

The Beamish Challenge



Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th September 2026

Join in with our annual Beamish Challenge 2026.

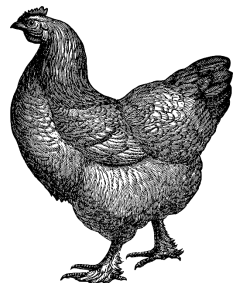
Entry is free* and there are certificates and rosettes up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Entries to be received at the show marquee by 11am on both days (volunteers and staff by 10am). Judging will start at 11.15am and will be completed by 1pm both days.

We kindly ask all visitor entries to be collected by 5pm each day. Please note it is requested no more than 3 entries per person, per class.

 Everyone is welcome. 
Good luck!

*Admission fee to Beamish is required, but there is no extra charge to enter The Beamish Challenge. Entering The Beamish Challenge and enjoying the North East Horticultural Society Show is free to Beamish Unlimited Pass holders and Friends of Beamish members.



Saturday, 5th September

Homegrown Vegetables

Class 1: Heaviest Marrow

Class 2: Longest Bean

Class 3: Three Potatoes

Class 4: 2 Leeks (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 5: 3 Beetroots (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 6: 3 Onions (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 7: 3 Carrots (As pulled, cleaned, tops on)

Class 8: 3 Apples (with stalks and leaves)

Class 9: 3 Pears (with stalks and leaves)

Class 10: 3 Small Tomatoes (with stalks)

Class 11: 3 Large Tomatoes (with stalks)

Class 12: Miniature Garden

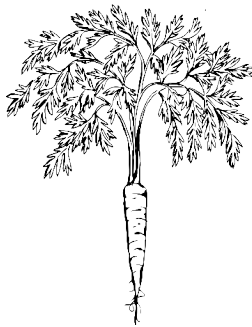
Class 13: Any Mishapen Vegetable

Class 14: Tray of Mixed Vegetables
(judged on variety and quality)

Class 15: Tray of Seasonal Fruit

Children's Competition (under 16)

Class 16: Animal made from Vegetables



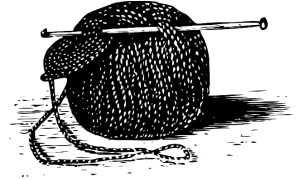
Floral Arrangements

Class 17: Mixed Arrangement of any Garden Flowers and Foliage

Class 18: Three Best Sweet Peas in a Jar

Class 19: Three Flowers of a Kind

Arts & Crafts



Class 20: Decorated Egg

Class 21: Hand-Knitted Toy

Class 22: Hand-Knitted Garment

Class 23: Crochet Toy

Class 24: Crochet Garment

Class 25: Clippy/Proggy Mat

Class 26: Hooky Mat

Class 27: Patchwork Cover/Blanket

Class 28: Quilted Cover/Blanket

Class 29: Handworked Cross-Stitch (unframed, no bigger than 12x12 inches)

Class 30: Handworked Tapestry (unframed, no bigger than 12x12 inches)

Class 31: Handworked Embroidery (unframed, no bigger than 12x12 inches)

Class 32: Handworked Any Felted Item (unframed, no bigger than 12x12 inches)

Class 33: Drawing Inspired by Beamish

(Any medium, no bigger than A4 unframed)

Class 34: Painting Inspired by Beamish

(Any medium, no bigger than A4 unframed)

Class 35: Photograph of any Beamish Animal(s)

(No bigger than A4 unframed)

Class 36: Homemade Postcard

Class 37: Peg Doll in the Image of a Beamish Character

Class 38: Small Piece of Handmade Woodwork

Class 39: Hand-Carved Wood

Class 40: Any Handstitched Leatherwork

Class 41: Any Handworked Clay Item

Beamish Challenge: Youth Section

Entries accepted between 10am and 11:30am. Judging to be completed by 1pm on both days. Entries to be collected by 5pm each day. Each below class is available within the following categories: 6 years and under, 7-10 years and 11-16 years.

Saturday, 5th September

Floral Arrangement

Class 42: Miniature Garden

Class 43: Mixed Arrangement of any Garden Flowers and Foliage

Arts & Crafts

Class 44: Decorated Pebble

Class 45: Peg Doll

Class 46: Decorated Egg

Class 47: Clippy/Progy Mat (no bigger than 40cm x 40cm)

Class 48: Photograph 'Beamish Through Your Eyes' (no bigger than A4, unframed)

Class 49: Drawing Inspired by Beamish (no bigger than A4, unframed)

Class 50: Any Felted Item

Class 51: Poem Inspired by Beamish (with additional prize for best handwriting)

Class 52: Any Crocheted or Knitted Item

Sunday, 6th September

Food & Beverage

Class 53: Best Decorated Cupcake

Class 54: Best Decorated Gingerbread Person

Class 55: Cakes That Look Like Animals

Sunday, 6th September

Food & Beverage

Class 56: Victoria Sandwich Cake (jam filling, no cream)

Class 57: Corned Beef Plate Pie

Class 58: Currant Slice

Class 59: Egg Custard Tart

Class 60: Four Cheese Scones

Class 61: Ginger Cake (traybakes)

Class 62: Four Shortbread Biscuits

Class 63: Handmade White Loaf (not machine)

Class 64: Stottie

Class 65: Four Teacakes

Class 66: One Fruit Jam

Class 67: Orange Marmalade

Class 68: Onion Chutney

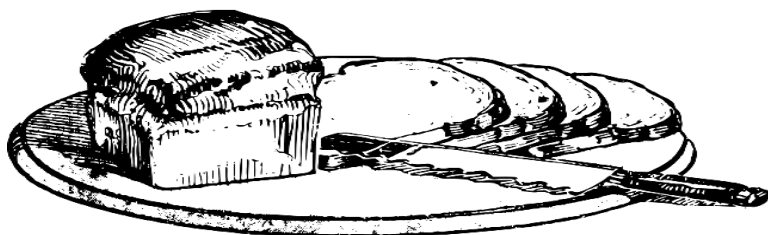
Class 69: Sloe Gin (Adults only)

Class 70: Homemade Lemonade

Class 71: 3 Hen Eggs – White

Class 72: 3 Hen Eggs – Brown

Class 73: A Baking Disaster



Beamish Cup

The Beamish Cup is awarded to area teams of Beamish staff and volunteers. It's very competitive and teams spend all year preparing their items to enter. Keep an eye out on our social media channels for updates, and to find out who the Beamish Cup Winner 2026 will be. They're scored using the rules below:

Every entry - 1 point (note: maximum of 3 entries per person per class).

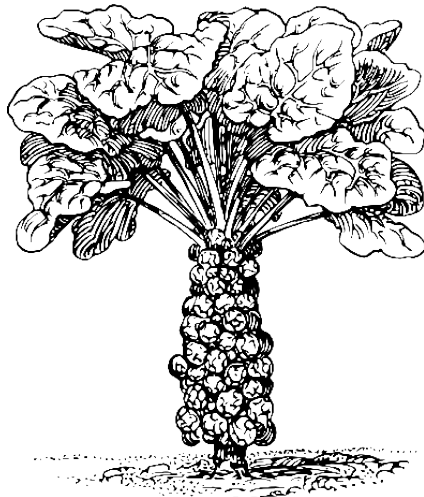
1st Prize - 6 points

2nd Prize - 4 points

3rd Prize - 2 points

Highly Commended - 1 point

The winning team receives the Beamish Tony Jobling Cup.





Beamish Museum

Autumn and Winter

Events 2026

Atchin-Tan: Celebrating Gypsy, Romany, Traveller History –
12th & 13th September

Georgian Gathering – 19th & 20th September

Classic Cars in the 1950s – 26th September

Classic Car Day by NECPWA – 27th September

Harvest Celebrations 3rd & 4th October

October Half Term – 24th October to 1st November

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

Christmas Daytimes – 21st November to 24th December

For more information, including events and opening times, visit
www.beamish.org.uk