

## Burgh Beautiful Gardening Competition 2020

Following on from last year's very successful Sunflower Competition, we have decided that this year's competition will have two categories: **Vegetables** and **Flowers**. As last year, we will have separate categories for different children's age groups and for adult entries.

### A VEGETABLE:

and /or

### A FLOWER

#### Longest Runner Bean

#### Smartest Dahlias



Both Runner beans and Dahlias are frost tender plants, so it is important to remember that frosty nights may occur in Scotland until the middle of May and that the growing season here is about two weeks behind that in the South.



Look for seed packets of varieties that have been selected for long straight bean pods. The plants may be grown up a garden arch or on a tripod of canes in the flower border or a large pot.

Dahlia categories will include both the multi-petaled flower types and also the single or collarette varieties which are more insect friendly. Dahlia tubers are available now from Garden Centres and websites. The single ones, such as Bishop of Llandaff and Bishop's Children can be grown from seed started in the spring. They will flower in late summer this year.

Judging and awards will take place at the Burgh Beautiful Autumn Fair. We may arrange for runner beans to be measured at an earlier date.

The aim is to encourage children to learn about how plants grow and experience everything that goes with it – from nurturing a small seedling until it flowers, thinking about the sun, the rain, the soil, overcoming pests and diseases, watching pollinating insects at work and enjoying the taste of home grown veg or the beauty of a colourful dahlia - a flower now very much back in fashion, but definitely but not for eating.

It's early days to start growing yet, but Spring is on the way. Runner beans seeds are excellent for young children to sow in a pot and keep on a window sill until planting out in May. Eat all the early beans to keep the plants cropping and select a few good straight ones to leave to grow longer in late summer.

We hope for plenty of entries from both previous growers and new ones.

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