name			
Contact Name (if different from entry name)			
Category	**Pre-school / Primary School**	**12-17 Years**	**Over 18 years**
Address			
Postcode			
Telephone /Mobile			
Email			

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY "Create a Critter"

Please return completed entry form to louise@ruas.org.uk , no later than
Friday 17th April 2026
Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, Eikon Exhibition Centre, Balmoral Park, Halftown Road, Lisburn BT27 5RD

Competition Rules & Information

Entry Information

Creativity is the name of the game. You are encouraged to "Create a Critter" using a colourful array of fruits and vegetables and display it in a planted setting. From kiwi turtles to fruity butterflies and even cauliflower cuckoos, you are invited to let your imaginations run wild, combining the tastiest produce to craft your favourite animals.

We encourage everyone taking part to include an array of fruits and vegetables to design your tasty masterpiece. Our top tips are to use larger, more sturdy items for the base and smaller, lighter items to add those all-important features and finishing touches.

Anyone is welcome to enter this competition and entry is free.

There will be 3 categories :

- Pre-school/Primary school
- 12-17 years
- Over 18 years. Entries may be limited due to display space available.

The closing date for entry is **Friday 17th April 2026.**

Information on making your display

- No names/logos of the entry team/person (i.e. no school name/logo) are to be shown on the entry; this is to ensure they will be judged without bias.
- Please put your names or initials on the bottom of the entry.
- Please consider how your design will be displayed, the base whatever you choose to put your critter on should be freestanding and not topple over easily.

Planting Information

- You can use any kind of base to put your critter on, but it must not exceed 28cm in width.
- The total height of your display should not exceed 50cm.
- You are encouraged to create a suitable environment that your critter will be displayed in Eg you may have a ladybird in a garden setting with planting around it.
- You are free to include any plants, herbs, fruits, vegetables or other elements that you wish.

Judging & Prizes

- Your entry will be on display for the full four days of the Show in the Horticulture Hub marquee in Section H. Winners will be informed by email.
- Your container will be judged by the RUAS President and members of the RUAS Horticulture Committee on the first day of the Show. Your exhibit will be judged on the following criteria: creativity, originality and artistic skills.
- There will be prizes for

  1st £50 provided by 3T Power and £50 voucher from Hillmount Garden Centre

  2nd £30 provided by 3T Power and £30 voucher from Hillmount Garden Centre

  3rd £20 provided by 3T Power and £20 voucher from HIllmount Garden Centre.

  Prizes will be distributed to the winners after the Show.

Delivering & collecting your exhibit

- The Balmoral Show runs from Wednesday 13th – 16th May 2026 at Halftown Road, Lisburn.
- Your entry should be delivered directly to the RUAS Show Office on site, please contact Louise Moore on arrival.
- You can deliver your entry on **Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th of May** between **9.30am – 1.00pm**. No entry will be accepted after this date and time.
- If you wish to take your exhibit home you can collect from 5pm on Saturday 16th May or Sunday 10.00am-Noon.

We do not take responsibility for any entry left onsite after Show close on Saturday 16th May 2026.

For any further information please contact:

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