

Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes

2025 County Show Schedule

# Nursery Rhymes



Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

Closing Date for entries: Thursday 15th May

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# Staffordshire County Show

## SFWI Preview Reception



**Tuesday**  
**27th May 2025**

Join with Staffordshire Civic Dignitaries to have an early viewing of all the amazing SFWI Show entries. Family and friends welcome.

The marquee will be open from 6pm until 8pm. There will be no admission before this time so please bear in mind if rain is forecast!

Parking is available on site and on the red car park.

Tickets are £8.50 and available from SFWI Federation Office. By completing our [event application form](#)

**Please apply no later than Thursday 8th May**



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Schedule of classes for the 2025 Staffordshire County Show

Overall theme for all displays, entries and marquee:

"Nursery Rhymes"

Exhibits to be staged by members between 8:30am and 11:30 am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Late entries will not be accepted on the setting up day. **Exhibits must not be removed before 5:00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.** The Committee accepts no responsibility for exhibits not collected by 6pm.

Notes for Exhibitors

All Classes – Exhibits must fit the class theme

Craft Exhibits

1. Exhibits must not have been entered on an SFWI County Show previously
2. All exhibits should be in pristine condition and made within the last 2 years
3. All Staging is to be free standing – back boards may be used but will not be provided.

All entries will be judged by the 2021 Edition of "On with the Show". Judges decisions are final.

Co-operative Classes

In both classes, the table will be covered in green fabric and exhibits will be viewed from the front. Each WI may enter more than one exhibit in co-operative classes.

Class 1: Co-operative Produce	Old Mother Hubbard
<p>Produce needs to reflect the theme of what you might find in Old Mother Hubbard’s cupboard, when it was full!            Three items of produce using 3 different methods.</p> <p>Accessories may be used. A base board of not more than 76 cm/30 “ wide and 61cm/24” deep may be used, height unlimited. All items will be moved for judging and will be replaced uncovered. The entry must be the work of more than one member.</p> <p>Items will be judged following the individual “On with the Show” criteria. Staging and Interpretation scores will also be given to create an overall max score of 100.</p> <p>1.</p>	
Class 2: Co-operative Handicraft	Hey Diddle Diddle
<p>Three items of craft using 3 different methods.            Craft items themselves needs to reflect the theme of Hey Diddle Diddle, not just the materials they are made from.</p> <p>Accessories may be used. A base board of not more than 76 cm/30 “ wide and 61cm/24” deep may be used, height unlimited. All items will be moved for judging and will be replaced uncovered. The entry must be the work of more than one member.</p> <p>Items will be judged following the individual “On with the Show” criteria. Staging and Interpretation scores will also be given to create an overall max score of 100.</p>	

### Classes for Individual SFWI Members

N.B. The maximum number of entries is two per person per class, **except for photography which is four entries per W.I.**

Novice classes are open to members who have not won a first place in that class at a previous County Show.

Produce	
Class 3: Produce	Simple Simon met a Pieman
<p>A family sized pie with a sweet filling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There should be a sweet pastry top and bottom.</li> <li>2. The top should NOT be a lattice.</li> <li>3. Pastry decoration to the top of the pie is acceptable and should be finished with a scattering of caster sugar.</li> </ol>	
Class 4: Preserves	Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush
<p>A Red Fruit Jam</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any red fruit may be used</li> <li>2. Jars should be plain and suitably sealed.</li> <li>3. Label should state name of the preserve and day, month and year of making.</li> </ol>	
Class 5: Novice Produce	Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake Baker's woman!
<p>A Lemon Drizzle Cake</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any recipe can be used.</li> <li>2. Any shape of tin can be used.</li> <li>3. The cake should not be filled but should have some form of lemon drizzle topping.</li> </ol>	
Handicraft	
Class 6: Handicraft – any medium	Humpty Dumpty
<p>A Humpty Dumpty themed item. This can be in any medium (except Art and Photography)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will be marked against Craft criteria using individual skill notes from On With The Show</li> <li>2. No size restriction</li> </ol>	
Class 7: Handicraft	Lucy Lockett's Pocket
<p>A decorated purse that Lucy Lockett lost.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any suitable material including knitted, crocheted, felted, beaded and sewn items.</li> <li>2. May be embroidered or embellished</li> <li>3. Maximum size 8.5" x 6" (15cm x 21.5cm)</li> </ol>	
Class 8: Novice Handicraft	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
<p>A star themed jewellery set comprising of a necklace and a pair of earrings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any suitable medium</li> <li>2. A suitable method for displaying the items should be provided but will not be marked</li> </ol>	

Floral Art	
Class 9: Floral Art	Mary, Mary Quite Contrary
<p>A floral exhibit to reflect the theme of Mary's Garden.</p> <p>Exhibits will be judged from the front. Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited. Accessories may be used. The table will be covered in green fabric.</p>	
Class 10: Floral Art – Foliage to Dominate	Jack and Jill went up the Hill
<p>A foliage based exhibit to reflect what Jack and Jill may have found on their walk up the hill.</p> <p>Grasses may be used in this exhibit. Exhibits will be judged from the front. Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited. Accessories may be used. The table will be covered in green fabric.</p>	
Class 11: Novice Floral Art	10 Green Bottles
<p>A floral exhibit presented in a green bottle.</p> <p>Any green bottle can be used. Green vases / bowl are not acceptable. Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited.</p>	
Photography	
Class 12: Photography	Round and Round the Garden
<p>A photograph to reflect the theme of "Round and Round the Garden"</p> <p>The photograph is to be presented on a <b>plain white mount</b> measuring 8" x 10" (22.5cm x 25.5cm) <b>including the mount</b>. Photographs should <b>not be portraits</b>. No professional photography is allowed in this class. Please provide a suitable stand. Photographs must have been taken by the entrant.</p> <p>N.B. Oversized, unmounted and framed photographs will not be judged. Photographs must not have been entered in a previous County Show. <u>This class is restricted to a maximum of four entries per W.I.</u></p>	
Art	
Class 13: Art	Classic Nursery Rhymes
<p>This is an open class. Create a picture the depicts your personal favourite nursery rhyme.</p> <p>The picture should be suitable for hanging. It can be in any medium but any work on paper should be framed and glazed. No entry is to have any side more than 61cm/24 in <b>when glazed</b>. A table easel should be provided. N.B. Oversized entries will not be judged.</p>	
Children's Class	
Class 14: Children's class	Incey Wincey Spider
<p>A model or picture of Incey Wincey</p> <p>This class is in two sections, up to 6 years and 7-12 years of age. All entrants will receive a small prize.</p>	

## Trophies

Class 1	Old Mother Hubbard	The Co-operative Produce Trophy
Class 2	Hey Diddle Diddle	The Co-operative Craft Trophy
Class 3	Simple Simon	The Individual Produce Trophy
Class 4	Oranges and Lemons	The Salloway Cup for Individual Produce
Class 5	Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake	The Linda Hurley Cup
Class 6	Humpty Dumpty	The SFWI Individual Craft Trophy
Class 7	Lucy Lockett's Pocket	The SFWI Rosebowl
Class 8	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	The Novice Craft Trophy
Class 9	Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary	The Hilderstone Floral Art Trophy
Class 10	Jack and Jill went up the Hill	The Sylvia Kelly Trophy
Class 11	Ten Green Bottles	The Novice Floral Art Trophy
Class 12	Round and Round the Garden	The Sylvia Newell Trophy
Class 13	Classic Nursery Rhymes	The Arthur Price Silver Plate
Class 14	Incey Wincey Spider	
	The Staffordshire Building Society Rosebowl	Best Item of Handicraft in the show
	The Aston and Willoughbridge Cup	Best Item of Produce in the show
	The Lichfield Mercury Cup	Best Exhibit of Floral Art in the show
	The 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cup	Awarded to the WI with <b>30 members or less</b> who gain the most points award to winning entries (1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
	The Cornerstone Cup	Awarded to the WI with <b>more than 30 members</b> who gain the most points award to winning entries (1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
	The Best in Show Cup	Awarded to the best overall entry in <b>the opinion of the judges</b>
	Staging and Display Trophy	Awarded to the best staging and display in classes 1 and 2

### Prizes

Winners of classes 1 and 2; 1<sup>st</sup> - £12.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £8.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £4.00

Winners of classes 3-11 and 12 and 13; 1<sup>st</sup> - £7.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £5.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £3.00

## Guidelines

1. Entry fees are stated on the accompanying entry forms
2. All entries will be marked in accordance with NFWI publication "On with the Show" 2021 edition. Details of how marks are awarded can be found in this document. Please refer to NFWI / My WI for information on how to download this publication.  
Standard of workmanship – 20 marks per item  
Staging and Interpretation – 20 marks each  
Gold Stars are awarded for any item gaining 20 marks  
Silver Stars are awarded for any item gaining 19 or 19 ½ marks
3. The rules for produce in the current version of "On with the Show" will be strictly adhered to so judges will not accept items that deteriorate quickly when not refrigerated. This includes paté, fish, shellfish, yoghurt, meat, cream, raw eggs or cream cheese.
4. Due to the possibility of humidity in the marquee, care should be taken when using sugar paste, royal icing, paper craft or any other material that may deteriorate in damp conditions.

Trophies will be presented by the Chairman at a special event later in the year.

Classes 1,2,3,4,6,7,9,10 and 11 are sponsored by the Staffordshire Agricultural Society.

All entry forms and fees must reach SFWI offices by 15th May 2025. If after submitting an entry WI's, groups or individuals find they are unable to take part, please contact the office as soon as possible.

For insurance purposes, SFWI will not be held responsible for any items used in displays. If valuable items are used, they will need to be insured by the exhibitor.

Queries – Please contact SFWI on 01785 223838