

# National Senior Arts & Crafts 2025

## “Shop Window”

The following items are to be made, exhibited and displayed, with marks allocated for each as followed.

1. Sewn Article	20 marks
2. x1 Decorated Cake (décor only)	20 marks
3. Shop Sign (any craft)	20 marks
4. One variety of confectionery (6 pieces to be displayed)	20 marks
5. Floral Exhibit - To be displayed in water only, Natural Plant Material	20 marks
6. Further Article	20 marks
7. Appearance and Display	20 marks

### ELIGIBILITY

1. If there are 3 or 4 members competing as a team, 1 Associate member may compete or if there are 5 or more, 2 Associate members can compete. The Associate members must not have reached 30<sup>th</sup> birthday by date of the competition. Teams must consist of a minimum of 3 members.
2. Only One member is allowed to enter each article and Only two team members will be permitted to set up the appearance and display section.
3. Formers winners of this competition can compete again but teams may not consist of more than 50% of former winners
4. Clubs can amalgamate to form a District team.

### SCORING CRITERIA

In judging each article, the judges will be asked to allocate marks as follows:-

Handcraft Articles	Workmanship	10 marks	
	Design & Use of Colour	3 marks	
	Suitability of Materials	3 marks	
	Degree of Difficulty	4 marks	20 marks
Cookery/Confectionery	Appearance	5 marks	
	Texture	7 marks	
	Flavour	8 marks	20 marks
Appearance & Display	Appearance & Display	15 marks	
	Interpretation of Theme	5 marks	20 marks

### PROCEDURE

1. If the theme has a sewn or knitted article, the following rules apply. Articles made from knitting yarn must be presented for judging along with a label and yarn ample. Sewing machines may be used; knitting machines are NOT allowed to be used. Cross stitch is not a sewn article and should be entered in further article section. A sewn article is an item joined or attach by stitches.
2. Clubs are asked to make the above articles for the proposed theme. They will be displayed within backboards. A table will be provided. Full size models may not be used but tailor's busts may be used at the entrant's discretion. Everything has to be contained within the area of the table except the drape, which may be attached to the back and from tabletop to floor. Teams must provide their own backboards - **5ft in length, 2ft in depth max and 3ft in height.**
3. Each team will provide its own equipment for displaying the articles and a suitable covering for the platform. A drape or drapes of material will be allowed. Drapes from tabletop to floor must be used.
4. Articles should be delivered to the YF Centre as per calling notice. Entries arriving after this time will be penalised - five points up to 15minutes then between 15 – 30 minutes late, a further 5 points. Thereafter, the team will be disqualified from the competition.
5. Articles must be displayed in exactly the same manner as they are to be presented for Judging with the exception of clothing items. Items of clothing should not be displayed on any mannequins during the judging of the articles. It's down to the discretion of the team whether or not mannequins are then used during the appearance and display.
6. Judging will commence at 11.30 a.m. and should be completed by 3.30pm. Clubs will then set up their exhibits for the judging of Appearance and Display at 4.00 p.m. and will be allowed one hour for this task.
7. Exhibits should be removed BETWEEN 4.00 pm and 6.00pm (on the last day of the RHS). Clubs must dispose of all perishable items but can leave their other items packed up at their own risk with their backboards. These must then be collected within 4 weeks of the show. A Staff member must be informed before the show if boards are being left behind.
8. Judges will be nominated by SWI.
9. All items on display must be clearly marked for judging. These labels will not go against appearance and display scores.

## ENTRIES

1. Clubs will be permitted to enter **one team**. Alternatively, a District Association may enter a team and in the event of additional space becoming available additional teams may be permitted.
2. In the opinion of and at the Chief Stewards discretion, a competitor or team will be disqualified for wrongful conduct by word or act, which is likely to bring the event and/or the YFC into disrepute.
3. The Association will arrange for insurance cover up to maximum of £300.00 per entry in respect of loss or damage to entries in this Competition. Clubs who wish their entries insured beyond this figure must inform the National Office accordingly and give particulars of the amount required at least fourteen days before the date of the contest.

## FLORAL EXHIBIT

1. The Taylor Candelabra will be awarded to the best Floral Exhibit within the competition. Please note that the competitor must be under the age of 28 years.  
A Floral exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories and can have more than one placement. (Natural plant material can be fresh, dried or a combination of both., no artificial. Accessory is anything other than natural plant material e.g. stones, shells, figurines, candles etc)

**Entry Deadline: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Competition Date: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Entry Fee: £25**  
**Entry Criteria: Club to National**